

This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

SEPTEMBER 1994 – During a recent field inspection, Town officials and representatives from the Virginia Department of Transportation tentatively scheduled these preliminary phases of the Cottage Street reconstruction: location and design hearing, September 1994; right-of-way acquisition, November 1994; and advertisement, October 1995. Reconstruction of the street between Moore Avenue and the rear of the Vienna Shopping Center is expected to begin in the spring of 1996.

SEPTEMBER 1984 – A photo exhibit entitled “Vienna/Wien – Reflections and Analogies” will be shown at the Vienna Community Center this month. The exhibit by Austrian photographer Michael Freund juxtaposes images of Vienna, Austria, with some of the towns called Vienna in the U.S. The result is a collection of photographic twins, some almost identical twins.

SEPTEMBER 1974 – A special public hearing will be held September 16 on the traffic circulation plan for the southeast quadrant of town, and specifically on the proposed connection of Locust Street to Hine Street and Branch Road to Talahi Road. The connections were recommended to provide easier residential traffic flow. However, at the May 20 Town Council meeting, heavy opposition was voiced by local residents.

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, September 11, 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.



NEWSLETTER

September 2004

Last Call for Special Pickups

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

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

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

Special Pickup Guidelines

Call 703-255-5727 to arrange for a Special Pickup.

The amount and type of debris are limited to the following:

- Discarded furniture, swing sets and playground equipment.
- Sod and brush.
- 300 pounds of scrap metal per residence, small automobile parts such as engine blocks, transmissions and tires. All tires must be removed from the rim.
- Trees and limbs of a diameter greater than 1½ inches and less than 6 inches and no more than 8 feet in length.
- Two major appliances per Special Pickup. Major appliances include stoves, dishwashers, refrigerators, washers, dryers, hot water heaters, air conditioners and furnaces.
Beginning January 1, 2005, the collection of white goods will be discontinued. White goods include stoves, dishwashers, refrigerators, window air conditioners, whole house air conditioners, microwave ovens, hot water heaters, garbage disposals, washing machines, dryers, cook-tops, dehumidifiers and furnaces.
- Building materials (not generated by contractor), including wood, broken concrete, bricks or block, fences, drywall, and paneling. Each residence is limited to 300 pounds (approximately two wheelbarrow loads) of masonry items such as concrete, brick, block, stone, rock, etc. per pickup.

(Special Pickup guidelines continued on page 2)

GET INVOLVED! Membership on Vienna's boards and commissions provides citizens the opportunity to become actively involved in Town affairs. An application for appointment is on pages 9 and 10 of this newsletter.

Clydesdales to Appear in Halloween Parade; Entry Application Deadline October 1

The world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales team and their mascot Dalmatian will be special guests at the 58th annual Vienna Halloween Parade, which will step off at 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 27, on Maple Avenue.

Vienna area businesses, community organizations, school classes, athletic teams and other groups are invited to enter floats in the parade. This year's theme is “Vienna ... A Community Portrait,” and the Grand Marshal will be T.R. Cook of Cook's Photo-Art Studio.

The parade entry deadline is October 1. For entry application forms and more information, call Cathy Salgado at 703-255-6356.

Holiday Schedule

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 6, for Labor Day. Trash will be picked up as usual that day for residents on the Monday collection route.

Meet Your Delegate

Steve Shannon, District 35 Delegate to the Virginia General Assembly, will hold open “Community Hours” on Saturday, September 18, from 10 a.m. to noon in the meeting room at Patrick Henry Library. For information, call 703-255-5555 or visit www.delegate.steveshannon.com.

<p>FIRE & RESCUE 911 (Voice & TDD)</p>	<p>Vienna Town Hall 127 Center Street, South Vienna, Virginia 22180-5799 Business Hours Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>PRSRST STD U.S. POSTAGE PAID Vienna, Va. Permit No. 36</p>
<p>VIENNA POLICE EMERGENCY 703-938-4900 (Voice) 703-255-5730 (TDD) NON-EMERGENCY 703-255-6366 (Voice) 703-255-5730 (TDD)</p>	<p>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.</p>	
<p>VIENNA TOWN HALL 703-255-6300 (Voice) 703-255-5735 (TDD)</p>	<p>This document will be made available in large print or on audio cassette upon request. Call 703-255-6330, TDD 703-255-5735.</p>	
<p>COMMUNITY CENTER 703-255-6360 (Voice) 703-255-5739 (TDD)</p>		

WOULD YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN SUCH ORGANIZATIONS OR YOUR PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION(S) OR BUSINESS ACTIVITY POSE ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST OR INAPPROPRIATE ASSOCIATION AS A MEMBER OF A TOWN BOARD OR COMMISSION?

