

## This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

AUGUST 1994 – Lowe's has rejected the Town's offer to purchase the company's property at 143 Maple Ave., E. Following a public hearing last January at which the majority of citizens expressed support for acquisition of the property, the Town offered to purchase the two front parcels for \$2 million, with Lowe's contributing the third parcel and recouping most of its value through tax deductions. Lowe's has now entered into a contract for sale of the property at a price of \$2,450,000.

AUGUST 1984 – On a motion by Centreville District Supervisor Martha Pennino, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to study the feasibility of implementing a County-owned feeder bus system serving commuters to the Vienna Metrorail Station. A study released by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments in June showed that Fairfax County could save \$1.3 million a year in operating subsidies for Metrobus service by implementing its own bus service to the Vienna Station.

AUGUST 1974 – The Town Council, Planning Commission and Highway Safety Commission will hold a joint public hearing on the proposed Bikeway System Plan, which has been in the planning stages for a year. The proposed plan calls for some drastic changes for some Vienna residents, including possible restrictions of parking on some town streets to permit bike lanes next to the curb.

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VIENNA NEWSLINE – 703-255-6333

POLICE INFO LINE – 703-255-6363

TO ORDER A SPECIAL PICKUP – 703-255-5727

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## Swimming Pool Regulations

The Town Code regulates the permitted location of swimming pools – both in-ground and above-ground – and the acceptable type of protective enclosures.

Swimming pools may be placed in the rear yard only, not less than 20 feet from an alley line and not less than 10 feet from any side or rear property line. The pool may not occupy more than 25% of the rear yard and must meet certain setbacks from the residence based on its location on the lot. Corner lot regulations are slightly different, with an added requirement that the pool not be located beyond the building line of any adjoining lot.

Either the pool itself, or the rear yard where it is located, must be enclosed by a fence not less than 4 feet in height, not more than 2 inches from the ground at the bottom, and which will reasonably serve to prevent the passage of children less than 6 years of age into the pool area. In lieu of a fence, a pool cover may be used if it covers the entire water surface and can support 150 pounds in weight.

For more information, please contact the Planning and Zoning Department at 703-255-6341 or [dpz@ci.vienna.va.us](mailto:dpz@ci.vienna.va.us).



## Banner Application Process to Change

A change in the way non-profit community organizations apply to display banners across Maple Avenue is being prepared. The aim of the new procedure is to eliminate the need for organization representatives to brave the January cold standing in line outside Town Hall to reserve banner space for the coming year on a first-come, first-served basis. Look for details in the September newsletter.

## Meet Your Delegate

Steve Shannon, District 35 Delegate to the Virginia General Assembly, will hold open "Community Hours" September 18 from 10 a.m. to noon in the meeting room at Patrick Henry Library. (The August 14 session has been canceled.) No appointment is required. For information, call 703-380-7143 or visit [www.delegatesteveshannon.com](http://www.delegatesteveshannon.com).

## Calendar Deadline

September 1 is the deadline for Vienna non-profit organizations to submit information about their community events for next year to be published in the 2005 Town Calendar. Address calendar items to the Public Information Office, Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center St., S., Vienna, VA 22180, fax 703-255-5722, or e-mail [pio@ci.vienna.va.us](mailto:pio@ci.vienna.va.us).

# NEWSLETTER

August 2004

## No White Goods Accepted In Special Pickups After January 1

Beginning January 1, 2005, the Department of Public Works will no longer collect white goods as part of the Special Pickup program. This action was authorized by the Town Council at its June 21 meeting. White goods include stoves, dishwashers, refrigerators, window air conditioners, whole house air conditioners, microwaves, hot water heaters, garbage disposals, washing machines, dryers, cooktops, dehumidifiers and furnaces.

When Special Pickups end for this year, residents may take white goods to the Fairfax County I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Rd., or the I-95 Landfill Complex, 9850 Furnace Rd. There is a \$1 disposal fee for each appliance. The hours of operation are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services at 703-631-1179.

## Summer Is West Nile Season

### Fight the Bite

Say NO to MOSQUITOES



Eliminate Standing Water  
Don't let mosquitoes "BUG" you!  
There are things that YOU CAN DO!

The dog days of summer are upon us and that means it's West Nile virus season as well. Since May, the Fairfax County environmental health staff has been combating West Nile virus by treating over 60,000 storm drains with a larvicide to inhibit mosquito breeding.

Citizens need to continue to limit mosquito-breeding areas by tipping and tossing standing water. Using an insect repellent

containing up to 30% DEET will also help protect against the virus.

West Nile virus is spread to birds, horses, humans, and other mammals through the bite of an infected mosquito. Most people bitten do not get sick, and 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 (inflammation of the brain) or meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain and spinal cord).

For more information, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fightthebite](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fightthebite) or call the Health Department at 703-246-2300.

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.

# TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

## APRIL 19, 2004

- Conducted a closed session to interview candidates for appointment to Town boards and commissions.
- Reappointed Ed Umbrell and Ed Chase to the Planning Commission for two-year terms.
- Awarded a bid for hydraulic cement concrete to Virginia Concrete Co. at a base price of \$55,650.
- Approved the purchase of uniforms and accessories for the Police Department at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.
- Accepted the resignation of Paul Loyer from the Maple Avenue Vision Committee.
- Appropriated \$663,390 from the fiscal year 2003 General Fund balance to the fiscal year 2004 General Fund approved expenditure accounts.

