

This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

FEBRUARY 1994 – The Vienna Police Department is now a participating agency in the LoJack alarm system, a car security system designed to lead to rapid recovery of stolen vehicles. LoJack alarms are transmitters hidden in a vehicle. When the vehicle is reported stolen, the LoJack begins to transmit. Police vehicles equipped with LoJack tracking computers can receive the signal from up to five miles, track the vehicle, locate and recover it.

FEBRUARY 1984 – A task force of Vienna residents has completed its review of the Route 123/Old Courthouse Road/Heads Hill Farm area. A proposed amendment to the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan would allow commercial development in that area rather than the townhouse development provided for in the current plan. The task force recommends unanimously against any change, not only to buffer the town's residential areas but also to avoid setting any precedent for extending commercial development along Route 123.

FEBRUARY 1974 – A proposed network of bikeways, designed to provide access to schools, parks, recreation areas and shopping centers has been proposed by the Vienna Bikeway Committee, which plans to hear residents' comments on the proposed network on February 16. The Bikeway Committee was established by Council last September to design a bikeway system that would serve in both recreational and commuting capacities.

CALL THESE NUMBERS 24 HOURS A DAY:

VIENNA NEWSLINE – 703-255-6333

POLICE INFO LINE – 703-255-6363

TO ORDER A SPECIAL PICKUP – 703-255-5727

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

Recycle Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Batteries

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries is Saturday, March 6, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill St., N.E. This service of the Public Works Department provides citizens a convenient and environmentally responsible way to dispose of vehicle waste products. For more information, call 703-255-6381.

Too often, used oil is improperly poured down storm drains or into sewers. Just one quart of oil can pollute 250,000 gallons of water, releasing toxic metals such as lead, cadmium and arsenic into the environment. Recycled oil is a valuable resource that can be re-manufactured 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 Monday, February 16, in observance of Washington's Birthday. Trash will be picked up as usual that day for residents on the Monday collection route.

Nominate a Volunteer

See Page 3 for the Outstanding Volunteer nomination form. March 1 is the deadline to submit a nomination for this annual recognition of community volunteers.

Talk with Your State Senator

Vienna's State Senator, Jeanne-Marie Devolites, will host a town meeting on Saturday, February 7, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. She will give an overview of the issues to be considered in the 2004 session of the General Assembly in Richmond, solicit citizen input, and answer questions.

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.

NEWSLETTER

February 2004

Business License Deadline March 1

March 1 is the deadline for payment of the annual business, professional and occupational license (BPOL) tax. All businesses in the Town of Vienna, including home occupations, must renew their business licenses by March 1.

The amount of the tax is based on gross receipts, and the rate varies according to the type of business. The gross receipts threshold is \$50,000, below which the tax does not apply. Those businesses with total annual gross receipts of \$50,000 or less pay only the minimum license fee of \$30 per year.

License tax forms are available in the Finance Department at Town Hall and online at www.ci.vienna.va.us. For more information or assistance in figuring license taxes, call 703-255-6321.

Last Chance to Order Mulch

February 27 is the last day to order a free delivery of ground leaf mulch or ground wood mulch from the Public Works Department. To place your order, call 703-255-6388 and leave your name, address, daytime phone number, type of mulch desired (wood or leaf), and the number of loads to be delivered. Please speak slowly and spell your name and street. One load is estimated to be 2-2.5 cubic yards (about the size of a VW Beetle). Half loads are available on request.

Mulch deliveries will be placed only in the driveway at the end closest to the house. Once mulch is delivered, it becomes the property of the homeowner and the Town will not remove any excess mulch ordered.

Residents may pick up mulch themselves in any amount between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday until April 15. The mulch is stored on Town-owned property off Beulah Road near Glyndon Park. Look for the sign, "Free Leaf Mulch & Wood Mulch."

For more information, call the Public Works Department at 703-255-6382.

Winter Isn't Over Yet!

Residents who are physically able are requested to shovel snow from sidewalks next to their property for the safety of pedestrians, especially schoolchildren.

Town businesses that hire snowplows to clear their parking lots should make sure that snow is not piled onto adjoining sidewalks or pushed into the street. Also, it is illegal to block handicapped parking spaces with snow.

This winter, if you feel that any businesses or citizens have done an excellent job in removing snow from their driveways and/or sidewalks, or helped others in removing snow, please nominate them for the Town/Business Liaison Committee's snow removal award. To make a nomination and for more information, e-mail tblc@ci.vienna.va.us or call the Planning and Zoning Department at 703-255-6341.

