

This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

NOVEMBER 1994 – Following a public hearing on November 21, the Town Council found Media General Cable's monthly basic service rate reasonable, but found the equipment and installation rates unreasonable and set new rates at lower levels, and found programming service rates unreasonable and authorized preparation of testimony to that effect to the Federal Communications Commission.

NOVEMBER 1984 – The Town has received 2,474 responses, representing the views of about 47% of the households in Vienna, to its citizen survey on the Town Cleanup Program. 94% of those responding indicated they want the cleanup service continued in some form, either as it now exists, or on a quadrant-by-quadrant basis with a specific starting date for each quadrant, or even on an individual basis with the resident arranging for pickup on a certain day.

NOVEMBER 1974 – November 12 is the date for the Vienna Vandalism Conference at Town Hall. Representatives of the Vienna Police Department, Town staff, Human Rights Commission and Vienna Jaycees will meet with the Mayor to discuss plans to halt the escalating vandalism rate in town. Last month, the Vienna Newsletter contained a two-page insert on vandalism reported in town during July and August alone, with property damage totalling \$4,387.50. Incidents included air let out of tires, eggs thrown at houses, broken windows and graffiti. Police suspect these figures reflect only 25% of the actual incidents.

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POLICE INFO LINE – 703-255-6363

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<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>
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<p>COMMUNITY CENTER 703-255-6360 (Voice) 703-255-5739 (TDD)</p>		

Recycle Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Batteries

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries is Saturday, December 4, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill St., N.E., For more information, call 703-255-6381.

PLEASE NOTE: RECYCLING IS NO LONGER CONDUCTED AT THE NUTLEY STREET PROPERTY YARD.

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.



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

Holiday Schedule

Town Hall will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26, for the Thanksgiving holidays. NO CURBSIDE RECYCLING ON THANKSGIVING DAY.

Leaf Collection

Fall leaf collection continues this month, November 8-12 and November 29-December 10 in north Vienna, and November 15-26 on the south side of town. To ensure pickup, all leaves must be at the curbside prior to the first scheduled collection day for your area. Once your street has been covered, crews will not double back. Because of the leaf collection, no Special Pickups will be made until January 2005. For more information, call the Public Works Department at 703-255-6381.

Snow Brochure Inside

See pages 5 and 6 for a brochure on the Town's snow removal program. Tear it out, fold it up, and save it all winter as a handy reference.

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

November 2004

Kick Off the Holiday Season With Back-to-Back Celebrations

Capitol Holiday Tree Festival November 28



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.

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 5 p.m. Sunday, November 28, and park in front of the Freeman House on Church Street, N.E.

The street will be closed between Lawyers Road and Mill Street for 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 entertainment, horse-drawn carriage rides, a petting zoo, ornament making and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. For more information, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360.

Church Street Holiday Stroll November 29

The annual Church Street Holiday Stroll will be held on Monday, November 29, from 6 to 9 p.m. Church Street will be closed between Lawyers Road and Mill Street, and visitors are invited to stroll amid the sights and sounds of the holiday season and visit our Church Street merchants. Santa will listen to children's Christmas wishes at the Freeman House and Mayor Seeman will light the holiday tree at 6:45 p.m.

The Holiday Stroll is sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc., and the Town of Vienna. For more information, call Historic Vienna at 703-938-5187.

The Walk Vienna! Committee encourages you to walk to these community events

Real Estate Tax Due Next Month

The second installment on 2004 Town of Vienna real estate tax bills is due on December 6. Mailed payments must be postmarked on or before that date to avoid penalties and interest. Late payments will be assessed a penalty of 10% or \$5, whichever is greater, along with interest at 10%, which accrues until payment is made.

If you pay your real estate taxes directly to the Town rather than through a mortgage company and you do not receive your bill by November 15, please call the Real Estate Office at Town Hall, 703-255-6325.

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TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

AUGUST 16, 2004

- On reconsideration of its vote of July 26 regarding an appeal of a decision of the Windover Heights Board of Review, affirmed the Board's decision to grant a certificate of appropriateness for a new house at 315 Windover Ave., N.W. (Approved 4-3, Cole, Lovelace and Robinson voting nay.) Requested that a work session be held to examine the Windover Board of Review ordinance for deficiencies, with input from historic district residents and other interested citizens.

- Endorsed amendments to the charter agreement of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission.

- Modified the approved expenditure for recording equipment for the police communications center.

- Approved a contract for consulting services in the amount of \$53,800 for the Police Department's CAD/RMS technology project.

- Approved proclamations for Constitution Week, 35th anniversary of the Vienna Chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, and to memorialize the victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

- Directed that the delinquent real estate tax list be published and transmitted to Fairfax County for recording. Liens will be recorded against properties delinquent for more than two years. Taxes less than \$5 will be written off.