- Adopted a resolution proclaiming April 23 as Arbor Day.

## MAY 10, 2004

- Conducted a public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2005.
- Conducted a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the zoning code adding patios and decks to the definition of "structure."
- Approved the following traffic-calming measures for Branch Road, S.E., between Echols and Locust Streets: striping at the intersections along Branch, particularly at Echols, and relocation of the stop sign on Echols closer to the intersection; designation of a crosswalk for schoolchildren across Echols with appropriate signage; installation of a three-way stop at Echols and Branch; installation of two modified speed humps on Branch between Echols and Locust, locations to be determined by the Director of Public

Works; installation of a three-way stop at Locust and Branch (*approved 5-2, Cole and Verinder voting nay*); installation of a crosswalk across Branch on the north side of its intersection with Locust.

- Referred to the Planning Commission for public hearing and recommendations a proposed amendment to the zoning code concerning trailers.

## MAY 17, 2004

- Conducted a closed session for the annual review of the Town Manager, Town Attorney and Town Clerk.

## MAY 24, 2004

- Conducted a closed session to interview candidates for appointment to Town boards and commissions.
- Reappointed Howard Springsteen to the Transportation Safety Commission for a two-year term. Appointed William Harrison to the Town/Business Liaison Committee for a two-year term as the Vienna-Tyson's Chamber of Commerce representative.

- Approved a one-year renewal of the contract with GM Printing for printing and mailing of the Town Newsletter in an amount not to exceed \$16,127.

- Adopted a resolution for the reconstruction of Branch Road, S.E.

- Approved lane striping on the curve portions of Cherry Street, S.E., from Park Street to the west side of the Community Center and repainting of the crosswalk between the Community Center and the Fire Department parking lot.

- Renewed the contract with Silver Communications Corp. to print the Parks and Recreation Department's quarterly brochure for one year at a cost not to exceed \$12,505.

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## TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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### VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

M. Jane Seeman, Mayor

Laurie Geneviro Cole      Michael J. Polychrones  
Edythe Frankel Kelleher      Maud F. Robinson  
George E. Lovelace      Sydney H. Verinder

### TOWN STAFF

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  
Director of Finance      Philip R. Grant      703-255-6320  
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.  
FAX 703-255-5722      e-mail [pio@ci.vienna.va.us](mailto:pio@ci.vienna.va.us)  
Deadline for September issue is Friday, August 13.

August		Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise	2	3 Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.	4	5	6	7
		8 Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week	9	10	11 Planning Commission	12 Town/Business Liaison Committee 6:30 p.m.	13	14
		15	16 Town Council	17	18	19 Board of Architectural Review	20	21
		22	23	24	25 Planning Commission	26 Community Enhancement Commission 7:30 p.m.	27	28
		29	30	31 Transportation Safety Commission				

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## Portable Generator Safety

Thousands of consumers purchased generators during and after Hurricane Isabel. Many new owners of portable generators may not know how to set up and operate their generators safely, or they may have not used their generators since last fall. The following information is provided by Dominion Virginia Power.

If you experience a power outage and need to operate your portable electric generator:

- After losing power, turn off the main breaker or pull the main fuse box.
- Never plug a generator into a regular household outlet. It can send electricity flowing onto downed power lines that line crews believe are de-energized.
- Before starting your generator, carefully read and follow all of the manufacturer's instructions.
- Be sure that the electrical load on your generator won't exceed the manufacturer's rating.
- Extension cords must be properly sized. Overloaded cords can overheat, cause fires and damage equipment.
- Never use a portable generator to power heat pumps or central air conditioning units. Portable generators are not big enough to power the starting requirements of the compressor. Expensive damage could result.
- Exhaust fumes contain carbon monoxide and can be deadly, so run your generator outside with proper ventilation, and store your fuel safely.
- Don't wait until there is an outage to operate your generator. Periodically test it to ensure that it is operating properly.

For additional safety tips and more information about generator safety, type in keyword "generator safety" at Dominion's Web site, [www.dom.com](http://www.dom.com).

## Citizens Invited to Help in Planning 2007 Jamestown Celebration

The 400-year commemoration of the nation's birthplace will occur in the year 2007, with the celebration of the 1607 establishment of Jamestown, Virginia, the first English-speaking settlement in what was to become the United States of America.

The planning and outreach for this event is, in part, based on the recognition of Virginia 2007 Communities. The Town of Vienna is such a community, and a committee has been formed to develop ideas for Vienna's participation in the statewide celebration.

The Virginia 2007 Community Committee for the Town of Vienna meets monthly at the Marco Polo Restaurant on Maple Avenue. The committee invites all interested citizens to attend the meetings and participate in projects of interest.

For more information, call Paul Snodgrass at Historic Vienna, Inc., 703-938-5187. Visit the Jamestown Web site at [www.jamestown2007.org](http://www.jamestown2007.org).

## Walk Smart, Drive Smart

*From Your Vienna Police Department*

Drive with care. Walk with caution. That's the message the Town of Vienna wants all residents and visitors to remember as they make their way around our community. Here are a few tips to make your travels safer:

**Pedestrians:** When crossing Maple Avenue, go to the marked crosswalk and push the button. The pedestrian crossing system will not activate unless the button is pushed. (Please note: The pedestrian signal buttons should be activated with only one push. Repeated pushing will not speed up the set timing of the traffic signal and it can damage the signal mechanism.) Wait on the sidewalk. Look both ways to ensure safety and cross with the pedestrian signal. The pedestrian signal does not turn green until left-turn traffic has been stopped; therefore, there is a delay on the pedestrian signal. You have ample time to cross. If you approach the intersection once the flashing hand symbol is activated, do not enter the crosswalk. Push the button and wait for the next cycle. Where there is no signal, cross only at intersections or marked crosswalks. Parents, please, take the hand of your child when crossing the street.