FIRE & RESCUE

911

(Voice & TDD)

VIENNA POLICE

EMERGENCY

703-938-4900 (Voice)

703-255-5730 (TDD)

NON-EMERGENCY

703-255-6366 (Voice)

703-255-5730 (TDD)

VIENNA TOWN HALL

703-255-6300 (Voice)

703-255-5735 (TDD)

COMMUNITY CENTER

703-255-6360 (Voice)

703-255-5739 (TDD)

Vienna Town Hall
127 Center Street, South
Vienna, Virginia 22180-5799
Business Hours Monday – Friday,
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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The Town of Vienna does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs or activities. The Director of Public Works has been designated to coordinate compliance with the non-discrimination requirements.

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

TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

DECEMBER 1, 2003

- Appointed David Miller to the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Sydney Verinder, which expires February 28, 2004. Appointed Mike Cheselka and Dan Dellinger to the Board of Directors of Historic Vienna, Inc., appointed Elmer Clegg and Maria Clark to the Town/Business Liaison Committee, and appointed Robert Peterson and Carey Sienicki (architect member) to the Windover Heights Board of Review, all for two-year terms.

- Awarded a bid to Suntrust Bank for the capital lease financing of equipment being replaced as part of the fiscal year 2004 vehicle replacement program.

- Amended the Town's program of tax relief for elderly and disabled residents, increasing the asset cap from \$160,000 to \$190,000, effective for the 2003 tax year. The increase makes the Town's tax relief asset cap the same as Fairfax County's.

- Approved the installation of three directional signs for the Windover Heights Historic District at the following suggested locations: Windover Avenue and Lawyers Road; Maple Avenue and Pleasant Street, and Nutley Street and Windover Avenue.

DECEMBER 15, 2003

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

- Reappointed Orlene Grant to the Community Enhancement Commission for a two-year term.

- Approved the installation of one modified speed hump in the 100 block of Oak Street, S.W., between Center Street and Cottage Street.

- Approved leasing unoccupied space at the Wright Building, 144 Maple Ave., E., to Vienna Presbyterian Church at the average rate of \$19.50 per square foot

beginning no later than March 1, 2004, through December 31, 2005.

- Authorized competitive negotiation procedures for the purchase of miscellaneous hardware and hand tools; industrial hardware, chemicals, paints, screws, nuts, washers, and bolts on an "as needed" basis; and janitorial supplies for the Public Works Department.

- Approved a contract with Vatos Painting & Contracting Co., Moseley, VA, for painting the cupola, windows and trim on Town Hall at an estimated cost of \$16,102.64.

- Approved the purchase of a sand spreader at an estimated cost of \$4,999.

- Approved the price quote received from Skippy's Trucking of \$13.85 per ton for up to \$10,000 worth of concrete sand for the 2003-04 snow removal season.

- Adopted amendments to the Town's Chesapeake Bay preservation ordinance to comply with State regulations.

- Approved on-street parking restrictions on Locust Street, S.E., near the entrance to Vienna Trail Condominiums.

- Conducted a closed session to discuss potential litigation in connection with the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project.

Council Candidate Filing Deadline

Tuesday, March 2, is the filing deadline for candidates in the May 4 Town Council election. This year, voters will elect the Mayor and three Town Council members for two-year terms beginning July 1. The information packet for candidates is available on the State Board of Election's web site, www.sbe.state.va.us. For more information, call the Fairfax County Electoral Board at 703-324-4735.

TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

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Albert J. Boudreau George E. Lovelace
Laurie Genevro Cole Maud F. Robinson
Edythe Frankel Kelleher Sydney H. Verinder

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Town Manager John H. Schoeberlein 703-255-6370
Director of Public Works Dennis W. King 703-255-6381
Chief of Police Col. Robert A. Carlisle 703-255-6390
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Director of Parks & Recreation Catherine L. Salgado 703-255-6356
Director of Planning & Zoning Gregory M. Hembree 703-255-6341
Town Attorney Steven D. Briglia 703-255-6305

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

		2004						
		Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise	2 Town Council	3 Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.	4 Police Chief's Advisory Committee 7 p.m.	5 Town/Business Liaison Committee 6:30 p.m.	6	7
		8 Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week	9 Town Council work session	10	11 Planning Commission	12	13	14 Valentine's Day
		15 Washington's Birthday Town Hall closed	16	17	18 Board of Zoning Appeals	19	20	21
		22	23 Town Council	24 Transportation Safety Commission	25 Ash Wednesday Planning Commission	26 Community Enhancement Commission, 7:30 p.m.	27 Last day to call for mulch delivery in 2004	28
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Beware of Danger In the Cold

*If you must go outside...
Your Fairfax County Fire & Rescue
Department advises the following
safety measures:*

Avoid overexertion. Cold weather itself, without any physical exertion, puts an extra strain on the heart. If you add to this the strain of heavy physical activity such as shoveling snow, pushing an automobile or even walking too fast or too far, you risk damaging your body.