- Appointed Carole Wolfand to the Maple Avenue Vision Committee.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2004

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

- Appointed Rose Mulville to the board of directors of Historic Vienna, Inc., and reappointed Laine Hyde to the Board

of Architectural Review, both for two-year terms.

- Adopted a proclamation honoring Vienna Assembly of God Church on its 60th anniversary.

- Approved the installation of "Do Not Enter" signs on both sides of the bus lane exit at Louise Archer Elementary School, a raised crosswalk across Nutley Street near Knoll Street and a sidewalk north on Nutley from Knoll.

- Allocated funds not to exceed \$5,000 for the Capitol Holiday Tree Celebration.

- Approved the purchase of a riding lawn mower from Scott's Turf Equipment in the amount of \$8,451.12.

- Placed the house known as Maple Shade, 403 Creek Crossing Rd., N.E., on the Town's historic register.

- Approved the purchase of Vibrawalk2 pushbutton pedestrian signals from Atlantic Technical Sales of Chantilly at a cost of \$12,560.

- Approved bid awards and contract extensions for the Public Works Department for fiscal year 2004-05.

- Accepted public improvements for Vienna Marketplace into the Town's maintenance system.

- Awarded a contract for a water and sewer rate study to the auditing firm of Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

- Established petty cash funds of \$500 at Town Hall and \$250 each at the Community Center and the Police Department.

Town Council agendas and minutes are available online.

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

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise	1 2005 dog tags go on sale	2 Election Day Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.	3	4	5	6
7 Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week	8 Town Council	9 Mayor's Advisory Committee	10 Planning Commission	11 Veterans' Day Town/Business Liaison Committee 7 p.m.	12	13
14	15 Town Council work session	16	17 Board of Zoning Appeals	18 Board of Architectural Review	19	20
21	22 Town Council	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Town Hall closed NO CURBSIDE RECYCLING	26 Town Hall closed	27
28 Capitol Holiday Tree Festival on Church Street 6-8 p.m.	29 Church Street Holiday Stroll 6-9 p.m.	30 Transportation Safety Commission	LEAF COLLECTION North side of town Nov. 8-12 & Nov. 29-Dec. 10 South side of town Nov. 15-26 Leaves must be at the curbside by first collection date to ensure pickup.			

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TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

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Send news and comments to *Vienna Newsletter* c/o Town Hall.
 FAX 703-255-5722 e-mail pio@ci.vienna.va.us
 Deadline for December issue is Monday, November 15.

Welcome New Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in September:

Wedo Nutaltis, Jr.
optometrist
114 Courthouse Rd., S.W.
703-573-6271

Luong Interior Flooring
carpet sales
422 Maple Ave., E.
703-242-9277

Congratulations to the following businesses celebrating milestone anniversaries in November: 30 years – Anita's Mexican Food, Frames By You; 10 years – President de la Piste, R.W. Brown & Associates, The Dandelion Patch.

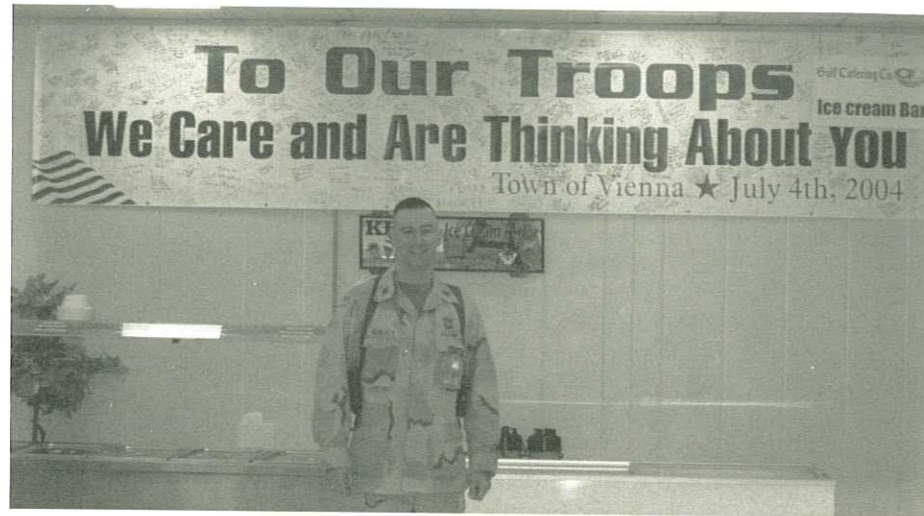
Annual Financial Report Wins Award

The Town of Vienna has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its comprehensive annual financial report for fiscal year 2003. This is the highest form of recognition in the field of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment is important to the Town in maintaining its excellent bond rating.

Vienna's financial report was judged by an impartial panel to demonstrate a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" effort to communicate clearly its financial story to citizens. Copies of the financial report are available for public review at Town Hall.