IN A FEW WORDS, PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR INTERESTS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND INDICATE HOW YOUR APPOINTMENT TO A BOARD OR COMMISSION WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE OVERALL QUALITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN VIENNA:

WHICH BOARD OR COMMISSION INTERESTS YOU MOST?

WHY?

Note: The Town's boards and commissions have a small number of members, and relatively few vacancies occur each year. Your application, therefore, may not be acted on immediately but may be held in a citizen "talent bank" until such time as a vacancy, or other Town project, matching your abilities and interests is available. Your interest in serving the Town is sincerely acknowledged and appreciated.

Planning Commission – approves preliminary plats of subdivisions, prepares the Comprehensive Plan for the future development of the town, hears and makes recommendations to Council on rezoning requests and other planning and zoning matters.

Board of Zoning Appeals – is authorized to hear and decide appeals of any decision made by the Director of Planning and Zoning, grant variances from the zoning code, approve conditional use permits, and interpret the zoning map.

Board of Architectural Review – examines and approves plans for commercial buildings, signs and landscaping to ensure that new construction is not bizarre or garish and is harmonious and compatible with existing buildings.

Transportation Safety Commission – studies intersections, traffic signs, speed limits and other matters relating to street safety and makes recommendations to Council.

Windover Heights Board of Review – approves new construction and major exterior alterations of buildings within the Windover Heights Historic District in northwest Vienna to ensure that they are in keeping with the old and historic architectural aspect of the surroundings.

Town/Business Liaison Committee – makes studies and offers recommendations to Council on matters affecting the town's businesses and their relationship with other segments of the community.

Community Beautification Commission – created to act as the focal point for beautification and litter control programs.

BRING OR MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE AT VIENNA TOWN HALL, 127 CENTER ST., S., VIENNA, VA 22180.

Comment from the Council Table

Global Meets Local in Vienna

By Laurie Genevro Cole
Vienna Town Councilwoman

International relations became personal relations in Town Hall on July 12. A delegation of women from Iraq met with our female Council members and Mayor to discuss local government. These visitors were women from many professional fields who hope to have a role in Iraq's future, and they spent two weeks in our area meeting with national, state and local – Vienna! – officials. We were honored to welcome them and share experiences with them.

Despite their exhausting schedule, the women were enthusiastic, attentive and engaging. Their questions covered many areas of local government: Are there particular educational or professional requirements to be a candidate? Do you represent a specific district or the town at large? Do you run as a candidate of a political party? Who is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the town? These questions prompted back-and-forth discussion which gave us a chance to examine our own system and compare it to their experiences.

Not surprisingly, these were some of the same questions that were posed by a delegation from Belarus, who visited with Council members several months ago. But I was interested to note the questions asked by the Iraqi women which had not been raised by the (all male) group from Belarus. Do you sponsor programs for youth? Were you encouraged as a young girl to pursue an education and career?

What is your day like, handling both family and public duties? Again, it was a rare opportunity to explore our own experiences and assumptions, and think about the similarities and differences that cross cultures.

After the general discussion, I had conversations with two women in particular. One was about my age, an accountant by training, who was already participating in local government. The other was closer to my mother's age and, like my mother, was a former elementary school teacher. Her focus now is on human rights issues. Many times since our meeting I've thought about these women, how we have so much in common and yet so much that is dramatically different in our experiences. And I've thought a great deal about their bravery in stepping forward to take a hand in their country's future.

Inevitably, the meetings with both groups – the women from Iraq and the men from Belarus – get me to thinking about the privilege we enjoy of self-government, at all levels. As citizens of Vienna, we are represented in the town, county, commonwealth and federal governments. By exercising our rights as citizens, each of us who votes, runs for office, serves on a commission, or petitions for a cause, takes a hand in guiding our future.