**Drivers:** Please drive with care. A red light means stop! Obey speed limits. Increase your awareness of walkers. Visibility is worse at night so proceed with even more care. Expect the unexpected and remember to watch out for children. The pedestrian has the right-of-way over a vehicle making turns into the highway. There has been some confusion about pedestrians having the right of way. According to Virginia State Law 46.2-924, "No pedestrian shall enter or cross an intersection in disregard of approaching traffic. The drivers of vehicles entering, crossing, or turning at intersections shall change their course, slow down, or stop if necessary to permit pedestrians to cross such intersections safely and expeditiously."

**YARD SALE REMINDER** – Each household in town may hold two yard sales per year. No permit is required. Two advertising signs, no larger than four square feet each, may be displayed on the property where the sale takes place, and four directional signs, no larger than two square feet each, may be placed on other private property with the owner's permission. Signs may not be exhibited more than two days prior to the start of the sale. Signs are not permitted on public property, in the public right-of-way (10 feet from the curb or edge of pavement) or on utility poles. Illegally placed signs will be removed. For more information, call the Planning and Zoning Department at 703-255-6341.

## Comment from the Council Table

### Parade Committee Hard at Work

By Edythe Frankel Kelleher  
Vienna Town Councilwoman

Ghosts and goblins, witches and jack o' lanterns. Hey, wait a minute! It's the middle of summer, so who's thinking about Halloween?

The Vienna Halloween Parade Committee, that's who. In order to make the annual parade a success, these dedicated volunteers begin meeting in July to decide the parade's theme, choose a Grand Marshal, start recruiting sponsors, coordinate a mailing to participants, and make other committee assignments. The first meeting each year also includes a discussion of last year's parade, what went right and what went wrong, what compliments and complaints were received, and what might be changed this year to make improvements.

The Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce (VTRCC) co-sponsors the parade along with of the Town of Vienna. Committee members come from

businesses, VTRCC staff, Town staff, and the Patrick Henry Public Library. Serving as liaison to the parade committee is one of the most fun parts of my job as a Councilwoman.

Choosing the parade theme is sometimes easy, and sometimes difficult. The theme should spark float ideas, providing latitude for creativity. Last year, the theme presented itself, in the form of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department's 100th anniversary and a salute to all community volunteers. For 2006, the theme will promote "Jamestown 2007," the Virginia-wide celebration of 400 years since that historic settlement. This year, however, there was much discussion before "Vienna... A Community Portrait" was selected as the theme for the 58th annual Vienna Halloween Parade.

Before the parade, participants send in



Councilwoman Kelleher

their application forms and the parade's order is set. (To avoid squabbles, requests to move up in the sequence are always denied.) Judges must be recruited, provisions made for communications and security, antique cars and drivers found to take VIP's in the parade, goody bags filled as gifts for the costumed kids who walk the parade route, orders placed for trash receptacles and port-a-potties, delivery of the reviewing stand arranged, and the VTRCC pre-parade mixer planned. In addition, the VTRCC must recruit sponsors to donate funds for goody bag candy, printing fliers for publicity and, last year, televising the parade on Fairfax Public Access Channel 10. Then the posters and fliers must be distributed around Town and, oh yes, the VTRCC has to build its own float in the meantime.

On the night of the parade, crowds line Maple Avenue. Trash cans and port-a-potties are in place. The Town's Department of Parks and Recreation staff marks off numbered spaces and each float lines up as assigned. Business people, politicians and parade judges attend the mixer, then find their way to floats or the reviewing stand. The Town staff starts the parade and coordinates the flow of participants. Last year, even though there were a record number of entries, the pacing was such that the parade ended earlier than expected.

So, while you enjoy the rest of your summer, start planning your Halloween costume, and we'll see you October 27th at the parade!

## Vienna Names in the News

Town Councilman **George E. Lovelace** was appointed by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors as an at-large member of the County Park Authority Board. The appointment is for four years. The Park Authority Board comprises one representative from each of the nine County magisterial districts plus three at-large members. The board sets policy and establishes priorities for the park system.

The Board of Supervisors recognized town residents **Henry "Herb" Latimer and Jane Vitray** as 2003 Lord and Lady Fairfax honorees for their noteworthy achievements and numerous contributions to the Fairfax County community. Vitray represented the Hunter Mill District and Latimer was an at-large honoree.

**Howard Springsteen**, President of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, was named 2003 Officer of the Year by the Fairfax County Volunteer Fire Commission. Commission Chair Timothy Fleming noted that Springsteen's service to the community not only serves as an inspiration to others but is instrumental in the County's continued ability to provide quality fire and rescue services. Springsteen also serves as Vice Chairman of Vienna's Transportation Safety Commission.