Dress warmly in loose-fitting, layered, lightweight clothing. Outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellent. Wear a hat. Protect your face and cover your mouth to protect your lungs from very cold air. Wear mittens instead of gloves; they allow your fingers to move freely in contact with one another and will keep your hands much warmer.

Watch for frostbite and other symptoms of cold weather exposure. Frostbite causes a loss of feeling and a white or pale appearance in extremities such as fingers, toes, tip of nose, and ear lobes. If such symptoms are detected, get medical attention immediately. Do not rub with snow or ice; this does not help the condition and, in fact, will make it worse. The best treatment for frostbite is the rewarming of the affected tissue.

Avoid alcoholic beverages. Alcohol causes the body to lose its heat more rapidly even though one may feel warmer after drinking alcoholic beverages.

Keep yourself and your clothes dry. Change wet socks and all other wet clothing as quickly as possible to prevent loss of body heat. Wet clothing loses all of its insulating value and transmits heat rapidly.

When the body begins to lose heat faster than it can produce it, a condition called hypothermia begins to develop. The symptoms become very apparent, and include:

- Uncontrollable shivering
- Vague, slow, slurred speech
- Memory lapses; incoherence
- Immobility, fumbling hands
- Frequent stumbling; lurching gait
- Drowsiness
- Apparent exhaustion; inability to get up after a rest

If symptoms are extreme, call for professional medical assistance immediately.

Don't Get Burned Buying Firewood

The Fairfax County Department of Consumer Affairs reminds citizens to exercise caution when buying firewood and dealing with door-to-door salespersons.

The Virginia Weights and Measures Law sets specific guidelines for the sale of "forest products." Under the law, firewood is measured by the cord or cubic foot. A cord is "the amount of wood contained in a space of 128 cubic feet when the wood is stacked and well-stowed." This means a well-stacked wood pile 4 by 4 by 8 feet, or 2 by 4 by 16 feet, or any other set of dimensions that will yield a volume of 128 cubic feet.

The terms "face cord," "load," "stack" and "rack" are frequently used by wood peddlers to represent a volume less than the 128 cubic feet required for a cord. The law states that when any term other than "cord" is used to identify the volume of wood, it must be followed by a statement indicating the exact number of cubic feet or fraction of a cord.

Under Virginia regulations, a firewood seller, whether a door-to-door peddler or an established company, should furnish a written sales invoice or delivery ticket specifying the name and address of both vendor and purchaser, delivery date, quantity delivered, purchase price, signature of the vendor, and peddler's license number if purchased from a door-to-door salesperson. Wood should be stacked and measured the day it is received. In the event less wood is received than paid for, a receipt is needed to help prove the alleged shortage. A canceled check is *not* the same as a receipt.

Peddlers working in Vienna are required to be licensed by the Town and must display the license on their vehicles. Failure to obtain a license or misrepresentation of merchandise is illegal. Any wood peddler who refuses to show a license or refuses to define exactly what buyers will get for their money should be reported immediately to the police at 703-255-6366. A prompt report, including a description of the peddler and, if possible, a vehicle license number, will aid the police in protecting consumers.

Fight Back Against High Heating Costs

The U.S. Department of Energy urges consumers to be "energy smart" and take advantage of these inexpensive and easy fixes that can save up to 25% on winter heating costs:

✳ SEAL OUT COLD AIR

- Caulk and weatherstrip doors and windows
- Close chimney flue and seal unused fireplaces
- Seal exterior walls around pipes and wires
- Use plastic sheeting on the interior to make a temporary double-pane window

✳ TUNE UP HEATING SYSTEM

- Tune up furnace or heat pump
- Change filters
- Bleed trapped air from hot water heaters
- Seal leaky ducts
- Check that furniture, carpeting or drapes do not cover registers

✳ IMPROVE THERMOSTAT PERFORMANCE

- Install a programmable thermostat
- Reduce temperature to lowest comfortable setting
- Close registers in unused rooms

✳ PRACTICE WINDOW MANAGEMENT

- Close drapes on north-facing windows
- Close drapes on south-facing windows to capture solar heating

Consumers may also wish to consider longer-term solutions that can save up to 50% on heating costs. These include adding insulation to attic and walls, and insulating ducts; upgrading to a high-efficiency furnace or heat pump and water heater; replacing windows with energy efficient models; and planting evergreen trees and shrubs to the north and northwest of the house to serve as a windbreak.