Banner Deadline

Application forms to display banners across Maple Avenue next year are available in the Public Works Department at Town Hall. Applications may be submitted by non-profit community organizations any time through November. Banner space will be awarded in December via a lottery.



THANKS VIENNA! My name is Mike McNealy and I am a Major in the United States Army currently stationed in Iraq. I moved to Vienna with my family in 1977 and attended Wolftrap Elementary, Kilmer Intermediate and Marshall High School; played Vienna Youth soccer, basketball and baseball; and was an Eagle Scout in Troop 152. I still call Vienna home wherever I go – Arizona, Hawaii, North Carolina, Egypt, Missouri, Texas. So, you can imagine my absolute amazement when I saw this huge banner at the dining facility on Victory Base South from the Town of Vienna dated 4 July 2004 sending the town's support to the troops in the field. I had only been in the country for three days and yet my hometown was already there to encourage me. Thank you, Vienna.

Dog Tags Go on Sale November 1

2005 dog tags will be available beginning Monday, November 1, in the Finance Department at Town Hall. Dog tags are also available by mail; use the form below. For more information, call the Finance Department at 703-255-6323.

TOWN OF VIENNA DOG LICENSE APPLICATION

Town of Vienna licenses are required for all dogs four months of age or older and must be renewed each year between November 1 and January 31. The cost of a license for a spayed/neutered dog is \$5.00. The cost of a license for a fertile dog (male or female) is \$10.00. Certification must be provided that the animal has been vaccinated against rabies and, for a \$5.00 license, neutered by a veterinarian or is infertile. Your certificate(s) will be returned with the tag.

Director of Finance, Town of Vienna, 127 Center St., S., Vienna, VA 22180

Attached hereto is \$ _____ for which please send me _____ dog tag(s).

Attached also is a current rabies inoculation certificate and certification of neutering, if applicable, for each dog covered by this application.

Name & address of owner (please print or type)

Daytime phone

Comment from the Council Table

Commercial Parking

By George E. Lovelace
Vienna Town Councilman

Commercial development along the Maple Avenue corridor is diverse, a combination of old and new structures, some of which have parking between the building and the street, and others with the parking beside or behind the building. The "strip" shopping centers are built behind expansive parking lots with little landscaping. The Church Street commercial area consists of low-density commercial uses such as specialty shops and office buildings.

The improvements on Maple Avenue have had an impact on the quality and quantity of businesses. Customers pour into the eateries all along Maple Avenue and Church Street. Tasteful signs give the town a bustling destination for residents and visitors. The Town's vision for commercial establishments is showing signs of fulfillment. Every effort, however, must be made to ensure the continuation of this vision.

Adequate commercial parking can unlock the economic potential of the business community in the town of Vienna. However, there is a perception that parking in our commercial areas is inadequate and could threaten the quality of businesses operating in town.

Planning for commercial parking is not a new subject for town planners. The Comprehensive Plan recognizes the importance of parking in the business district as it discusses Future Land Uses: "Adequate parking must be provided for merchants, residents and shoppers."

Commercial parking criteria are spelled out in Town Code Section 18-128 through 18-137.1. Section 18-130 requires one space for every 200 square feet of gross floor area. Our parking standards are more stringent than Fairfax County's. The size of our parking spaces is also more generous. Our standards recognize that we have a finite area and place the emphasis on ensuring parking spaces befitting the particular commercial establishment.

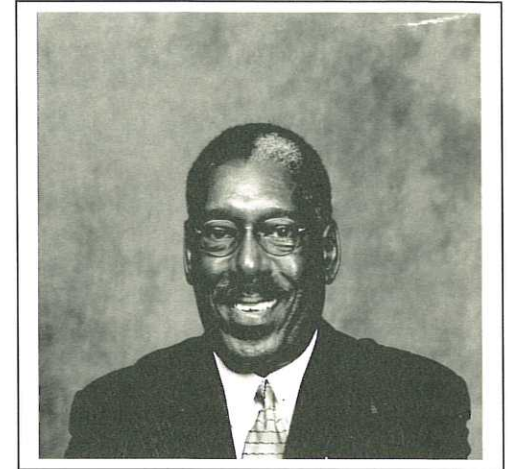
Utilizing our standards, in general, the current commercial parking provided is adequate. However there are exceptions. Vienna Marketplace at Maple Avenue and Park Street has 48 on-site parking spaces. According to our standards, 60 on-site

parking spaces are required for the 11,995 square-foot building. As a part of the various site plan modifications approved by the Mayor and Council, the on-site parking was approved for the 48 spaces, up from the 35 available when Southern States was there. Fifteen off-site spaces were made available from Vienna Presbyterian Church through a parking agreement. Additionally, several non-conforming buildings and businesses in the vicinity make this area experience the tightest parking within the town.

