

This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

APRIL 1995 – The Fairfax County Health Department's Air Quality and Chemical Hazards Section recently reported to the Town results of its six-year study of air quality around the Vienna Metro Station, which indicate that "air quality in the Vienna Metro area has not been adversely impacted." The opening of the station in 1986 had prompted citizen concerns about air quality due to projected increases in traffic volume.

APRIL 1985 – The Town Council has selected John H. Schoeberlein to become Town Manager beginning April 22. He is currently County Administrator of Winnebago County, IL, and previously served as City Manager of Pompano Beach, FL.

APRIL 1975 – Congressman Joe Fisher told the Town Council at a recent meeting that he will "do anything I can do" to get the Dulles Access Road open to commuter traffic. The road is currently open only to airport traffic. The Town would like to see the highway opened to reduce traffic now using town streets.

APRIL 1965 – Under recently adopted parking regulations, Maple Avenue on both sides within the town limits will be posted with prohibited parking for more orderly flow of traffic and pedestrian safety.

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

New County Ambulance Policy Based on "Compassionate Billing"

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department's new emergency ambulance service billing is scheduled to begin April 1, founded on the principal of "compassionate billing." The County has adopted the policy of waiving co-payments and deductibles for residents with health insurance, while designing a billing program to avoid financial hardship for residents who are uninsured.

For residents with medical insurance, including Medicare and Medicaid, the insurance payment will serve as payment in full for ambulance transport. For the uninsured, a waiver form is available for those who cannot afford the service. No one will ever be denied ambulance service based on ability to pay. If you need emergency medical assistance, call 911 without hesitation. And if transport to a medical facility is not required, there is no charge for care provided.

More information is available online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fire. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a group presentation, send an e-mail to EMS.TransportBilling@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-246-2266.

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Tax Relief Forms Due April 1

Both the Town of Vienna and Fairfax County offer real estate tax relief for low-income homeowners who are 65 years old and over, or permanently and totally disabled. Both Town and County applications must be filed. Applications for 2005 for all programs are due April 1. This date may be extended to December 31 of the year following the year the application was due for first-time filers or if hardship conditions exist which, through no fault of the applicant, prohibit applying by April 1. For more information, call 703-255-6325.

Street Sweeping

Spring street sweeping is underway. The town has been divided into eight sections for cleaning, and residents are requested not to park on the street during the scheduled time for their section to allow the street sweeper to do a thorough job. As the time for each section approaches, signs will be placed on streets as a reminder, and residents can also call 703-255-6381 for information.

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.

NEWSLETTER

April 2005

Officer Receives Valor Award



Town of Vienna Police Detective Tina L. Brook (pictured at left) was honored recently at the 27th annual Valor Awards sponsored by the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Supervisors. She was one of 53 public safety heroes countywide honored at the ceremony.

Det. Brook's award recognizes her "selfless actions and exceptional judgment during an emergency situation which resulted in the preservation of human life."

The incident occurred December 3, 2003, when Det. Brook and two County police officers responded to a report of a 16-year old girl standing dangerously close to the edge of the top level of the parking garage at the Vienna Metro Station.

She appeared ready to jump to the pavement four stories below.

The girl had been reported missing from her Vienna home the previous night. She had spent hours driving around the area, growing more and more depressed over the recent suicide of a close friend. By morning, she was convinced that she, too, wanted to die.

Det. Brook was the first to inch her way close enough to talk to the girl, who was crying and repeating that she wanted to die. Det. Brook talked calmly to the girl and encouraged eye contact.

As the girl slowly moved closer to the edge of the wall, the officers knew time was running out. Det. Brook continued to distract the girl while the County officers crept silently towards her. Once they were close enough, they lunged as one, grabbing the girl by the arms and legs and pulling her away from the edge.

The two Fairfax County police officers involved in the heroic action are Lance A. Hamilton and Dana L. Robinson.

Car Tag Deadline April 15

2005 Town of Vienna motor vehicle decals must be displayed by midnight Friday, April 15. Decals are available by mail and in the Finance Department at Town Hall weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$20 for passenger cars and trucks weighing under 4,000 pounds, \$25 for cars and trucks 4,000 pounds and over, and \$10.50 for motorcycles. For more information, call 703-255-6323.