Community Volunteers to Be Honored

MAYOR JANE SEEMAN INVITES YOU TO NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER IN RECOGNITION OF HIS/HER SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF VIENNA. MAYOR SEEMAN PLANS TO HONOR THESE VOLUNTEERS AT THE MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 13. PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THIS FORM TO MAYOR SEEMAN AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN BELOW. NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE MARCH 1.

NOMINATION FORM FOR OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE NATURE OF THE VOLUNTEER WORK PERFORMED BY THE NOMINEE AND WHY YOU FEEL HE/SHE DESERVES SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

NAME OF NOMINATING PERSON OR ORGANIZATION:

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BEFORE MARCH 1, 2004, TO:

**MAYOR JANE SEEMAN
VIENNA TOWN HALL
127 CENTER STREET, SOUTH
VIENNA, VIRGINIA 22180**

FY 2004 Budget Process Underway

Preparation of Vienna's budget for fiscal year 2004-2005 has begun. Citizens who have suggestions about what items should be given priority for funding are encouraged to express their views in writing to Town Manager John H. Schoeberlein by February 6. Citizens will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed budget at a public hearing during the May 10 Town Council meeting. February 6 is also the deadline for non-profit Vienna organizations to apply for donations of Town funds in FY 2005. For information on how to apply, call the Town Manager's Office at 703-255-6370.

FY 2004-2005 BUDGET CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 7	Distribution of proposed budget to public
Monday, April 12	Budget work session, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 17	Budget work session, 9 a.m.
Tuesday, April 20	Budget work session, 7:30 p.m. (if needed)
Monday, May 10	Public hearing on proposed budget, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, May 18	Budget work session, 8 p.m. (if needed)
Monday, June 7	Budget adoption & appropriation of funds

Town Limits Number of People Per Dwelling Unit

Many residential property owners rent part of their house, townhouse or condominium, or if they own more than one residence, may rent the second. Your Vienna Planning and Zoning Department reminds you that the Town limits the number of individuals who can live in any residential dwelling.

Either a "family" or "family equivalent" is permitted to occupy a single-family home, townhouse, condo or apartment. The Town Code defines these terms as follows:

- A family is one or more persons related by blood or marriage occupying a single housekeeping unit and using common cooking facilities. In addition to the persons related by blood or marriage, not more than two boarders or lodgers are permitted.
- A family equivalent is two or more individuals *not* related by blood or marriage and not exceeding four persons.

Private apartments that are separated from the main dwelling unit and "in-law suites" are prohibited by the Town Code.

Please keep these regulations in mind if you rent part of your home or a second residence. For more information, call the Planning and Zoning Department at 255-6341.

A business license is required for renting out more than two properties. For business license information, call 703-255-6321.



Please keep water meters accessible to meter readers. In winter weather, meter enclosures should be cleared of ice and snow. When the meter cannot be read due to obstructions, an estimated bill will be rendered. If the customer desires an actual reading for billing purposes, a \$15 surcharge will be made for a second visit by the meter reader.

Welcome New Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in December:

Starbucks Coffee
coffee shop
217 Maple Ave., E.
(no phone # provided)

Advantage Driving School
driving school
311 Maple Ave., W. #B
703-606-4902

Vienna Florist
florist
431 Maple Ave., W. #B
703-242-6607

Noodles & Company
restaurant
201 Maple Ave., E.
(no phone # provided)

New World Communications
retail cell phones
165 Maple Ave., E.
703-385-5000

CORRECTION: Last month's newsletter gave an incorrect phone number for the Butcher Sullivan law office at 222 Moore Ave., S.E. The correct number is 703-973-1600.

*Convenient Location
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SHOP IN VIENNA*

Support Our Hometown Merchants

Congratulations to the following businesses, both commercial and home occupations, celebrating milestone anniversaries this month: *30 years* — Edward C. Driese; *10 years* — #1 Hairdesign, Cameo Coins & Collectibles, IGS, Inc., McKinney Financial Planning & Management, Thai Asian Food Market.

on February 8 (call for time and location); chapter meeting, 7:30 p.m. February 10 at the Vienna Community Center; and Vienna Restaurant Outing of the Month, 7:30 p.m. February 19 at the new Noodles & Company.