What an extraordinary opportunity and privilege it was to meet and talk with these women! There are global issues that affect us all, that are addressed in the ap-



Councilwoman Cole

propriate forum. But there are also local, daily issues that we have in common, and this person-to-person connection made those issues very special that night. I am very grateful to have been a part of it.

Thank You from Iraq

The following e-mail was sent to the Town Council last month:

Dear Mayor and Citizens of Vienna,

My name is Petty Officer Ralph Williams. I am from Jacksonville, Florida. I'm married and have 2 children ages 15 and 11. I am currently serving in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. I have been here just under 2 months and will be here for a good while longer.

Recently, our mess facility hung up a banner signed by residents of Vienna, VA. I just wanted to say thank you for thinking of us and that I for one am reading the names of all who signed it and really appreciate all of your prayers and support.

God Bless Vienna and God Bless America,

ET1 Ralph Williams
US Navy
Camp Victory
Baghdad, Iraq

(Editor's Note: The banner was signed by town residents during the July 4th celebration at the Vienna Community Center.)

A Message from Your T/BLC

The Town/Business Liaison Committee (T/BLC) is a Town Council-appointed committee and is deemed an important adjunct of the Town government. Our purpose is to evaluate and offer recommendations directly to Council on matters of public policy that may affect the business community as well as the residential community.

The T/BLC is currently working on many exciting projects. We are working with the Maple Avenue Vision Committee on matters that will have a large impact on both the business and residential aspects of the Town of Vienna. Another ongoing project is our creation of the Retail Shopping Guide. It will be patterned after our very successful Dining and Lodging Guide, now in its second printing!

The T/BLC would like to invite your comments, concerns and recommendations to better serve our community. The Committee meets the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall and all are welcome. For information please e-mail the T/BLC at tblc@ci.vienna.va.us or call 703-255-6342.

Maple Ave. Banner Application Forms Available Oct. 1

A change has been made in the way non-profit community organizations apply to display banners across Maple Avenue. Banner space for 2005 will be awarded via a lottery.

Application forms will be available beginning October 1 in the Public Works Department at Town Hall. Organizations displaying banners this year will receive the new application form in the mail. Applications may be submitted any time through November.

Banner space will be awarded in December. Each banner will be displayed for two weeks.

No Dogs Allowed Unless on a Leash

Dog owners are reminded that it is illegal to let dogs run at large. Dogs must be restrained by a dependable leash and controlled by a responsible person when off the property of the owner. Dogs found running at large may be picked up by the Animal Warden, and owners charged with dog-at-large violations must appear in court. Fines increase with each offense to a maximum of \$250.

Dog Owners Must Clean Up After Pets

The Town of Vienna has a "pooper scooper" ordinance that requires dog owners to clean up after their pets when out for a walk. Please be a responsible pet owner and don't allow your dog to foul the lawns of neighbors.

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

Welcome New Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in July:

Excel Gas & Auto Care <i>automotive repairs</i> 410 Maple Ave., E. 703-766-1201	C&S Marketing <i>research analysis</i> 374 Maple Ave., E. #305 916-457-2009	Manadjian Jewelers <i>jewelry sales & repair</i> 111 Park St., N.E. #A 703-208-0549
Latif Ahmad <i>cleaning service</i> 214 Park Terrace Ct., S.E. #91 703-938-4936	Cedar LaneTax and Business Services <i>tax preparation</i> 262 Cedar Ln., S.E. #M15 no phone listed	

Congratulations to the following businesses, both commercial and home occupations, celebrating milestone anniversaries in September: *30 years* — Joy Unlimited; *20 years* — Mattress Discounters; *10 years* — Amir Gilanshah

Convenient Location & Friendly Service
SHOP IN VIENNA
Support Our Hometown Merchants

Citizen Comment

Walkers Need Sidewalks

In response to last month's comment encouraging people to walk more, a northeast Vienna resident writes: "I agree! All the more reason to complete safe sidewalks into town. Park Street and Hilltop Road, N.E., both need sidewalks that allow a continuous walking route into town. Partial patches of sidewalk that require numerous criss-crosses of these medium to high-traffic streets are not safe. Sidewalks on the west side of Beulah Road are also needed."