Additional hours for last-minute car tag sales have been scheduled in the Finance Department April 12-14 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and April 15 from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

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Vienna, Virginia 22180-5799
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703-255-5730 (TDD)
NON-EMERGENCY
703-255-6366 (Voice)
703-255-5730 (TDD)

VIENNA TOWN HALL
703-255-6300 (Voice)
703-255-5735 (TDD)

COMMUNITY CENTER
703-255-6360 (Voice)
703-255-5739 (TDD)

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

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

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FY 2005 Town Budget Schedule

Copies of the proposed Town budget for fiscal year 2005-06 will be available for public review beginning April 6 in the Administrative Services Office at Town Hall and at Patrick Henry Library. A "Budget in Brief" summary may be obtained free of charge, and the entire budget document may be purchased. For more information, call 703-255-6350.

Town Council budget work sessions are scheduled at Town Hall for Saturday, April 9, at 11 a.m.; Monday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m.; and, if needed, Saturday, April 16, at 9 a.m. Work sessions are open for the public to attend. A public hearing on the proposed budget is scheduled for the May 9 Council meeting.

Summer Public Works Jobs Available

The Town of Vienna has a number of openings in the Public Works Department for temporary summer workers beginning in May. Hours are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The salary is \$9 per hour.

The General Maintenance position (three positions available) assists Town crews in maintaining and repairing curbs, gutters and sidewalks. The Water and Sewer position (three positions available) assists in the daily operations of the Water and Sewer Department.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old, be able to perform heavy manual labor and have a valid driver's license. *THOSE HIRED WILL BE EXPECTED TO WORK FOR AT LEAST SIX WEEKS.*

For more information, contact the Administrative Services Office at Town Hall, 703-255-6350, e-mail jobs@ci.vienna.va.us or visit www.ci.vienna.va.us. No closing date; positions open until filled.

TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

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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
 Deadline for May issue is Friday, April 15.

Council Action

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

FEBRUARY 7, 2005

- Approved the establishment of an Information Technology Specialist position in the Police Department.

- Approved a contract for temporary clerical services for the Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

- Adopted a resolution recognizing the memorandum of agreement between the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department for the purpose of providing funds for the renovation of the fire station.

- Adopted an ordinance exempting service dogs from the annual dog license tax.

FEBRUARY 14, 2005

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

- Reappointed George Creed to the Planning Commission, reappointed Sharon Baum to the Town/Business Liaison Committee as a citizen representative and reappointed Richard Denbow to the Transportation Safety Commission, all for two-year terms. Recommended to the Fairfax County Circuit Court that Charles Brewer be recommended for reappointment to the Town Board of Zoning Appeals for a five-year term.

WATER MAINS are flushed each spring beginning in early April to maintain a high standard of water quality and to ensure proper and efficient operation of the fire hydrants. Some discoloration and sediment in the water may be noticed, but these conditions are not harmful and should be of short duration. For more information, call the Water and Sewer Customer Service Office at 703-255-6385.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise	Town Council	Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.	Proposed FY 2006 budget available	Police Chief's Advisory Committee 7 p.m.	Car tag deadline	Town Council budget work session 9 a.m.
3 Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week	4 Town Council	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Town Council budget work session 7:30 p.m.	12	13	14 Town/Business Liaison Committee 7 p.m.	15	16 Town Council budget work session (if needed) 9 a.m.
17	18 Town Council	19 Mayor's Advisory Committee	20 Planning Commission	21 Board of Architectural Review	22	23 Passover begins at sundown
24 "Walk on the Hill" in Historic District 2-5 p.m.	25	26 Transportation Safety Commission	27 Board of Zoning Appeals	28 Community Enhancement Commission 7:30 p.m.	29	30

April

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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.

Volunteer Recognition Day

Mayor Jane Seeman has proclaimed Tuesday, April 12, as Volunteer Recognition Day in the Town of Vienna to celebrate and promote volunteerism in the community. A special meeting of the Mayor's Advisory Committee will be held at 8 p.m. April 12 in the Council Chamber at Town Hall to recognize the individuals and organizations who were nominated as outstanding volunteers for 2005. The public is invited to attend.