A number of properties have been redeveloped in the past decade to either achieve total compliance with the Town's parking standards or move towards compliance. Two examples of the latter are Whole Foods, with a parking count that is three spaces shy of the required minimum, and the Windover Square development that is one space shy. The retail and office building development at 111-113 Church Street, N.W., includes a parking deck and the total number of spaces exceeds Town Code requirements.

Even though we have the regulatory tools to ensure that parking requirements support commercial development, there are challenges we must face with respect to properties along the Maple Avenue corridor that have the potential for redevelopment. These are small properties that front along Maple Avenue to include those in the vicinity of the Vienna Marketplace. The direction these properties will take is unknown. However, policies that encourage development and redevelopment should be put in place. The Comprehensive Plan recommends that a master plan be prepared to synchronize the redevelopment and revitalization of the business district, which I support.

A number of studies will examine parking needs in the Vienna commercial core, including those associated with the 2006 update to the Comprehensive Plan and the Maple Avenue Vision Committee. The Vision Committee is evaluating the types of future development patterns, general building design and parking facilities available for multiple buildings for commercial as well as residential development in downtown Vienna. A key concept for



Councilman Lovelace

further development is DESIGN GUIDELINES. Developers who follow the guidelines could receive development incentives. We have seen this concept implemented for development on Church Street.

In concert with DESIGN GUIDELINES for development, the Town's parking ordinance for commercial areas should be revised to foster more efficient use of available parking. During the development of a Town Green between Maple Avenue and Park Street, we should examine existing and proposed parking patterns in the general vicinity. There are several alternatives to address the provision of adequate parking. The Town can purchase property that is in the commercial area accessible to both Maple Avenue and Church Street and construct a municipal parking structure that could be revenue generating and recoup the construction cost and provide a long-term revenue stream for the general fund. An eventual result could be a reduction of Town taxes. Another alternative would be to construct a municipal parking facility could be a public-private venture.

The result of ensuring that parking is accessible for shoppers is pedestrian access to commercial establishments, reduced traffic congestion and increased potential revenue for our local business establishments.

Having adequate parking facilities in the business district is a high priority with the Vienna Town government. The configuration of commercial parking solutions will be guided by the principle to preserve Vienna's small-town character. I would ask that you keep this item on your personal agenda and share any ideas you have with the Council and staff.

Many Factors Led to New Policy on White Goods

Residents are reminded that the Department of Public Works will no longer collect white goods as part of the Special Pickup program. 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.

Many factors led to the Town Council's decision to eliminate white goods from the Special Pickup program. One factor was the number of complaints received about the unsightly appearance of white goods at the curbside. Residents were not calling to request a pickup as soon as the items were placed outside, thus delaying their removal.

Space at the Northside Property Yard is limited, making it hard to store white goods until a load is accumulated for disposal. Also, new appliances are being made with more plastics, which cannot be recycled as white goods.

The required removal of chlorofluorocarbons (CFC's) from refrigerator units by a certified technician before disposal is very time consuming and more costly each year. Work must be done after hours due to other responsibilities of Public Works employees.

Most appliance dealers will remove an old unit when another is delivered. Also, 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.

Your Transportation Safety Commission reminds motorists that wet leaves can be as slippery as ice! Please drive with care this fall. Also, be sure to rake leaves just to the curbside, not into the street where children playing in the leaves may be struck by a passing vehicle.

Citizen Comment

"White Goods" Comments Continue

A southeast Vienna resident writes: "I have lived in town for 29 years and find the special pickup service, including white goods, most welcome. This service along with a responsive town government, including public works, police and fire departments, make the town a special place in which to live. I urge the Mayor and Council to restore white goods pickup."

From southwest Vienna: "I strongly urge Vienna to reconsider its decision to end pickup of white goods for disposal. For my husband and me, getting such items to the curb requires major assistance since we are both in our late 60s and physically not strong enough; getting most anything to the dump is an impossibility since our vehicles just aren't big enough to accommodate most items. We would not object to paying a surcharge to have items picked up and disposed of, but placing the burden on the individual town resident to arrange for disposal of items at the dump would seem to encourage the accumulation of items in or around the premises."

Another viewpoint from southwest: "I'll admit up front that I am a new resident of Vienna, as of spring 2003; however, I am amazed at the outcry concerning the elimination of the white goods special pickup. The last issue of your newsletter contained a piece by Councilwoman Maud F. Robinson addressing the small town character of Vienna and is consistent with what I have heard numerous residents refer to as "Vienna's charm." I'm assuming piles of trash the size of a small automobile lingering on our streets for weeks at a time is NOT what people find charming about Vienna. I know the decision to eliminate the white goods pickup was cost-based; however, the overwhelmingly positive impact it will have on the appearance of Vienna's neighborhoods is well worth the inconvenience of having to arrange for the disposal of such large items ourselves. Now, about those other piles of trash..."