Rethink Decision on White Goods

A southwest Vienna resident writes: "Reference is made to the article in the August newsletter regarding the decision of the Town Council permitting the Department of Public Works to discontinue the practice of picking up so-called 'white goods,' i.e., major appliances, in Special Pickups. There was no request for public input on the matter.

"It appears that the issue is grossly understated. Yes, there is a charge of \$1 for each appliance at the Fairfax County Transfer Station. What is flawed is that there has been no consideration given to the cost to the individual citizen to transport the appliance to the Transfer Station. First of all, how many citizens in the Town of Vienna have the capability (appropriate sized vehicles) for such transport? Second, private haulers charge up to \$125-\$150 to make the trip, and appliance companies (dealers) charge \$40-\$50 (minimum) as a haul and disposal fee. These costs are considerably above the \$1 cited.

"I would strongly urge that on this matter of the white goods the authorization by the Town Council be withdrawn and appropriate public hearings be held."

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

fee of \$15 for town residents includes a biker's outfitting workshop at bikes@vienna on Church Street and three bike rides along the W&OD Trail.

Walking groups: The morning group will meet on Mondays, September 13-October 25, from 10 to 11 a.m. The fee of \$5 for town residents includes a guide and written materials.

The evening group will meet each Wednesday, September 1-November 3, from 5 to 6 p.m. There is no fee for this program.

Friday Adventure Walkers will meet September 10-October 15 from 10 to 11 a.m. at different locations around Fairfax County. The cost is \$12 for town residents.

Dynamic Walking at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens will be held September 23, 30 and October 7 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The cost for town residents is \$15 for all three sessions.

Rodney's Outrageous Ribs cooking demonstration and tasting Wednesday, September 29. Enjoy ribs, kebabs and other grilled favorites. \$18 for town residents.

Ongoing free activities for seniors include fitness class Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon; table tennis Tuesday and Thursday from noon to 1 p.m.; pickleball Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; canasta on Tuesday from 1 to 4 p.m.; mah jongg on Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m.; and "games for all" (dominoes, scrabble, checkers, chess, etc.) on Friday from 1 to 4 p.m.

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Tickets go on sale September 20 for the Vienna Theatre Company's production of the drama "Pack of Lies." Performances are scheduled for October 15, 16, 22, 23, 29 and 30 at 8 p.m. and October 24 at 2 p.m. (signed performance). Tickets are \$9 general admission and \$8 for students and senior citizens (65 and older).

Adult cooking classes begin this month. Join the chefs of "A Cook's Quest" for instruction in all types of food preparation from breakfast in bed to the perfect Thanksgiving turkey. Call for information on dates and fees for each class.



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

10 a.m. Saturday, September 25
Police Headquarters, 215 Center St., S.

This annual event promotes good relations between the police and area children

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

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Registration forms available at the Vienna Community Center

Capitol Holiday Tree Is Coming to Town



A 70-foot red spruce from Virginia's George Washington National Forest has been selected as the 2004 Capitol Holiday Tree. This is the first time Virginia has provided the holiday tree that will adorn the front lawn of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. The theme for this year's Holiday Tree is "From Virginia - Birthplace of Presidents."

The tree will travel to 34 communities throughout the Commonwealth so that all Virginians will have a chance to see the tree before it goes to Washington, D.C. The Town of Vienna is the last stop on the route to the Capitol. A truck carrying the tree will arrive around 4:30 p.m. Sunday, December 5, and park in front of the Freeman House on Church Street, N.E. The Town is planning a "Capitol Holiday Tree Festival" from 6 to 8 p.m. to give residents a chance to see the giant spruce up close and enjoy holiday music and revelry.

The Holiday Tree will showcase 4,500 ornaments handcrafted primarily by Virginia schoolchildren. All students who create ornaments will be eligible for a drawing for a free trip to Washington, D.C., to view the tree-lighting ceremony along with their parents or guardian.

Approximately 60-80 smaller Companion Trees will be distributed among Washington, D.C., government offices such as the Supreme Court, Botanical Garden, U.S. Senate dining areas, Secretary of Agriculture, Secretary of Interior, Yates Federal Building and the offices of Virginia's members of the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate. Community service groups as well as individuals are invited to create ornaments for these trees.