Those who will be honored on Volunteer Recognition Day include Sharon Baum, George Blaine Lotz, Jr., Fred Botz, Paul Lyons, Herman Carter, Kate Malpeli, Stillman Carter, Robert McCahill, Thomas Chittenden, Carolyn Mysel, Richard Denbow, Jack Nelson, Gary Gillum, Mrs. William D. Roseborough, Jr., Emilie Larson, Paul Snodgrass, Patricia Lavey, Ted Thomas, Steve Lemon, Donald R. Wiesnet, Vera L. Lloyd, Friends of Vienna Dog Park and Vienna Theatre Company.

In her proclamation, Mayor Seeman states, "Volunteering of one's time and resources is a fundamental part of the tradition of our country and is essential to its spirit. The people of our community benefit from the deeds of these selfless and dedicated individuals and organizations."

Citizen Comment

Giving Up on Recycling

A southwest Vienna resident writes: "I have decided not to recycle my plastic, glass, and metal items anymore. Much as I believe how good this practice is for the environment, the Town's efforts and ability (or actually, inability) to carry my recycled products away have forced me to give up.

"Too often I have returned home to find that my box of plastic, glass, and metal has been refused. I have no idea why. Instead, I find a little paper guide that tells me the general recycling policy of the town. Nowhere does it tell me what is actually wrong with my effort to recycle.

"This is unfortunate. And I believe I'm not the only one who feels this way. I have often walked through the town, only to see that many of my neighbors also throw their recyclables out with the trash. So I can only imagine that those residents, too, have no more faith in the Town's recycling program.

"Hauling our trash is expensive, and so the Town has implemented its recycling program to reduce the physical amount and subsequent expense of trash it takes to the landfill. I'm sure this has been somewhat successful. But if residents can't rely on the Town's recycling program, then the trash bill is going to go back up, as more and more people give up, like me."

From the Department of Public Works: The solid waste regulations for "Mixed Materials" states, "Glass bottles and jars, all colors; plastic bottles and jugs; metal food and beverage cans; and aluminum foil and plates shall be placed together in a **transparent plastic bag.**" The box this citizen is using is not acceptable under the Town's current recycling program. Bags specifically designed for recycling are available at many stores, and the transparent bags normally used by grocery and other retail stores are also acceptable. Any resident who has questions about the Town's solid waste regulations should call the Department of Public Works at 703-255-6382 for information.

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.

Welcome New Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in February:

Accuprep Tax & Accounting
accountant
129 Park St., N.E. #12
703-319-1090

Little Star
childcare
624 Pine St., S.E.
703-319-0186

NRC Landscape Construction
landscaping
506 Roland St., S.W.
703-926-4113

Tunay's Tailoring and Alterations
tailoring/alterations
101 Church St., N.W.
703-401-3203

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Support Our Hometown Merchants

Congratulations to the following businesses, both commercial and home occupations, celebrating milestone anniversaries in April: *30 years* – Vienna Animal Hospital; *20 years* – Euro-Ski Trips; *10 years* – Donald J. MasIntosh, Junior Construction, KBT Minerals, Lynn Davis.

A reminder from your Town Animal Warden: Spring is upon us. This means that it's baby season among area wildlife. If you find a baby bird or fledgling (young bird without flight), if possible place it back into its nest or someplace on the tree where the nest is located. Wear leather gloves and wash your hands afterwards. (Problems with human scent are just a myth.) If young animals are found alone, leave them alone unless it is known that the mother is dead. If you're not sure, call Animal Control at 703-255-6377.

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Vienna Little League opening day ceremonies – 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 9, at Yeonas Park, followed by the Challengers first game of the season and other games throughout the day. Concessions will be open. Facilities are handicap accessible. For more information, call 703-573-3339 or visit www.vll.org.

Vienna Elementary Run for Fun 5K race and one-mile fun run/walk for both children and adults – Sunday, May 1, at the school. The fun run starts at 8 a.m. and the 5K race begins at 8:20 a.m. Participation awards will be given to all youth finishers in either event. Registration by April 22 is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. Register online at www.venna5krun.org. Proceeds benefit programs of the school PTA. For more information, or to volunteer, call Race Director Rebecca Hartley at 703-242-2381.