A northeast Vienna resident writes: "I agree with the people who expressed their discontent with the decision to stop the white goods pickups. Only a small percentage of households replace their appliances in any year. Surely the Town's budget can handle that. Also, it would be nice if we had special trash pickups only in the spring and fall, like it was done years ago. This way you don't have junk on the streets all summer long."

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!!

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2
Polls Open 6 a.m.-7 p.m.

ON THE BALLOT: President & Vice President
U.S. Representative
Virginia Constitutional Amendments
Fairfax County Bond Referenda

Voters will be asked to furnish identification at the polls.

For the location of your polling place and other election information, call the Fairfax County General Registrar's Office at 703-222-0776 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For 24-hour recorded information, call 703-324-4700 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb

(\$12 in advance), \$10 for students and senior citizens (\$9 in advance), and \$25 for families. For information, call 703-255-5508.

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, November 13, 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.nvmr.org.

Vienna Community Band, featuring new Bandmaster John A. Saint Amour and a guest soloist, will present a free concert on Sunday, November 7, at 7 p.m. in the Vienna Community Center auditorium. For more information, call 703-281-5046.

Northeast Vienna Citizens Association (NEVCA) will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, December 1, at the Vienna Community Center. All town residents are welcome to attend. For more information, e-mail Ed Adamson at chiefeaa@aol.com.

Used book sale at Patrick Henry Library, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, November 6. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. For information, call 703-938-0405.

The perfect gift could be a book! Join the librarians at Patrick Henry Library to discuss some of their favorite books for all ages at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 17. Free of charge; bibliography hand-out available. To register and for more information, call the library at 703-938-0405.

History Fair, sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc., and Patrick Henry Library, will be held on Saturday, November 6, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. (rain date November 7 from noon to 5 p.m.). Free of charge. Enjoy music, light refreshments, old-fashioned games, arts and crafts, living history activities and more. For information, call 703-938-5187.

La Leche League of Vienna will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, November 3, at the American Legion Post, 330 Center St., N. The topic for this month is "Nutrition and Weaning." 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 abegray@hotmail.com.

16th annual DMZ to Delta Dance, sponsored by Vietnam Veterans of America, Northern Virginia Chapter 227, will be held on Wednesday, November 10, from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn. All veterans, their families and friends are welcome. Tickets are \$25 per person, and proceeds go to support the chapter's veterans and community service programs. For more information, call 703-912-1681 or visit www.geocities.com/vva227.

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 227, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, November 18, at Neighbor's Restaurant in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center. Lt. Col. John C. Bessette, USAF, Ret. will discuss the Air Force's strategic reconnaissance program over Eastern Europe from 1946 to 1990. For more information, call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or visit www.geocities.com/vva227.

New Life Wellness Center, 301 Maple Ave., W., will present "Natural Solutions to Allergy Problems" on November 8 and "Balancing Hormones Naturally" on November 15. 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.

Welcome Club of Northern Virginia invites newcomers and other interested residents to its annual silent auction, bake sale and luncheon beginning at 11 a.m. Thursday, November 4, at the International Country Club in Fairfax. For reservations and more information, call 703-934-0984 or 703-321-9123. In addition to monthly luncheons, the club's activities include book discussions, crafts, golf and tennis, wine tastings, and trips to the theater and other attractions in our area.

Blood drive in support of the first annual Vienna Relay for Life will be held on Saturday, November 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Victoria Station, 115 Beulah Rd., N.E. To schedule an appointment, call 703-242-7500. Vienna's Relay for Life will be held next June at James Madison High School as part of the American Can-

cer Society's nationwide fundraising event to honor and remember those whose lives have been touched by cancer. For information, contact Stacy Capra at 703-255-0995 or CapraParty@verizon.net.

Entertainment Coupon Books will be sold through November 19 in support of Louise Archer Elementary School. Save money on restaurants, hotels, groceries, automotive services, home and garden products and more. Coupon books cost \$25 each, a portion of which will be donated to the school. For more information, call Maureen Choudhury at 703-766-8019 or e-mail silspn1@aol.com.

Santa's on his way! The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department (VVFD) has once again been selected by the North Pole to escort Santa Claus around the Vienna area during the two weeks leading up to Christmas. Jolly Old Saint Nick will be riding around town in the VVFD's 1946 Maxim fire engine. To find out when Santa, his "sleigh" and firefighter elves will be visiting your neighborhood, go to the fire department Web site at www.vvfd.org.

Real Estate Tax

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If your Vienna taxes are paid through your mortgage company and you receive the tax bill, please notify your mortgage company immediately.

If you have sold the property and are not responsible for the tax bill you receive, please notify the real estate office immediately.

To pay by credit card online, go to www.ci.vienna.va.us and click on "Services." To pay by phone with a credit card, call 1-888-2PAYTAX (1-888-272-9829), and use the Jurisdiction Code 1094 for real estate. Make sure you record the confirmation number given to you at the end of the transaction, as this will serve as your proof of payment.