For more information on the 2004 Capitol Holiday Tree project visit www.capitolholidaytree2004.org.

On Saturday, September 11, Vienna's American Legion Dyer-Gunnell Post 180 will hold its third annual community commemoration of the 2001 terrorist attacks on America, to remember those who lost their lives and to show support for those engaged in the ongoing fight against terrorism.

The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. on the grounds of the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., preceded by the ringing of church bells at 8:45, 9:03, 9:43 and 10 a.m., the times at which the 2001 attacks occurred.

For more information, contact Post 180 at 703-938-9535.

Vienna Names in the News

Hunter Mill Supervisor Cathy Hudgins received the Humanitarian of the Year award from The Arc of Northern Virginia for helping to ensure quality services for those with developmental disabilities and their families. The Arc's mission is to secure and sustain the full range of rights, opportunities and choices for a satisfying and productive life with dignity for all people with cognitive, intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Joyce Miller, a Past Commander of Vienna's American Legion Dyer-Gunnell Post 180, has been named District Commander of the Year, Northern Virginia, and District Commander of the Year, Department of Virginia. She is the first woman to receive these honors.

District III of the National Capital Area Federation of Garden Clubs has been granted \$1,020 to be used for the Principal Financial Group's Historic Gardens Project. Vienna's **Ayr Hill, Five Hills, Five Seasons and Hunter Mill Garden Clubs** belong to District III. The money will be used to restore a home yard and garden at the Habitat for Humanity Stone Cottage restoration at 2847 Old Nutley St. The grant program was established to enhance gardens at historic sites in communities across the nation.

Just over 50 years ago, Town Councilman Noah Dove cut the ribbon when Steve Yeonas opened the Plum Street section of Vienna Woods. For three generations, the **Yeonas Family** has contributed to the development of Vienna, building some 1,000 houses in the area and the Vienna Shopping Center, the first shopping center in town, and donating the land for Yeonas Little League Park. The Yeonas organization was also the biggest single contributor to building the Vienna Community Center and Patrick Henry Library.

Historic Vienna Seeks Old Photos

Do you have old pictures of people, places or events from Vienna? Then Historic Vienna, Inc. (HVI) is looking for you! If you have photographs to donate or lend, please contact HVI, 703-938-5187, or Jean Johnston, Patrick Henry Library Branch Manager, 703-938-0405. Photos can be scanned and returned.

The photos will be displayed as part of Vienna's "Virginia 2007" community celebration of the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown in 1607. Jamestown was the first permanent settlement in the New World for what was to become the United States.

The Virginia 2007 committee meets regularly, usually at 2 p.m. on the fourth Thursdays of the month at Marco Polo Restaurant, 245 Maple Ave., W. All interested residents, businesses and community organizations are invited to attend. For more information, contact chairman Paul Snodgrass at 703-938-5187 or e-mail hviadmin@ct.vienna.va.us.

Their children are welcome to attend. For more information, call 703-281-5801 or 703-716-4872, or e-mail abegray@hotmail.com.

Breakfast buffet, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary of Vienna, will be held on Sunday, September 19, 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.

Vienna Photographic Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 1, in the Lecture Hall at Thoreau Middle School, 2505 Cedar Ln. Trudi Van Dyke, director of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, will speak on "Photography or Art - What Is the Difference and Does It Matter?" For more information, call Mo at 703-851-8874 or visit www.safeport.com/vps.

NARFE Chapter 1116 (National Association of Retired Federal Employees) will meet at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 14, at the Vienna Community Center. Paul Snodgrass, Chairman of Vienna's Virginia 2007 Community Committee will discuss plans for celebrating the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown.

New Life Wellness Center, 301 Maple Ave., W., will present "Improving Your Digestive System Naturally" on September 1, "Understanding Fibromyalgia: A Holistic Approach to Chronic Pain and Fatigue" on September 13 and "Natural Solutions to Allergy Problems" on September 20. Free of charge. Programs begin at 7:30 p.m. To register and for more information, call 703-242-7474 or visit www.newlife wellness.com.

Register now 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/vienmajaycees, and online registration is available at www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1128838.