League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area will sponsor a forum on civil liberties and the Patriot Act on Saturday, February 21, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Westpark Hotel, 8401 Westpark Dr. in Tysons Corner. Former FBI director William Sessions will be the moderator. For details or to make a reservation for a luncheon following the program, call 703-658-9150 or visit www.lwv-fairfax.org.

"Girls Night Out" Wednesday, February 4, from 7 to 9 p.m. at The Women's Center, 133 Park St., N.E. Women who struggle with self-image, self-worth or feelings of self-doubt are invited to explore ways to identify and change these behaviors. The cost is \$25 for Women's Center members and \$35 for non-members. To register and for more information, call 703-281-2657 or visit www.thewomenscenter.org.

New Life Wellness Center, 301 Maple Ave., W., will present "Natural Solutions to Allergy Problems" on February 9 and "Balancing Hormones Naturally" on February 16. Free of charge. Programs begin at 7:30 p.m. To register and for more information, call 703-242-7474 or visit www.newlifewellness.com. Need a speaker for your group? The New Life Doctors' Speakers Bureau provides workshops on a variety of natural health related topics free of charge.

Northeast Vienna Citizens Association (NEVCA) will meet at 7:30 p.m. Friday, February 6, at the Vienna Community Center. The group will give a presentation on the Town's leaf mulch area off Beulah Road. All citizens are invited to attend. For more information, call Anthony Giovanelli at 703-938-2451.

Vienna Photographic Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 4, in the Lecture Hall at Thoreau Middle School, 2505 Cedar Ln. Joseph Miller will speak on "The Poetry of Photography." For more information, call Mo at 703-816-2423 or visit www.safeport.com/vps.

Tree and Shrub Seedlings for Sale

The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District (NVSWCD) is conducting its annual tree and shrub seedling sale. Each seedling package costs \$16.95 and contains 14 seedlings of assorted sun/shade species. Whether your yard or common area is sunny or shaded, these native species are right for you. Each will thrive in the sun but also do well in partially shaded areas.

Pre-paid orders must be placed by April 10. Supplies are limited so order early! For more information or to receive an order form, call NVSWCD at 703-324-1460, e-mail conservationdistrict@fairfaxcounty.gov, or download an order form at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/seedlingsale.htm. Purchasers will receive a confirmation receipt and a map to the pickup site. The seedlings will be available for pickup April 16 and 17.

Chief's Advisory Committee February 5

The Police Chief's Advisory Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, February 5, 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.

"Beauty Spot" Holiday Awards

Vienna's Community Enhancement Commission recognizes town residents and businesses for their beautification projects. The most recent Beauty Spot awards, for outstanding holiday decorations, go to:

- * Karin's Florist, 527 Maple Ave., E. (designed by Christian Lund with the participation of all employees);
- * Nicholas & Kelly Sabine, 204 East St., S.E.;
- * Richard & Dale Sawaya, 501 Niblick Dr., S.E.; and
- * Judelee McArdle, 345 Ayrhill Ave., N.E.

Citizen suggestions for Beauty Spot awards are welcomed. Send them in care of the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna, VA 22180.

Citizens are invited to attend Community Enhancement Commission meetings, held the fourth Thursday of the month (except November and December) at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall.

Attention Animal Lovers!

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter is always in need of donations. You can help the animals by donating various items to the shelter, making monetary donations or simply donating your time as an Animal Shelter volunteer. All donations are welcome and many are tax deductible. Items needed on a regular basis include:

- ☒ Towels, sheets and blankets;
- ☒ Newspaper;
- ☒ Food (canned and dry), treats;
- ☒ Toys, leashes, collars, dishes, carriers and cages; and
- ☒ Small animal supplies (rabbit, bird, guinea pig, hamster cages and food).

For more information on donating to the Animal Shelter, call 703-830-1100 Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Historic Vienna, Inc., the town's non-profit organization for historic preservation and restoration, now has a Web site! Visit www.historicviennainc.org for information on upcoming activities such as next month's antique appraisals, shopping at the old-fashioned Freeman House General Store and how you can become a member.

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 227, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, February 19, at Neighbor's Restaurant in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center. Maj. Jack A. Marshall, USA (Ret.), member of the Infantry Officers Candidate School Hall of Fame at Fort Benning, GA, will speak on his service with an elite British Army commando unit in North Africa during World War II. For more information, call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or visit www.geocities.com/vva227.

Vienna Arts Society (VAS) 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 February 28 is "Flower Power," featuring watercolor artist and teacher Joe Phillips. For information, call 703-319-3971 or visit www.vienaartsociety.org.