Former Vienna Police Lieutenant **Ben Andrews** has been appointed to the Virginia Advisory Board on Juvenile Justice. He was recommended to Governor Mark Warner by Delegate Steve Shannon during the 2004 General Assembly session. The board ensures the development and implementation of long-range youth services policy, advises the Governor and General Assembly on matters relating to youth services, and encourages public support for activities of the Department of Juvenile Justice. Andrews served 18 years with the Vienna Police Department and is currently an instructor at Fairfax County Public School's West Potomac Academy, teaching high school students about the criminal justice system to prepare them for careers in the criminal justice field.

# Town Council Action . . . *continued from page 2*

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- Approved the purchase of traffic signal equipment from Atlantic Technical Sales at a cost estimated not to exceed \$11,905.

- Approved the purchase of traffic signal software from Trafficware Corp. at a cost of \$5,500.

- Approved a one-year extension of the contract with Whitman, Requardt and Associates for engineering services.

- Approved the purchase of sewer flusher and sewer cleaner parts and service from MSC Equipment of Richmond at a price of \$7,475.

- Adopted amendments to the motor vehicle code to bring it into conformance with new State laws.

- Adopted an amendment to the Town Code concerning "drunkenness or profane swearing."

- Following a public hearing, adopted an ordinance to allow the Town Code to collect the local telecommunications tax currently collected by Fairfax County.

- Following a public hearing, set the in-town water rate at \$2.83 and the sewer rate at \$3.57 per thousand gallons (*approved 5-1, Kelleher voting nay*).

- Conducted a public hearing on proposed revisions to the solid waste management plan.

- Conducted a public hearing on a proposed ordinance concerning fines for allowing dogs to run at large.

- Appropriated \$15,475 for the creation of a Vienna Shopping Guide.

- Approved the purchase of software for the Town's Geographic Information

System from ESRT in the amount of \$6,214.80.

- Awarded a contract for medical services for Town employees to Inova Health Services, with payment up to \$12,900 for fiscal year 2005.

- Referred to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation to the Board of Zoning Appeals a conditional use permit application for continued leaf storage and mulching operations on Town owned property at 442 Beulah Rd., N.E.

- Adopted a resolution authorizing the purchase of equipment through a capital lease in fiscal year 2005.

- Approved participating in a cooperative purchase contract with Office Depot for fiscal year 2005 in an estimated amount not to exceed \$35,000.

- Awarded fiscal year 2005 support services for the Town's central financial system to Sungard/Pentamation Enterprises in an amount estimated not to exceed \$31,736.

- Appointed Councilman-elect Michael J. Polychrones to fill the unexpired term of former Councilman Albert J. Boudreau.

- Adopted a resolution recognizing Bruce Oliver on his retirement as Principal of Thoreau Middle School.

- Adopted the Town budget and set tax rates for fiscal year 2005.

*PLEASE NOTE:* Town Council meetings for November have been rescheduled for November 8, November 15 (work session) and November 22.

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDAS & MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE.

GO TO [WWW.CI.VIENNA.VA.US](http://WWW.CI.VIENNA.VA.US) & CLICK ON "GOVERNMENT."

**The Wright Stuff**, a program on flight for ages 6-12, will be presented by the Maryland Science Center at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 10, at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave., E. To register and for more information on this and other programs, call the library at 703-938-0405.

**Learning in Retirement Institute**, an affiliate of George Mason University and member of the Elderhostel Institute Network, offers retirement age adults daytime courses, special events, trips, socials and other activities. Courses are offered in Fairfax City and Reston. Registration for the fall term will be held August 19-September 3. For information, call 703-503-3384 or visit [www.gmu.edu/department.lri](http://www.gmu.edu/department.lri).

**Copper Trellises and Vines** will be presented at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 21, at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens. Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority horticulturist Tammy Burke will demonstrate how copper tubing can become a garden trellis and explain the techniques for propagating, growing and maintaining versatile garden vines. The fee is \$5 and reservations are required; call 703-255-3631. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens is located off Beulah Road near the Dulles Access Road.

**Victim services aides** are needed at the Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. Volunteers will notify crime victims of pending hearings, inform victims of their legal rights and provide victims with emotional support. Training and supervision will be provided. A minimum commitment of one four-hour shift per week between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, for six months is required. Volunteers will be interviewed and must submit to a criminal background check. A background in law, counseling or social work is helpful but not required. For more information about volunteering, or to request an application, please contact Gwen Robinson, volunteer services coordinator, at 703-246-2697, or send e-mail to [gwen.robinson@fairfaxcountyp.gov](mailto:gwen.robinson@fairfaxcountyp.gov).

## Military Records, Awards Easy to Obtain Via the Internet

*Information for veterans and their families from Mike Burger of Vienna's American Legion Post 180*

The National Archives and Records Administration has made it very easy to obtain your, or a deceased next-of-kin's, military records or awards. On the Internet, go to [www.archives.gov/research\\_room/vetrecs](http://www.archives.gov/research_room/vetrecs) and follow instructions. In the space to enter a request for awards and decorations, you can call to their attention specific dates of service and other information. For example, those of you who served in Korea after 1954, be sure to request the new Korean Defense Service Medal. If you served in the 7th Division in Korea at any time, ask for the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, which was awarded to all members of the 7th (current and former) when the division left Korea in the 1970's.

If you were in the Infantry or were a Combat Medic during World War II and served in combat, you are entitled to the Combat Infantryman's Badge or the Combat Medic Badge. There continues to be a belief that award of these badges required 30 days in combat; that is absolutely false. You are also automatically entitled to the Bronze Star.