Used bike collection – Saturday, April 9, from 9 a.m. to noon at Epiphany United Methodist Church, 1014 Country Club Dr., N.E. Donations will go to Bikes for the World, which collects repairable bicycles for distribution overseas to individuals in need of transportation. For more information, call 703-938-2957 or e-mail rifengilbert@cox.net. Thanks to Boy Scout Graham Rifenkark of Troop 979, who organized this event as his Eagle Scout community service project.

“Gardening Basics,” a series of educational displays by members of Vienna’s Ayr Hill Garden Club – Saturday, April 2, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Patrick Henry Library. Displays will include soil testing, successful area plants, shade gardening, forcing bulbs, bluebird habitat, vegetable gardening and interpreting books through flowers. Free admission; call 703-938-0405 to register.

Annual “trunk show,” a sidewalk art show – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at the Vienna Arts Society (VAS) Gallery located in the Village Green Shopping Center. For more information, call 703-319-3220. VAS members will exhibit small works of art at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., N.W., April 5-May 1

with an opening reception April 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. Member Betty Ganley will sign her new art book, *10 Secret Gardens*, from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 30. For more information, call 703-319-3971.

Newcomers Club of Vienna and Friends regular luncheon meeting – noon Thursday, April 14, at Marco Polo Restaurant. Club members will model fashions by Draper’s & Damon of Fairfax. For more information, call 703-938-4835 or 703-939-3505.

Vienna Woman’s Club meeting and installation of officers – noon Wednesday, April 20, at Le Canard restaurant. New members are invited to join the Woman’s Club, which meets the third Wednesday of the month, September-May. For information, call Sylvia Davies at 703-938-1445.

“The Creative Impulse: How Artists Work,” sponsored by the Vienna Area Branch of the American Association of University Women – 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, at Patrick Henry Library. Free of charge. Wood sculptor Phil Agee, poet Carrie Grabo and watercolorist Meg Lay will discuss how they receive their inspiration and how they work. For more information, call Susan Williams at 703-938-7578.

Northern Virginia Senior Softball seeks men age 50+ and women age 40+ for its spring/summer season. Games are played on Tuesday and Thursday mornings on Fairfax County fields. Players are assigned to teams according to their skill levels. Everyone bats! The \$70 fee includes a shirt and hat. For more information, call Dave, 703-524-5576, or Joyce, 703-860-1876, or visit www.nvss.org.

Free income tax return preparation for middle- and low-income senior taxpayers is available at SunTrust Bank, 515 Maple Ave., E., through April 15. Hours are Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. This program is sponsored by AARP and the IRS. AARP membership is not required to participate. For more information, call 1-888-227-7669 or visit www.aarp.org.

VIP Vienna, a support group for visually impaired persons and their families – 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 28, at Patrick Henry Library. Guest speaker will be Dr. Suleiman Alibhai, Director of the Fairfax Hospital Low Vision Center. Free of charge; no registration required. For more information, call the Fairfax County Access Services Office at 703-324-8380.

Northern Virginia Model Railroaders open house at the Vienna Railroad Station, corner of Dominion Road and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E. – Saturday, April 16, 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. The Town’s red caboose will also be open to the public that day, courtesy of the Optimist Club of Vienna.

Children’s consignment sale – April 15 and 16 at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Rd., S.W. Hours are noon to 8 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. Items for sale will include clothing, toys, car seats, bikes, books, children’s furniture, maternity clothing and baby gear. For more information or to register as a consigner, call 703-599-9079 or e-mail butler.ike@tangoinc.com.

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 227 – 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21, at Neighbor’s Restaurant in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center. Lt. Gen. Patrick Hughes, USA (retired) will speak on “Homeland Security.” For more information, call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or visit www.geocities.com/vva227.

The Shepherd’s Center of Oakton-Vienna registration for the spring session of its “Adventures in Learning” program for people age 50 and over – Thursday, April 7, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 344 Courthouse Rd., S.W. Classes will be held each Thursday, April 14-May 26, and include Tai Chi, bridge, world affairs, a health series and many more. The program fee is \$30 for up to four classes (\$10 extra for computer class). For more information, call 703-281-0538.

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR APPOINTMENT BY TOWN COUNCIL TO VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, ETC.