Donations for wounded service men and women returning from Iraq to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC, are requested by the American Red Cross. Needed most are phone cards, men's and women's underclothing and white socks of all sizes, and "creature comforts" such as games and puzzles, playing cards, CD's and CD players. Toiletries cannot be accepted. Town residents may drop off donations at Vienna American Legion Post 180, ATTN: JOYCE, 330 Center St., N. For more information concerning donations or to volunteer to sort and distribute items, contact Barbara Green at 202-782-6362 or e-mail Barbara.green.1@amedd.army.mil.

Welcome Club of Northern Virginia invites new residents to its luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday, February 5, at International Country Club, 13200 Lee

Jackson Hwy. in Fairfax. The program will feature Valentine music by Danielle Westphal. For reservations and more information, call 703-319-9043.

Vienna Choral Society is seeking additional singers for its March 20 concert featuring Bruckner's *Te Deum* and Dvorak's *Te Deum*. Rehearsals are held at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Rd., S.W. For more information, call 703-255-5508.

National Capital Bird Club is for pet bird lovers. The next meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, February 1, at the McLean Government Center, 1437 Balls Hill Rd. Birds welcome. Bring a snack to share. For information, call 301-946-3511 or visit www.ncbc-dc.org.

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, February 14, from noon to 5 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.

Host families are needed for a group of Austrian exchange students and their two teachers who will be visiting the Washington, DC, area February 28-March 16. The students are sophomores and juniors at a high school in Graz. They will practice their English and take field trips to enhance their learning of U.S. history and culture and will also spend a day at a local high school. Host families will provide them with housing, meals, and assistance in getting to and from the Vienna Metro station or a Metrobus stop each day. For more information, call program coordinator Francesca Contento, 571-225-3550 or 301-631-0916.

Casino Night Luau, sponsored by the Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce, will be held at Westwood Country Club on Saturday, March 6. Enjoy games of chance and food samplings

from local restaurants. The evening will also include an auction of prizes donated by area businesses. For ticket information, call the Chamber office at 703-281-1333 or visit www.vtrcc.org.

La Leche League of Vienna will meet at 10 a.m. February 4. Pregnant and nursing women and their children are welcome to attend. For more information and meeting location, call 703-281-5801 or 703-716-4872, or e-mail abcgray@hotmail.com.

Bland Memorial Music Scholarship Contest for students through grade 12 will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 28, at the Vienna Assembly of God Church, 100 Ayr Hill Ave., N.E. Participants will compete for a chance to win scholarships at the state level. The contest is sponsored locally by the Vienna (Host) Lions Club, and the entry deadline is February 14. For application forms and more information, call Rhoda Stevens, 703-281-0497.

Vienna Toastmasters will meet at the Vienna Community Center February 11 and 25 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.

Breakfast buffet, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary of Vienna, will be held on Sunday, February 15, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Dyer-Gunnell Post 180, 330 Center St., N. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. For more information, call Shirley Martin at 703-938-6580.

Beer-tasting benefit, sponsored by the Vienna Jaycees, will be held on Saturday, February 21, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Jammin' Java. Help raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation while enjoying samples of various beers. You must be over 21 years old to participate. For more information and pricing, call Karen Hackney at 703-281-1255 or visit www.viennajaycees@yahoo.com or www.jamminjava.com.

Other Vienna Jaycee activities this month include Games Night (Cranium!)

FY 2003 Financial Report Available

The Town of Vienna's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for fiscal year 2002-2003 is now available. Copies may be reviewed in the Finance Department at Town Hall and purchased for \$5 each.

The report summarizes the Town's financial position and the results of operations of the various funds and account groups. It also includes the auditor's report for FY 2003, information on internal controls for managing and safeguarding funds, and selected financial and demographic information covering the last 10 fiscal years.

This year's report includes two new sections as required by the Government Accounting Standards Board, both of which provide financial information from a "government-wide" perspective that combines the Town's funds into more consolidated presentations. The new sections are intended to provide readers with a simplified overview of governmental activities that can be understood quickly and easily. Here are some highlights from the report:

The Town ended last fiscal year with an increase in general government revenues of \$2,728,803, or 18.32% over the previous year. Over \$1.7 million of the increase came from reimbursements from the Virginia Department of Transportation for the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project, which was used to help retire the related debt. The rest of the increase was primarily from real estate, business license, utility and tobacco taxes.

Real estate assessments jumped 19.4% with most of the increase due to rising residential property values. Property tax collections exceeded 99% of levy for the ninth consecutive year, and collection of delinquent taxes during the year reduced delinquent balances by almost 26%.