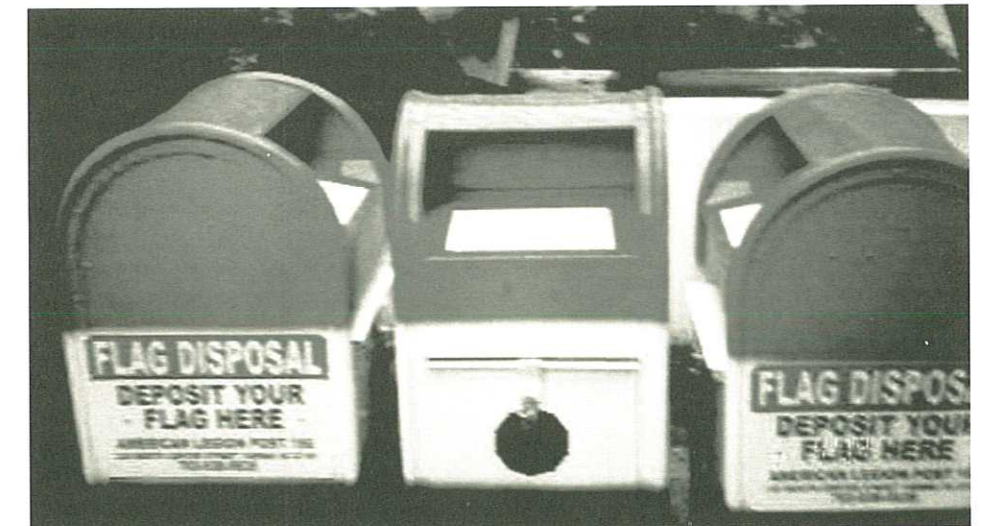
The process is easiest for Army and Air Force requests. You send the request electronically and are then asked to print a signature sheet to be mailed or faxed. The Naval services require the entire request to be mailed. I will submit requests from the Post 180 computer for anyone who does not have access to the Internet. Call the Post at 703-938-9535.

Some WWII Army and Army Air Corps vets may be advised that their records were lost in a 1972 fire. This may or may not be true. If, after the war, you received any services from the Veterans Administration (education, medical or insurance), your records were sent to the VA and should still be there. You can often support your request if necessary with personal records such as a copy of the WD AGO from your DD214.

I've been suggesting for years that people request their decorations. I decided to do it myself and received the package that included a medal I never knew I had been awarded as well as a Presidential Unit Citation I didn't know I was authorized to wear! All personal decorations come engraved with the name of the awardee.

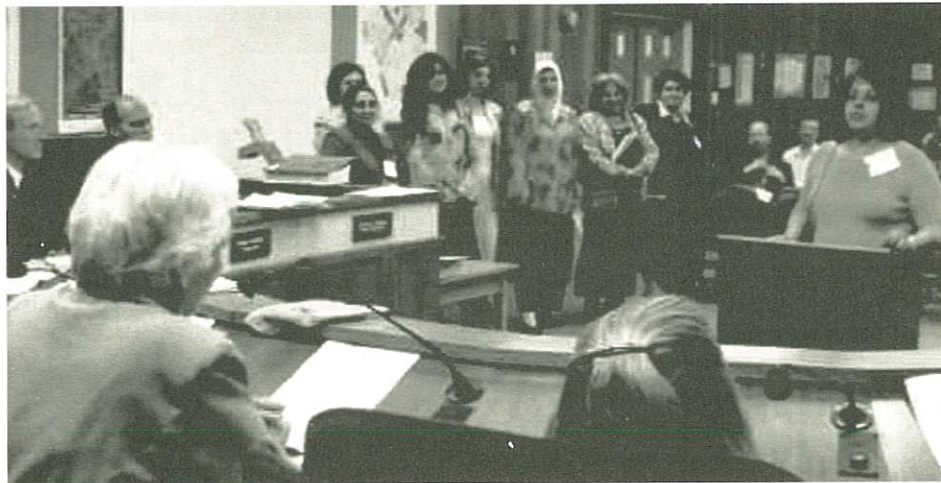
Be sure to tell your friends.

### The Right Way to Dispose of Old Flags



Look for flag disposal "mailboxes" at Vienna American Legion Post 180, 330 Center St., N., and other locations around town. The mailboxes provide an effective means for citizens to dispose of worn American flags in a proper manner. For more information, call Post 180 at 703-938-9535.

### Iraqi Women Visit Vienna



A delegation of Iraqi women visited Town Hall on July 12 to acquaint themselves with the concepts of local government in the United States. The group met with Mayor Seeman and other Town Council members to learn about the town and the kinds of issues that generally come before the Council and then attended a portion of that night's Council meeting. The women came from various cities around Iraq, including Baghdad, Basra, Mosul and Tikrit, and represented a number of professions such as teacher, government official, newspaper editor and Internet café manager. The visit was sponsored by the Women's Alliance for a Democratic Iraq, an international organization dedicated to full and equal rights for women.

## HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

**Save room for pancakes!** The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department's Capital Campaign Committee will host a community pancake breakfast at the fire station, 400 Center St., S., from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, September 18. The event will kick off VVFD's capital campaign for a renovated fire house. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children under 15 years old and free for children under 2 years old.

**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 boxed or bagged 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.

**Historic Vienna Inc.** invites the public to visit the new exhibit room upstairs at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. The exhibit of prints and photographs, entitled "Vienna Remembered: Civil War Scenes and Freeman Family History," is open Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 703-938-5187.