DATE: _____

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ TELEPHONE NO.: H: _____

O: _____

PLACE OF WORK & OCCUPATIONAL TITLE: _____

YEAR MOVED TO VIENNA: _____ REGISTERED VOTER IN TOWN OF VIENNA? _____

OCCUPATIONAL HISTORY (may attach professional resume) AND SPECIFIC EXPERIENCE THAT WOULD PREPARE YOU FOR SERVICE AS AN ADVISOR TO TOWN COUNCIL: _____

ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS (Please list courses taken that would relate directly to public administration/problem solving.): _____

Membership on boards and commissions often entails several evening meetings throughout the year. Normally, most boards and commissions meet at least once monthly, with an occasional extra meeting per month.

CAN YOU EXPECT TO BE AVAILABLE FOR THESE MEETINGS? _____

IS THERE ANY PARTICULAR EVENING(S) PER MONTH ON WHICH YOU COULD NORMALLY NOT BE AVAILABLE? _____

HAVE YOU SERVED, OR DO YOU CURRENTLY SERVE, ON BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS? _____

IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN: _____

IN WHAT CIVIC OR SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS ARE YOU ACTIVE? _____

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

The Vienna Theatre Company will present the hit Broadway musical "Pippin" April 22, 23, 29 and 30, and May 6, 7, 13 and 14 at 8 p.m. and May 1 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$9 for students and senior citizens age 65 and older.

Quarterly coin and stamp show April 30 and May 1. 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.

Personal history symposium, Thursday, May 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hear success stories of how ordinary people become inspired to write their life stories for family members, friends and future generations to enjoy, and learn about the writing programs offered at the Community Center. A question and answer period will address aspects of writing from concept to completion. Tickets are \$5 per person; bring a bag lunch. Advance registration required.

Family skate nights will be held each Friday through April 22 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. (No skating April 15.) Admission is \$1 for ages 17 and under, and 50¢ for skating adults. Bring your own skates or rollerblades and safety equipment. Parents are required to stay with their children.

DAY TRIPS

Charlestown races and slots Thursday, April 21. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 10 a.m. and return before 6 p.m. The cost of \$20 for town residents includes transportation and a small casino package.

Wayside Theatre Saturday, April 9. Leave the Community Center at 10 a.m. and return at 6 p.m. The cost of \$50 for town residents includes transportation,

lunch buffet at the historic Strasburg Inn and ticket to the matinee performance of "The Complete History of America (Abridged)."

Tour Channel 10, Fairfax Public Access TV, on Thursday, April 28, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Get a behind-the-scenes view of the facilities and learn about opportunities to become involved in the world of television production and promotions. Free of charge but advance registration required. Transportation to the studio is on your own.

HEALTH & FITNESS

Registration is underway for the Men's adult summer basketball league, which begins play June 20 through August 5. Two 10-team divisions will play a round-robin schedule, with the top teams competing in a championship tournament. The fee is \$500 per team (plus \$20 for each non-county player).

Adult spring coed softball league begins April 24. Games will be played on Sundays at Southside Park beginning at 10 a.m. The registration fee of \$400 per team includes 10 regular season double-header games, a post-season tournament, umpire fees, softballs and awards.

MANAGING YOUR MONEY & YOUR ESTATE

Estate Planning Made Simple will be presented on Monday, April 11, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Attorney David Hoffman will explain the fundamental laws behind estate planning. This seminar is free of charge, and no advance registration is required.

AT THE TEEN CENTER

The Art of Negotiation, a seminar on effective communication for ages 14-18, will be presented on Tuesday, April 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. Learn how to craft conversations in your favor. The cost is \$5 for each participant.

Talent show for middle school students, 6 p.m. Friday, April 15. Budding singers, dancers, comedians and other performers are invited to call Brandy Mullen at 703-255-5721 for information. A panel of judges will award prizes to the winner. Admission to the show is \$4 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens.

Babysitting fundamentals, for boys and girls age 12 and older, will be offered on Saturday, April 2, 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.

Concert night for high school students featuring live bands is scheduled for Saturday, April 9, 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.

POTPOURRI

Personal Safety for Women will be held in four parts – April 25 and 27, and May 2 and 4 – from 7 to 10 p.m. 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.