Town of Vienna property owners must also pay Fairfax County real estate tax. For information on County tax payments, call 703-222-8234 or visit the County web site, www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Holiday time at Freeman House!

Stop by the Freeman House general store, 131 Church St., N.E., for a selection of unique gift ideas for the holidays, including Vienna and Virginia souvenirs, made-in-Virginia products, old-fashioned toys and books for children, and much more, including hand-painted wooden ornaments and an original Christmas card. All proceeds benefit Historic Vienna, Inc.

The Freeman House general store is open Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 703-938-5187.

"Treasury of Art," annual juried show and sale sponsored by the Vienna Arts Society, is scheduled for November 19, 20 and 21 at the Vienna Community Center. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Free admission. All work is for sale. For information, call Dore Skidmore, 703-281-1921, or Debi Elliott, 703-319-1420.

Works by Vienna Arts Society members are displayed and sold at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., N.W., and the gallery in the Village Green Shopping Center. For information, call 703-319-3971 or visit www.viennaartsociety.org. A special exhibit depicting Vienna scenes is on view through December at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E.

Art & Craft Showcase, sponsored by the Northern Virginia Handcrafters Guild, will be held November 26, 27 and 28 at the Vienna Community Center. Admission is \$1 per person. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Seventy-five juried Guild members will present fine art, collectibles, gift items and decorative accessories for the home. See samples at www.mvhg.org.

Fall Festival/Craft Show, sponsored by the Vienna Woman's Club, will be held at the Vienna Community Center on Saturday, November 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission. Proceeds are used for scholarships and community service projects. The Vienna Host Lions Club will sell ornaments and large coloring books at the festival.

Fall Bazaar, sponsored by the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, will be held on Saturday, November 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the fire station, 400 Center St., S. Free admission. The bazaar will feature gift items and decorations for the home. Lunch will be available as well as treats from the baked goods table. For information or to reserve a space, call 703-818-0555.

Food drive for CHO (Committee for Helping Others), sponsored by the Northeast Vienna Citizens Association, November 1-December 31. Especially needed are canned meats, canned fruits, powdered milk, diapers and laundry detergents. Donations may be brought to Town Hall, Vienna Community Center, Patrick Henry Library, Bikes@Vienna and Connell's Valet. For more information, contact Frank and Linda Ebersole at LPEbersole@aol.com. Thanks to Tiger Cub Den #11 for assisting in this drive.

Citrus sale, sponsored by the Vienna Ayrhill Lions Club, will be held November 19-21 at the Danor Plaza Shopping Center (Blockbuster). Oranges, grapefruit and pecans will be available.

Weekly lunchtime Weight Watchers program, hosted by the Town of Vienna, meets at 11:30 a.m. each Thursday at the Vienna Community Center. Open to the public, the cost is \$150 for each 12-week series, payable in advance. To register and for more information, call the Administrative Services Office at Town Hall, 703-255-6350.

Vienna Woman's Club will meet at 1 p.m. Wednesday, November 17, at the Vienna Community Center. The program will be "Organizing and Uncluttering Your Home." For more information, call Marie Ordeman at 703-938-1581 or e-mail mor_deman@aol.com.

Vienna AARP will meet at 1 p.m. Monday, November 15, at the Vienna Community Center. Bob McCormick will discuss the Global Plan Initiative. For more information, call Emilie Larson at 703-938-1379.

Totally Eccentric Adventurous Red Hatters of Vienna announce the publication of their 2005 calendar, dispelling the notion that only bathing suit models are beautiful. The Red Hat Society is a national organization for women over age 50 who just want to have fun. Calendars cost \$13 each or two for \$25 plus \$2.50 each for shipping. Send checks payable to T.E.A./Calendar, c/o Pat Peacock, 905 Shady Dr., S.E., Vienna, VA 22180. Calendars are also available at the Black Eyed Susan and C&E Printing. Proceeds will go to the Northwest Center for Community Mental Health.