**New Life Wellness Center**, 301 Maple Ave., W., will present "Natural Solutions to Allergy Problems" on August 16 and "Improving Your Digestive System Naturally" on August 23. 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](http://www.newlifewellness.com).

**Family Night at the Races**, the August meeting of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 227, is scheduled for Saturday, August 14, at Old Dominion Speedway in Manassas. Racing begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$6 for children ages 6-15 and free for ages 5 and younger. For more information, call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or visit [www.geocities.com/vva227](http://www.geocities.com/vva227).

**Vienna Host Lions Club** meets at 6:15 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in the Flame Room at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. Lions International is the largest worldwide service organization with over 1.4 million members. For information, call club President Phil Hendrickson, 703-281-6088, or Membership Chairman Henry Kleiner, 703-939-9797.

**2005 Entertainment Books** will be sold beginning in mid-August in support of Cunningham Park Elementary School. The Northern Virginia version of the coupon book costs \$25, a portion of which will be donated to the school. To purchase books, send an e-mail with your name, address and phone number to [CunninghamBooks@yahoo.com](mailto:CunninghamBooks@yahoo.com). A school PTA representative will contact you as soon as possible.

**Shoreshim Hebrew and Judaica School** will hold an open house on Monday, September 13, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Lake Anne Community Center in Reston. For information, call Susie Schmuckler at 703-715-1053.

**Vienna Woman's Club** meets the third Wednesday of the month. For information about the club, call Membership Chairman Sylvia Davies at 703-938-1445.

**La Leche League of Vienna** will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, August 4, at the American Legion Post, 330 Center St., N. The topic for this month is "Advantages of Breastfeeding." Pregnant and nursing women and their children are welcome to attend. For more information, call 703-281-5801 or 703-716-4872, or e-mail [abcgray@hotmail.com](mailto:abcgray@hotmail.com).

**Breakfast buffet**, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary of Vienna, will be held on Sunday, August 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 Martha Haller at 703-242-7461.

**"Far Away Places and Gardens"** will continue at the Vienna Art Center,

115 Pleasant St., N.W., through August 28 featuring works from more than 50 local artists. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call the Vienna Arts Society at 703-319-3971 or visit [www.viennaartssociety.org](http://www.viennaartssociety.org).

**Bicycles and bike helmets** are needed by children of wounded servicemen and women returning from Iraq, while visiting their parents hospitalized in the Washington, DC, area. Town residents may drop off donations at Vienna American Legion Post 180, ATTN: Joyce, 330 Center St., N. For more information, call Post 180 at 703-938-9535 or Joyce Miller at 703-508-7845.

**VIP Vienna**, a support group for visually impaired persons and their families, will meet at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, August 26, at Patrick Henry Library. Free of charge; no registration required. For more information, call the Fairfax County Access Services Office at 703-324-8380.

**Registration is now open** for the second Vienna Jaycees 5K Turkey Trot, scheduled for 8 a.m. Sunday, November 14. The race begins at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, which is the primary beneficiary of the race proceeds. Printable registration forms are available at [www.geocities.com/viennajaycees](http://www.geocities.com/viennajaycees), and online registration is available at [www.active.com/event\\_detail.cfm?event\\_id=1128838](http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1128838).

**Farmers' Market behind Town Hall**, sponsored by the Vienna Jaycees, is open each Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon, featuring fruits and vegetables, flowers, bread, handmade soaps, kettle corn, eggs, dips/marinades/rubs, potted plants and hanging baskets, dog treats and more. For information, call Karyn at 703-861-7784.

**Farmers' Market at Nottoway Park** is open every Wednesday, rain or shine, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Twenty vendors offer homegrown fruits and vegetables, many organic, plus baked goods, plants and herbs. A Plant Clinic is open from 9 a.m. to noon. For information, call 703-281-3530 or 703-591-2988.

## Welcome New Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in May and June:

Analyteks  
*consultant*  
401 Orchard St., N.W.  
703-863-0816

Pine Food  
*wholesale food*  
127 Casmar St., S.E.  
703-280-8222

Barbara Caceres  
*psychotherapist*  
243 Church St., N.E. #300  
703-304-0017

Jinny's Skin Care  
& Electrolysis  
*skin care*  
125 Church St., N.E.  
703-242-5080

Aria Construction Co.  
*contractor*  
712 Hillcrest Dr., S.W.  
703-255-4619

Inspired by Dale  
*natural health*  
131 Church St., N.W. #3  
703-242-4437

Vaucluse Imports  
*French wine imports*  
380 Maple Ave., W. #L1  
703-915-8529

Fashionable Urban  
Clothing & Kaps  
*distributor*  
411 Druid Hill Rd., N.E.  
703-732-3825

Bundle Your Joy  
*baby clothing*  
408 Kramer Dr., S.E.  
703-994-5927

A.T. Mortgage  
*lending brokerage*  
716 Hillcrest Dr., S.W.  
703-255-4711

VIP Construction  
Handyman Special  
*handyman*  
513 Walker St., S.W.  
703-932-2808

Congratulations to the following businesses, both commercial and home occupations, celebrating milestone anniversaries in July and August: *20 years* - John Kurcina, McKenney Interiors, Vienna Mobil, Vienna Plaza Associates; *10 years*: Cascading Creations, Ideal Tile of Vienna, Joyce P. Hair, Jud Tile, Panacea, Young's Market.