Vienna AARP will meet at 1 p.m. Monday, September 20, at the Vienna Community Center. For more information, call Emilie Larson at 703-938-1379.

To teams according to their skill levels. The \$35 fee includes a shirt and hat. For more information, call Dave at 703-524-5576 or visit www.nvss.org.

The Shepherd's Center of Oalton-Vienna will hold registration for the fall term of its "Adventures in Learning" program for people age 50 and over on Thursday, September 16, from 10 a.m. to noon at Courthouse Rd., S.W. Classes will be held each Thursday, September 23-November 1, and include Tai Chi, Bridge, World Affairs, Drawing, and many more. The program fee is \$30 for up to four classes (\$20 for Friends of the Shepherd's Center). For more information, call 703-281-0538.

"Bagels and Blue Jeans" open house, sponsored by the Vienna Branch of the American Association of University Women, will be held at Patrick Henry Library on Saturday, September 11, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Drop by and learn about this year's programs and activities. For more information, call Sandra Wilson at 703-442-0476.

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, September 18, from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is free; donations accepted. See an operating HO scale model railroad. For information, call 703-938-5157 or visit www.vnmr.org.

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 227, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 16, at Neighbor's Restaurant in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center. Navy LCDR Mark Edelson, will speak on "Seabees in Iraq." For more information, call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or visit www.geocities.com/vva227.

La Leche League of Vienna will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, September 1, at the American Legion Post, 330 Center St., N. The topic for this month is "Baby Arrives: The Family and the Breastfed Baby." Pregnant and nursing women and Fairfax County fields. Players are assigned on Tuesday and Thursday mornings on its 32-game fall season. Games are played the Community Center lobby and online at www.vgsl.org. Coach Pitch, 10 & Under, 12 & Under and 13 & Over divisions are offered. All games will be played on Saturday.

Vienna Carnival, sponsored by the Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce, has been postponed until next year. The carnival is usually held at Nottoway Park in early September.

Community pancake breakfast, sponsored by the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department's Capital Campaign Committee will be held at the fire station, 400 Center St., S., from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, September 18. The event will kick off VFD'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.

Singer, songwriter and storyteller Don Bridges will appear at the historic Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., on Saturday, September 18, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Bridges has recorded five albums for children and recently released his first original CD, "Ardmore Afternoon," which features a mix of country, rock and folk.

5K run/walk, sponsored by Navy Federal Credit Union, is under new management! This annual event will be held on Saturday, October 2, be-rain or shine on Saturday, October 2, beginning at 9 a.m. behind Navy Federal's headquarters at 820 Follin Lane, S.E. A fun run for kids will be held before the regular race. To register and for more information, visit www.runwashington.com/other/navy5kinfo. Proceeds will go to CHO (Committee for Helping Others).

Northern Virginia Handcrafters Guild Arts & Crafts Showcse will be held on Saturday, September 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Robinson High School, 5035 Sideburn Rd., Fairfax (two blocks south of George Mason University). Admission is \$3 for adults and free for ages 12 and under. Proceeds will benefit the Robinson Class of 2005's All Night Alcohol and Drug-free Graduation Party.

Vienna Girls Softball League registration is still open for the 2004 season. Mail-in registration forms are available in the Community Center lobby and online at www.vgsl.org. Coach Pitch, 10 & Under, 12 & Under and 13 & Over divisions are offered. All games will be played on Saturday.

urdays, September 18-November 6. For more information, e-mail vgslfball@vva.hoo.com or call Gary Seigel at 703-255-0387.

35th annual used book sale, sponsored by the McLean Branch of the American Association of University Women, will be held September 17-19 at the McLean Community Center, 1234 IngleSide Ave. Hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 12:30-4 p.m. Sunday. Over 30,000 books, CD's and computer software programs will be available. Proceeds fund scholarships for women. For more information, call 703-726-6470.

Vienna Arts Society gallery in the Village Green Shopping Center is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The current show is "Spring Gardens," featuring oil paintings by Libby Eckert. "People" opens September 19 with oils, acrylics and mixed media by Virginia Yang.

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

Farmers' Market behind Town Hall, sponsored by the Vienna Jaycees, is open every Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., offering 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 703-591-2988.

Farmers' Market at Nottoway Park is open every Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., offering 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 703-591-2988.