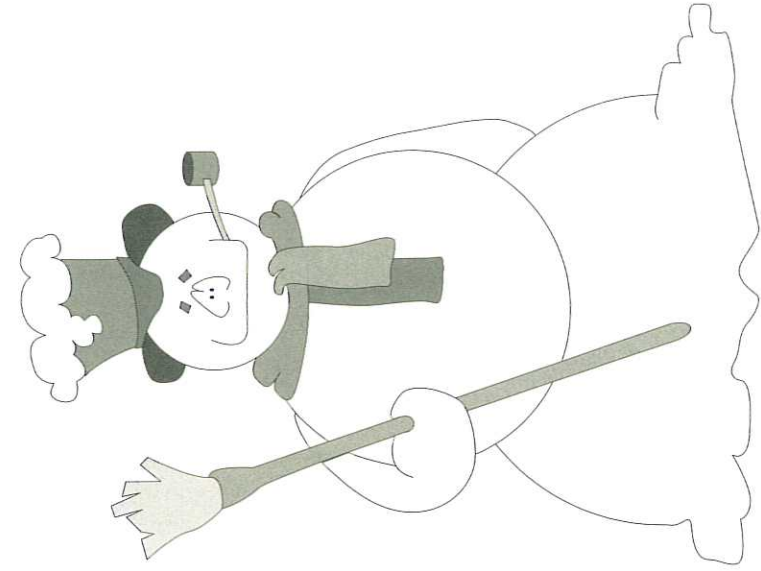
Entertainment Books make great holiday gifts, with discounts on restaurants, movies, oil changes, car washes, and other goods and services. Books cost \$25 each and are available from NARFE (National Association of Retired Federal Employees), which donates all profits to Alzheimer's research. To order, call Shirley Martin at 703-938-6580.

Second annual Vienna Jaycees 5K Turkey Trot is 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/vienna_jaycees, and online registration is available at www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1128838.

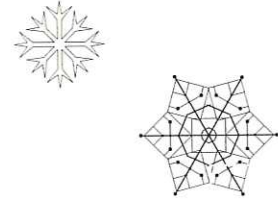
Breakfast buffet, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary of Vienna, will be held on Sunday, November 21, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Dyer-Gunnell Post 180, 330 Center St., N. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. For more information, call Martha Hatter at 703-242-7461. The Legion Auxiliary will place flags on the graves of veterans at Flint Hill Cemetery on November 8. The regular meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 10.

Vienna Choral Society will present its "Regards to Broadway" concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, November 6, at the Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Rd., N.E. Tickets are \$15 general admission

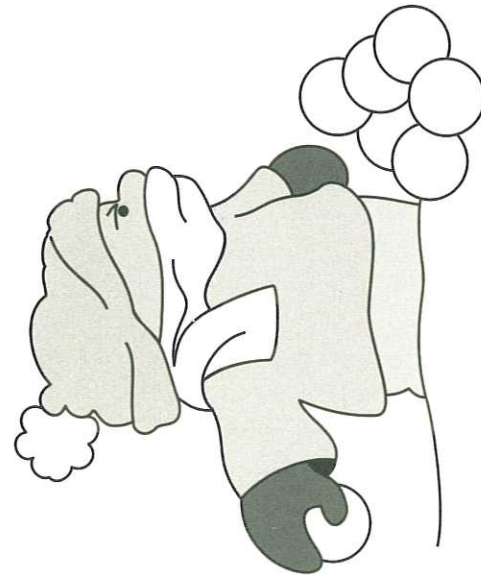
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Closings & Cancellations

For information on town government closings, cancellations and other snow-related items, residents can call the Vienna Newsline, 703-255-6333, or visit the Town website, www.ci.vienna.va.us, 24 hours a day. Also stay tuned to local TV and radio stations for updates.

The Vienna Community Center follows Fairfax County Public Schools' snow schedule. If schools are closed, activities at the Community Center will be canceled.

Snow Removal Award

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 a Snow Removal Award. To make a nomination and for more information, e-mail tble@ci.vienna.va.us or call the Planning and Zoning Department at 703-255-6341.

Keep These Phone Numbers Handy

Fire & Rescue Emergency 911
Vienna Police Emergency 703-938-4900
Public Works Department 703-255-6381
Weekends/Evenings 703-255-6366

NEWS FROM VIENNA PARKS & REC

Activities are held at the Vienna Community Center unless stated otherwise.

JUST FOR KIDS

Roller skating for children ages 3-10 will be held on Monday, November 1, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Free of charge. Participants furnish their own skates or rollerblades and safety equipment. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

POTPOURRI

Personal Safety for Women will be held in four parts – November 8, 10, 15 and 17 – from 7 to 10 p.m. (*All sessions must be attended.*) Your instructor will be Officer Virginia Palmore of the Vienna Police Department. The class includes basic education in crime prevention and risk reduction measures plus practice in physical self-defense techniques. Participants

should expect to become more confident both physically and psychologically in an attack situation. The fee is \$5 for town residents plus a \$15 materials fee.

Auditions for the Vienna Theatre Company's winter production, "Steel Magnolias," will be held November 2 and 3 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. and November 4 from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Childcare provider fundamentals, a workshop designed for adults looking to begin a childcare center in their homes, will be presented from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, November 6. Topics will include children's daily routines, effective policies and contracts, USDA options, licensing, budgeting resources, arts and crafts ideas and general first aid. The fee is \$50 per person.

Vienna's Community Enhancement Commission
Invites You to Join in the Annual Fall



TOWN CLEANUP DAY
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6th
9 a.m. to 12 noon
RAIN OR SHINE!