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education messages and free gun-locking devices.

Project ChildSafe partners with governors, lieutenant governors, U.S. Attorneys, community leaders and law enforcement agencies to distribute free safety kits to gun owners in all states to promote safe storage of firearms in the home.

Pick up your free firearms safety kit while supplies last at Vienna Police Headquarters, 215 Center St., S. Kits include a safety brochure that covers a variety of options for firearms storage and a cable-style gun lock.

Remember, a gun lock should be used as an additional safety precaution and not as a substitute for locked storage. Unloaded firearms should be stored in a locked cabinet, safe, gun vault or storage case in a location inaccessible to children.

## Police Dept. Offers Free Gun Locks

The Vienna Police Department has teamed up with Project ChildSafe, a nationwide program that promotes safe firearms handling and storage practices, to distribute gun safety

## Arrests Made In Home Burglaries

Earlier this summer, two nighttime residential burglaries occurred in southwest Vienna. Entry into the homes was made through the rear sliding glass door without the use of force and while the owners were at home. Car keys were targeted and two cars were stolen from the garage at one of the houses.

The cars were subsequently recovered by Manassas City Police, while a car reported stolen in Manassas was found abandoned in Vienna. Detectives from the two police departments compared cases and discovered many similarities. Further investigation led to the arrest of two Manassas City men.

The Vienna Police urge all residents to keep an active watch on their neighborhoods. Crimes large and small are solved or prevented every day in Vienna thanks to alert citizens who are willing to call the police with their concerns. Please never hesitate to report anything that seems suspicious as soon as it occurs. An officer can be on the scene to investigate often within a matter of seconds.

To report suspicious activities, call 703-255-6366.

## Noise Restricted During Wee Hours

Town businesses are reminded that the following activities are prohibited by the Town Code:

- Loading or unloading of commercial vehicles within 300 feet of a residence between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- Servicing of trash dumpsters within 300 feet of a residence between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.

- Idling of commercial vehicle engines for more than three minutes.
- Operation of refrigeration equipment on vehicles between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when parked for more than 10 minutes.

Residents are reminded that home building projects and the operation of loud machinery such as chain saws and leaf blowers in residential zones are prohibited between the hours of 8 p.m. and 7 a.m.

## 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

**Vienna Youth Players** will present the musical "Runaways" August 6, 7, 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. and August 15 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8 general admission and \$7 for students and senior citizens. The show, featuring reggae, rap, hip-hop and salsa beats, is based on stories collected from runaways in New York City and is not recommended for small children.

**Summer concert** on the lawn of the historic Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. Enjoy Celtic music by Pete and Barley beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday, August 13. Free of charge; bring a chair or blanket for seating. Call 703-255-7842 for information on cancellation or change in venue due to inclement weather.

**Enjoy a favorite family movie** outdoors at Glyndon Park on Friday, August 27, beginning at dusk (around 8:45 p.m.). 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 G-rated film will be shown, call 703-255-7842 after noon on August 25 and for weather information on the day of the show.

**Quarterly coin and stamp show** August 7 and 8. 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. For information, call Darren M. Coker at 703-532-6640.

### SPORTS & FITNESS

**Adult co-ed fall kickball league** begins August 24. Doubleheader games will be played at Southside Park on Sundays beginning at 10 a.m. The fee of \$250 per team includes umpires, equipment and awards. The league is limited to 12 teams, which will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

### BUS TRIPS

**Passports of Discovery** at Baltimore's Inner Harbor presents a journey through American history enhanced by motion-based seats and wraparound panoramic screens. Leave the Community Center at 9 a.m. Tuesday, August 31, and return at 6:30 p.m. The cost of \$35 for town residents includes transportation and show.

**Registration for town residents** begins August 6 for a Civil War walking tour of historic downtown Culpeper, sponsored by Vienna Parks & Recreation and Historic Vienna, Inc. The tour is scheduled for Saturday, October 23. A charter bus will leave the Freeman House on Church Street at 8:30 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. The fee of \$63 for town residents includes transportation, two-hour walking tour led by Virginia Morton, author of *Marching Through Culpeper*, lunch at the Hazel River Inn, and tours of Salubria, a Georgian brick mansion, and the Museum of Culpeper History.

### AT THE TEEN CENTER

**Concert night** for high school students featuring live bands is scheduled for Saturday, August 28, from 7 to 11 p.m. Admission \$5. Students interested in booking a concert at Club Phoenix should call Brandy Mullen at 703-255-5721.

## Digital Maps in New W&OD Trail Guide

Digitally created maps enhance the new edition of the *Washington and Old Dominion Trail Guide*, available in area bicycle and sports stores and by mail from the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority's W&OD office, 21293 Smiths Switch Rd., Ashburn, VA 20147. The price of \$5.75 includes postage and handling. Make checks payable to NVRPA.

The 68-page flip-map style book includes previously unpublished historic photos of the old railroad, its stations, employees and passengers. The 45-mile W&OD Trail follows the old railroad route through Arlington County, Falls Church, Vienna, Fairfax County and Loudoun County, with connector trails to Alexandria, the District of Columbia and the City of Fairfax.

For more information, call 703-729-0596 or visit [www.nvrpa.org](http://www.nvrpa.org).

**Babysitting fundamentals**, for boys and girls age 12 and older, will be offered twice this month, August 7 and 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 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.