Create your own cookbook using your family's unique recipes, traditions, photos and memories each Thursday in April from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Diane King, former editor-in-chief for Pillsbury Cookbooks, will teach you how to research, design and publish your cookbook. The cost for all four sessions is \$30 for town residents and includes a take-home cookbook of recipe favorites shared by class members.

Family Walk-a-thon, to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities – Saturday, April 30, at Burke Lake Park. Registration opens at 8 a.m. and the walk starts at 8:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$25 per person and proceeds support the Ronald McDonald Houses in Washington, DC, and at Inova Fairfax Hospital. For more information and advance registration, call 703-698-7080 or e-mail sarah.RMHC@vacoxmail.com.

Obsessive Compulsive Disorder Foundation provides support for individuals with OCD and their families. The Washington, DC, area group meets every Monday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4000 Lorcum Lane in Arlington. For information, call Peter at 703-535-6575. The group for family members meets at the same facility on the first Monday of the month from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. For information, call Marie at 703-978-6425.

Rummage sale, to benefit Vienna Relay for Life – Saturday, April 2, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lakevale Estates clubhouse, located at the intersection of Oak Valley Drive and Newton Street. The Relay for Life is scheduled for June 18-19 as part of a national event sponsored by the American Cancer Society. For more information, contact Stacy Capra at 703-255-0995 or capraparty@veizon.net or visit www.ViennaRelay.org. The Tysons Corner Panera Bakery Café will donate to the Vienna Relay for Life 15% of all purchases made April 4 between 5 and 9 p.m.

Welcome Club of Northern Virginia invites newcomers and other interested residents to its monthly luncheon beginning at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 7, at Rivercreek Country Club in Leesburg. Steinmart will present a fashion show. For reservations and more information, call 703-934-0984 or 703-321-9123.

Historic Vienna Inc. (HVI) membership meeting – 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at the Vienna Community Center. Dave Goetz of Mosby's Confederacy Tours will discuss the life of the "Gray Ghost." For more information, call 703-938-5187 or visit www.historicvienna.org. HVI is the town's non-profit organization for historic preservation and restoration.



31st Annual Walk on the Hill

in the Windover Heights Historic District
Sunday, April 24, 2-5 p.m. (rain date May 1)
Free admission

Using self-guided walking tour maps, visitors may browse through lawns and gardens of homes marked with special "welcome" signs. The tour will also include a concert by the Vienna Community Band at 2 p.m., stories of early Vienna by long-time residents at the Sloan/Marcy cabin, and refreshments. Parking available at 107 Pleasant St., N.W.

Sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc., and historic district residents. For more information, call 703-938-5187.

Vienna Names in the News

Town Councilman George Lovelace has been appointed by Gov. Mark Warner to the board of the Library of Virginia. The board consists of 15 members appointed by the Governor for five-year terms. The library board determines the scope of the library's collection; establishes policy concerning what books are to be kept, housed or exhibited by the state library; promotes education in the area of history and library and archival science in the commonwealth; and enters into agreements with institutions and organizations with similar purposes.

Sgt. Tom Burt was recognized by Vienna's American Legion Dyer-Gunnell Post 180 during its recent Law and Order Program for his outstanding service to the Vienna Police Department. Sgt. Burt's responsibilities include management of the department's records system, and he has devoted many hours to developing a new system that will employ the latest information technology.

The Vienna Theatre Company received seven awards at last month's Washington Area Theatre Community Honors ceremony for its production of "Evita." The 2004 production won in the categories of Outstanding Musical; Outstanding Light Design, **AnnMarie Castrigno**; Outstanding Hair Design, **Arthur Rodger**; Outstanding Direction of a Musical, **Gloria M. DuGan**; Outstanding Lead Actress in a Musical, **Molly Wilmesherr**; Outstanding Lead Actor in a Musical, **Ryan Khatcheressian**; and Outstanding Cameo in a Musical, **Stephanie Pencek**.

Shirley Damon, owner of Damon Galleries at 220 Maple Ave., W., along with staff members **Diana Carlin**, **Taffy Millar**, **Steve Rigby** and **Jenna Plating**, earned second place in the 2005 Professional Picture Framers Association's International Printing Framing Competition. Ms. Damon also served on the prestigious judging panel for the Open Framing Competition.