- Individuals, families & community service groups welcome
- Cleanup assignments can be tailored to you & your group
- Garbage bags & gloves provided
- Check-in at the Vienna Community Center for bag & glove pickup
- Walk-ins welcome on Cleanup Day
- Organizations asked to sign up in advance

Information, 703-255-6360
Vienna Parks & Recreation

SPECIAL EVENTS

Quarterly coin and stamp show November 6 and 7. 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.

MANAGING YOUR MONEY & YOUR ESTATE

What to Feed a Living Trust will be presented by attorney David Hoffman on Monday, November 8, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Topics will include Virginia trust law, funding your trust, trusts and mortgages, trusts and the IRS, record keeping and more. This seminar is free of charge, and no advance registration is required.

AT THE TEEN CENTER

After-school program for grades 6-8 is held throughout the school year, Monday through Thursday from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., and includes homework time, arts and crafts, snacks, field trips and more. Free of charge.

Babysitting fundamentals, for boys and girls age 12 and older, will be offered on Saturday, November 20, 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.

Jewelry design for 6th graders Friday, November 12, from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Free of charge. Create your own jewelry using glass beads, hemp rope and other materials.

Concert night for high school students featuring live bands is scheduled for Saturday, November 6, from 7 to 11 p.m. Admission \$5.

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Snow Removal

Sanding and salting operations begin immediately at the onset of snow and ice. Plowing begins when snow has accumulated two inches or more, with the primary streets listed below receiving top priority:

Maple Avenue
Nutley Street (Marshall to Malcolin)
Park Street (Maple to Fardale)
Center Street (North and South)
Kingsley Road (Nutley to Cottage)
Courthouse Road
Locust Street (Branch to Park)
Lawyers Road
Malcolin Road
Old Courthouse Road
Creek Crossing Road
Cottage Street
Church Street
Tapawingo Road (Park to Nutley)
Follin Lane
Branch Road
Beulah Road
Cherry Street (Center to Park)
Marshall Road
Electric Avenue

Once these streets are passable, snowplows can then move into residential subdivisions following established routes. If the primaries require salting/sanding/plowing again after one pass, this will be done before going to the secondary streets.

Snow Emergency Routes

Snow emergency routes within the town are marked by signs. No parking is allowed on these main streets during snows so that plows can do a more efficient job. Vehicles must have chains or tires approved for use during snow emergencies.

Parking During Snows

When snowplows are at work, residents are asked not to park on any street posted as a "snow emergency route," and on non-snow emergency routes residents are asked to park only on the side of the street with even-numbered addresses. This parking plan is voluntary but strongly recommended to enable snowplows to maneuver more easily. It is best not to clear your private driveway until the snow plow has cleared the street because it is not possible to keep snow from closing up the driveway area.

Clearing Sidewalks

Residents who are physically able are requested to shovel sidewalks next to their property for the safety of pedestrians, especially schoolchildren. Vienna area teens are available to shovel snow and help with other odd jobs through the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department's Job Bank. The teen and the person needing the work decide on the amount to be paid for the service. Teens can sign up with the Job Bank at the Community Center, and residents can call 703-255-6360 to be matched with a young worker.

Town businesses that hire snowplows to clear their parking lots are asked to make sure that snow is not piled onto adjoining sidewalks or pushed into the street. This creates a serious hazard for pedestrians.

Clearing Fire Hydrants & Water Meters

Residents who can be asked to assist the Water and Sewer Division in clearing ice and snow from fire hydrants near their homes. In case of an emergency, firefighters will be able to respond much quicker if the hydrants are accessible.

During winter weather, please keep water meter enclosures clear of snow and ice. If the meter cannot be read due to obstructions, an estimated bill must be rendered.

Some Frequently Asked Questions About Snow Removal

- Q: Which streets are plowed first and why?
A: Primary streets, which are most important for emergency situations, followed by secondary streets and cul de sacs.
- Q: Why don't they plow from curb to curb?
A: Plow crews are trying to open area streets for emergency access with the initial pass. When primary streets are clear, crews will return for additional plowing.
- Q: Why do I sometimes see a snowplow going down the street with its blade up?
A: It may be going to a preassigned area, applying sand or returning to the property yard for more sand.
- Q: Why don't they plow my cul de sac better?
A: Maneuverability in cul de sacs is very difficult for snow plows, and cars parked on the street can make plowing nearly impossible.
- Q: Why do they plow the snow onto my yard?
A: This occurs mainly on corner lots in order to widen the intersection for increased safety.
- Q: Where should I put the snow when I dig my car out so it won't be plowed in again?
A: To the edge of the roadway.
- Q: Is there an ordinance requiring residents to shovel sidewalks?
A: The Town of Vienna has no such requirement, mainly because it would impose a hardship on elderly and disabled residents.
- Q: Who is responsible for clearing business parking lots?
A: The business owner.

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