### POTPOURRI

**Auditions** for the Vienna Theatre Company's fall production, "Pack of Lies," will be held August 9 and 10 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Bring a two-minute contemporary monologue. For more information, call 703-242-6423.

**Summer youth camps** scheduled for August include golf, horseback riding, fencing, tennis, basketball, baseball, and dance team training. Call for information on dates and fees for each camp.

**Caring for Your Newborn**, for expectant parents, will be held on Tuesday, August 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. Dr. Brenda Murphy of Advanced Pediatrics will discuss choosing a pediatrician, preparing the nursery, what to expect the first few days, nutrition, changing and clothing, carrying, bathing, umbilical cord care, car seat use, and when to call your doctor. Free of charge.

## Budget Includes Lower Tax Rate

The Town's adopted budget for fiscal year 2004-2005, which began July 1, totals \$24,366,210 for all funds, an increase of \$1,146,638 or 4.7% over last year.

The real estate tax rate has been reduced by a penny to 26½¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation; however, due to reassessments by Fairfax County, the average Vienna taxpayer will see an increase in the real estate tax bill of approximately \$50 per year.

Water and sewer rates have been increased because of rising operational costs, the severe reduction in billings caused by the abnormally high rainfall during the past year, and the need to maintain adequate reserves. For town residents, the water rate increased from \$2.71 to \$2.83 and the sewer rate from \$3.39 to \$3.57 per 1,000 gallons. Overall, a town resident will pay an additional \$30 per year for water and sewer service based on a quarterly usage of 25,000 gallons.

A "Budget in Brief" summary is given below. For information about the budget or to obtain printed copies, contact the Administrative Services Office at 703-255-6350.

## FY 2004-05 BUDGET IN BRIEF

### GENERAL FUND

REVENUES	
Property Tax	\$ 6,655,152
<i>(26½¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation)</i>	
Public Service Taxes	185,000
Penalties & Interest	22,500
Other Local Taxes	5,488,400
Permits, Fees & Licenses	47,340
Fines & Forfeitures	458,600
Use of Money & Property	121,700
Park & Recreation Fees	486,200
Special Services Fees	6,500
Miscellaneous Revenues	67,800
Non-categorical Aid	423,357
Categorical Aid	1,119,717
Federal Revenues	58,470
Reimbursements	9,040
Interfund Transfers	855,225
Use of Prior Year Reserves	623,524
TOTAL	\$16,730,808

### WATER & SEWER FUND

REVENUES	
Use of Money	\$ 32,025
Water & Sewer Charges	4,912,475
Miscellaneous Revenues	13,800
Use of Prior Year Retained Earnings	215,000
TOTAL	\$5,173,300

### DEBT SERVICE FUND

REVENUES	
Other Local Taxes	\$2,000,000
Use of Money	26,012
Interfund Transfers	364,063
Use of Prior Year Surplus	72,027
TOTAL	\$2,462,102

### EXPENDITURES

Legislative	\$ 603,854
Administration	1,396,875
Finance Department	1,096,681
Police Department	4,633,818
Public Works Department	5,365,318
Tax Relief	190,514
Parks & Recreation Department	2,187,295
Planning & Zoning Department	548,079
Reserves & Transfers	237,832
PC Replacement	109,000
Equipment Replacement	361,542
TOTAL	\$16,730,808

### EXPENDITURES

Operations & Maintenance	\$3,427,818
Meter Maintenance & Reading	309,053
Billing/Customer Service	145,439
Transfers	1,219,288
Equipment Replacement	71,702
TOTAL	\$5,173,300

### EXPENDITURES

Administrative Costs	\$ 400
Debt Service	2,461,702
TOTAL	\$2,462,102

**TOTAL BUDGET FOR ALL FUNDS \$24,366,210**

## Citizen Comment Let's Walk, Vienna!

*A southeast Vienna resident writes:*

"I want to encourage my fellow residents to join me in making it a point to walk more (and drive less) though our community. Kudos to the Town of Vienna for its continued investment in the 'look and feel' and the substance of our little town. One of the things that attracted me to Vienna four years ago was that I could come home after work on weekdays or for the entire weekend and not touch the car keys. I can walk to my choice of grocers, the public library and any number of great coffee haunts. Walking to the video store is easy, as is walking to any of the town's many unique restaurants. Of course, this is all in addition to walking on the W&OD trail or walking to the many activities going on at our Community Center.

"Walking is great for a number of reasons. The town's businesses appreciate the activity on the sidewalks and patronage to their stores. It helps us be more aware of our neighbors and get to know them better, and to quickly identify unusual or suspicious activity that might need to be addressed or reported. I think it's also good not to add unnecessarily to the volume of traffic moving through the Maple "main vein," and give those who are driving further incentive not to speed though our lovely town. Last of all, it's good for our health and happiness. So, get out and walk, Vienna, give a friendly nod to passersby, and enjoy the town's special features!"

## Berry House Added To Historic Register

The Joseph Berry House, built in 1898 at 200 Church St., N.E., was recently added to Vienna's Historic Register. Joseph Berry was the Fairfax County surveyor from 1903 to 1951. He served as a Town Councilman, president of Vienna Trust Company and elder in the Vienna Presbyterian Church. His wife held the first meeting of Vienna's Ayr Hill Garden Club at the house in 1929.

The Town Council established the Historic Register to encourage recognition of and interest in historic places in Vienna. Any property owner may apply to be included in the register. Application forms are available at Town Hall.