General fund revenues ended last year over budgetary estimates by \$333,670, a gain of 2.4%. In addition to increased tax collections, revenue was up from rental income and Community Center fees. General fund expenditures were under budget by \$945,226 or 6%.

Operating income from the Water and Sewer Fund ended the year at \$376,987, down from the previous year by 43.2%. Over 86% of the \$317,899 increase in expenses was due to higher wholesale water purchases and sewage treatment costs.

\$1.831 million worth of bonds were retired last year, reducing total outstanding general obligation debt at year end to \$16.523 million. That represents less than 1% of 2002 assessed property values, well within the Town's legal debt limit and its debt capacity.

Court Training Volunteer Interpreters

Being a volunteer language interpreter for the Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court provides the opportunity to gain the experience needed to become a paid, certified interpreter through an award-winning program. It's an opportunity to learn about the legal process and the court system. Best of all, it's an opportunity to help families in need.

Training is scheduled for Wednesday, February 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, 4000 Chain Bridge Rd. in Fairfax City. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age. For more information and an application, contact Gwen Robinson, Volunteer Services Coordinator, at 703-246-2697 or e-mail gwen.robinson@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Volunteer language interpreters assist court staff and clients. Duties include facilitating communication between clients and court staff, translating court documents, interpreting at some court hearings and helping clients review their court orders. Fluency is required in both English and another language. A commitment to one weekly four-hour shift during business hours (8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) for at least six months is needed.

Last year, the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court received an "Act of Caring" award from the National Association of Counties for this volunteer interpreter program.

Streetlight Survey Underway

Dominion Virginia Power is conducting a streetlight survey in Fairfax County through February as part of a statewide effort to identify and tag streetlights, making it easier to locate and repair streetlights that have been reported to be malfunctioning. Technicians are using the Geographical Positioning System to electronically map streetlights with pinpoint accuracy.

Streetlights deter crime and enhance traffic and pedestrian safety. To help keep Vienna safe during nighttime hours, citizens are requested to report malfunctioning streetlights on public roads to Dominion Virginia Power. Malfunctions may include such problems as a light being out at night or a light being on during daylight hours.

To report a malfunctioning streetlight, call 1-888-667-3000 toll free 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The utility company does not "self-patrol" the streetlight system to identify malfunctioning lights, so it is important that citizens report malfunctions.

When you call, please have adequate information regarding the location of the malfunctioning streetlight. For instance, "In front of 123 Smith Street," or "The fourth and fifth streetlights on the south side of Smith Street west of the intersection with Jones Drive." A pole number (located on the pole) is also helpful.

The Town of Vienna is not responsible for streetlight repairs.

CHO Needs Warm Winter Clothes

The Clothes Closet, a program of the Committee for Helping Others (CHO), is located at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 344 Courthouse Rd., S.W. Donations of seasonal clothing are accepted on the first Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon, and distributed to those in need during the same hours on the remaining Wednesdays. For more information or to volunteer to work at the Clothes Closet, call Jackie Niedermaier, 703-281-6139, or Pat Murray, 703-938-3206.

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 TRIP

Atlantic City Overnighter March 4 and 5. 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 of \$154 per person single occupancy, \$115 double occupancy, and \$108 triple occupancy includes transportation, casino package, overnight accommodations at the Holiday Inn on the Boardwalk, surf & turf buffet dinner at the Hilton Casino and buffet breakfast at the Tropicana Casino. Registration deadline February 12.

Vienna Parks & Rec is always looking for new trip destinations. Got an idea for a great trip? Call Keith Fees, 703-255-6352.

JUST FOR KIDS

Roller skating for children ages 3-10 will be held on Mondays through March 8, from 3 to 4 p.m. Admission is 50¢. Children must be accompanied by an adult, and participants must furnish their own skates and safety equipment.

Kids Night Out Friday, February 6, from 6 to 9 p.m. Kids ages 5-10 can enjoy an evening of pizza, crafts and a movie. Admission for town residents is \$15 per child, and \$6 for each additional child in the family.

SPORTS & FITNESS

Annual Vienna Tennis Tournament registration is underway. The tournament will be held April 17 and 24 at Glyndon Park. Categories are men's and women's singles, doubles and mixed doubles. The entry fee for town residents is \$20 for singles and \$35 per doubles team. Prizes will be awarded to the winners and all participants will receive a tournament t-shirt and stroke analysis from FirstServe Tennis Academy pros Gregg Deinhart and Stephan Schlagenhauff.

Adult co-ed softball league begins its spring season April 25. Games will be played on Sundays at Southside Park. The registration fee of \$400 per team includes 10 regular season double-header games, a post-season tournament, umpire fees, softballs and awards. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis with a limit of 12 teams.