Planning a Home Project this Spring? Don't Forget Your Building Permit!

Your Planning and Zoning Department reminds you: It is no secret that home improvement projects usually take longer and cost more than anticipated. However, some contractors and even a few homeowners try to expedite the process and save money by cutting corners and taking shortcuts. To many contractors and homeowners this may be tempting, but it usually generates more problems and costs more money than if the proper procedures had been followed.

The most common example is beginning a home improvement project without obtaining the proper permits beforehand. Building codes and specifications vary from one jurisdiction to another. Although the Town of Vienna is located in Fairfax County and uses County structural plan review and inspection services, Vienna has its own code regulating home improvements. Instead of guessing whether you need a permit, or relying on a contractor to find out, simply check with the Planning and Zoning Department at Town Hall.

Unfortunately, some contractors and homeowners proceed with home improvements and avoid obtaining permits to try and save money and time, and to make changes that are not code approved. When a valid building permit is obtained for home improvements, a red card with the words "BUILDING PERMIT" on it should be displayed so that it is visible from the street. If there is no red card visible, then chances are a permit was not obtained.

If you are unsure whether the home improvements you are planning require a permit, or if you have questions regarding home improvement projects going on in your neighborhood, please call the Planning and Zoning Department at 703-255-6341.

If a major home improvement project requires a construction dumpster, make sure it is located entirely on your property and not in the street.

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Town Election May 3

Vienna's annual Town election will be held on Tuesday, May 3. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. Voters who will be out of town on election day or who are physically unable to go to the polls may request an absentee ballot from the Fairfax County General Registrar's Office. Call 703-222-0776 for information.

This year, Vienna voters will elect three Town Council members, who will begin new two-year terms July 1. Information about the candidates appears on the next page.

For election results, call the Vienna Newsline, 703-255-6333, one to two hours after the polls close on May 3, or visit the Town's Web site at www.ci.vienna.va.us.

The candidates profiled on page 7 have shown their interest in the Town of Vienna by running for Town Council. Please show your interest by taking the time to vote May 3.

Voter Registration Deadline April 4

Monday, April 4, is the last day to register to vote in the May 3 Town election. You are eligible to register if you are a Vienna resident, at least 18 years old by election day, and a U.S. citizen.

You may register in person in the Fairfax County General Registrar's Office at the County Government Center or by mail. Application forms are available in the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall, all public libraries and other locations around the county, and at the County Web site, www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

If you are already a registered voter, no additional registration is required for the Town election; however, you should check your voter registration card to be sure it lists your current name and address.

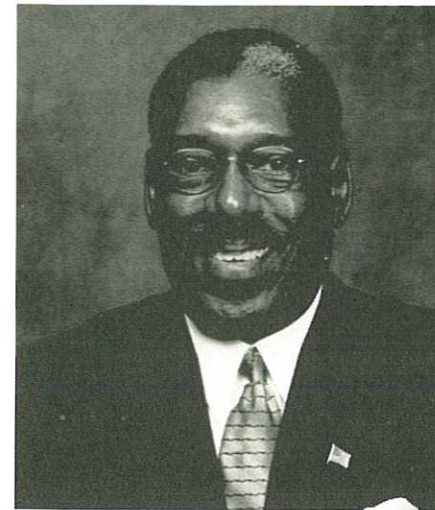
Meet the Town Council Candidates

NARFE Chapter 1116 (National Association of Retired Federal Employees) has invited George Lovelace, Maud Robinson and Syd Verinder to a "Meet the Candidates" session at its April 12 meeting. The public is welcome to attend the program, which will begin at 2:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center.

The meeting will also include an overview of this year's Virginia General Assembly by State Senator Jeannemarie Devolites Davis and State Delegate Steve Shannon, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

No Curb Painting Allowed

Some residents have recently received offers to paint their house numbers on the curb. Not only have these solicitors failed to apply for a license, but they cannot legally paint the curb because it is technically Town property. If you receive such a solicitation, please call the Police Department's non-emergency number, 703-255-6366. House numbers should be large enough and placed so that they can be read from the center of the street going in both directions on the darkest night, in the worst of weather, and not hidden by foliage or parked vehicles.



GEORGE E. LOVELACE has served a total of eight terms as a Town Councilman.

"I believe in service to the community and I want the opportunity to again serve the Vienna community. My experience on the Town Council, service in the House of Delegates, civic participation on boards and commissions at the town, county and state level, and participation in local community service organizations have provided me the tools needed to enhance my service on the Council.

"My interest is to ensure that Vienna maintains its residential character. It is important that all citizens of Vienna feel that they have a voice on the Council, especially our senior citizens. I want to continue to be that voice. I believe that, regardless of age, all of our citizens deserve quality services consistent with budget constraints and our consistently high bond rating, to be heard before the Council acts and to expect tax reductions whenever possible.

"I will continue to be a strong voice that will expound the land use principles that have made Vienna a community that accommodates a diversity of homes by economics and construction, and to keep Vienna from being impacted by development activities on our town borders. I will keep working to develop policies that ensure that a quality infrastructure is in place and maintained, that a vibrant business atmosphere is a priority and that effective law enforcement is continued.

"I would consider it an honor and a special privilege to be elected again to the Vienna Town Council."

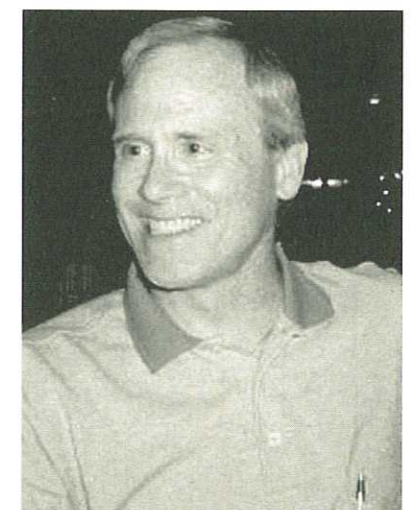


MAUD F. ROBINSON has been a Town Council member since 2000.

"When seeking elective office, the question is, what are your goals? Mine have been constant throughout years as a citizen activist and now as Council member. First and foremost has been the development and retention of Vienna's attractive, small-town character and responsive government. I believe the community shares these goals and that Vienna today is proof that we can preserve its unique identity. I steadfastly support maintaining our land use policies, which protect the zoning integrity of residential neighborhoods and encourage an attractive, commercially viable business sector.

"I am committed to prudent expenditure of tax dollars and keeping Vienna financially sound with a consistently high bond rating. Of concern are increasing costs of unfunded Federal and State mandates relating to environmental regulations and post-9/11 security measures for public facilities. However, we must keep our tax rate as low as possible consistent with good services and maintenance of town infrastructure. Rising property assessments particularly impact long-time residents on fixed incomes who worry if they can remain where they raised their families and contributed so much to the community.

"Vienna is fortunate that many young families are arriving, reinvigorating neighborhoods and engaging in town activities. With their energy and enthusiasm, they encourage us to govern with foresight for the town's future well being. I pledge to keep Vienna a safe, attractive community that reaches out to all age groups and listens to citizens' concerns."



SYDNEY H. VERINDER is completing his first term as a Town Councilman.

"It has been an honor to serve the citizens of Vienna for the past two years. The Town Council has consciously strived to enhance the 'small-town character' and openness of Vienna, while responding to the ever-changing character of the greater Tysons Corner/Fairfax County area.

"In 2003, my priorities were: Good Stewardship of our Financial Resources; Supporting Public Safety; and Promoting a Healthy Business Community. I still believe in these priorities. I believe the best way to enhance Vienna's future is to continue a conservative fiscal approach and to make wise use of our tax dollars.

"All of us have been impacted by the rising property assessments occurring in Fairfax County. The average 2005 increase for Vienna is 21 percent, with a 108 percent increase since 2000. Many citizens have been forced to sell and move due to the rising tax burden, particularly those retired seniors with fixed incomes.

"The Town Council must respond by reducing the local tax rate and making sound fiscal decisions for every tax dollar spent. I will lead an effort among the Council to roll back the residential tax rate in line with minimal justifiable increases in the Town's budget for Fiscal Year 2005-06. We must continue to provide essential local services and great customer service for all citizens while looking for creative funding sources (such as Federal and State grants and local partnerships).

"I would be honored to serve you for another two years. Please cast your vote on May 3. Thank you."