Holistic Healthcare for Every Body will be held each Thursday in February from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Naturopathic physician, chiropractor and certified nutritional consultant Robert J. Kay will lead the classes. The fee for town residents is \$10 for all four sessions and advance registration is required.

Seated chair massage offered Friday, February 19, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is \$20 for 15 minutes and \$35 for 30 minutes. Benefits of seated massage may include reduction of stress, increase in mental clarity and focus, relief from tight muscles and heightened energy level.

AT THE TEEN CENTER

Beat the winter blahs at Club Phoenix! Enjoy a big screen TV, jukebox, CD player, X-Box, Playstation 2, VCR's, pool and ping pong tables, and more. Open 7-11:30 p.m. Saturday for high school students, 3-10 p.m. Friday for middle school students, and 3-6 p.m. Friday for 6th graders. Open to all grades with half-pice snacks on Sunday, noon-4 p.m.

Special after-school hours for grades 6-8 are scheduled Wednesday and Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m. Get help with homework or just hang out.

Open gym for ages 13-17 each Monday from 4 to 5:30 p.m., and Wednesday and Friday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Gym open for ages 10-12 Monday from 1 to 3 p.m., and Wednesday and Friday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Club Phoenix Teen Council is now accepting applications for the 2004-2005

school year. Council members help plan special events at Club Phoenix, address issues affecting teens in the area and participate in community service activities. Applications are available at the Community Center.

Girls Group is accepting new members. The Girls Group provides a setting where high school girls can discuss issues such as dating, college, health and beauty, and also sponsors trips and classes. Free of charge; to register and for more information, call Brandy Mullen at 703-255-5721.

Duck, Duct, Loose for 6th graders will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, February 13. Teams of three will take the challenge of finding out what it feels like to be a fly on the wall. Free of charge.

Concert night for middle school students Friday, February 20, from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Check out the latest talent from local high school and middle school bands. Admission \$5.

Concert night for high school students featuring live bands Saturday, February 7, from 7 to 11 p.m. Admission \$5.

MANAGING YOUR MONEY & YOUR ESTATE

The 5-step Estate Plan will be presented on Monday, February 9, 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.

MATURE ADULTS

AARP driver safety program, for motorists age 50 and older, will be held March 22 and 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The course covers the effects of aging and medications on driving, basic driving rules, license renewal, local traffic hazards, adverse road conditions and accident

prevention measures. Graduates of the course could receive a discount on their car insurance. The fee is \$10 per person and registration for town residents begins February 6.

"Heart and Sole," an exercise program that can be done either sitting or standing, will be held each Friday through March 12 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. The fee for town residents is \$6 per class. The exercises provide the benefits of aerobics, strength training, stretching and balance using balls, scarves, and other props to increase range of motion and gently work muscles.

Gentle yoga, a three-part mini-series, will be held on Tuesdays, February 10, 17 and 24, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. This is an opportunity to try "gentle yoga," in which most postures are demonstrated in a modified or simple form. The fee is \$18 for town residents.

Tour Channel 10, Fairfax Public Access TV, on Thursday, February 26, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Get a behind-the-scenes view of the facilities and learn about opportunities to become involved in the world of television production and promotions. Free of charge but advance registration required. Transportation to the studio is on your own.

POTPOURRI

Auditions for the Vienna Theatre Company's spring production of the musical "Evita" will be held February 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and February 9 and 11 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Be prepared to move, do cold readings from the script and sing a song not from the show that best shows off your voice.

Photography contest applications will be available beginning February 3. The show is scheduled for March 20 and 21, and is open to metro area amateur photographers. There is a separate contest section for middle school and high school students. The entry fee is \$7 per person with a limit of five photos and a maximum of two in any one of seven categories, including digital, in black & white and color divisions.

ANTIQUES SHOW & SALE at the Vienna Community Center

February 27, 28 & 29
Noon-8 p.m. Friday
11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday
Noon-5 p.m. Sunday



Admission \$4.50 per person

Enjoy browsing through one of the finest antique shows in the area. Dealers will offer a variety of furniture and collectibles.

Food service provided by
Vie De France

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WASHINGTON WIZARDS VS. LOS ANGELES LAKERS AT MCI CENTER SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

LEAVE THE VIENNA COMMUNITY
CENTER AT 2 P.M. & RETURN AT 7 P.M.

\$70 FOR TOWN RESIDENTS
INCLUDES TRANSPORTATION
& UPPER LEVEL, CENTER COURT SEAT

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