

This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

MAY 1995 – The Town Council is seeking input from residents of Beulah Road area neighborhoods and other interested citizens regarding a revised suggestion for the reconstruction of Beulah Road. The revised project would be similar to the reconstruction of Park Street, S.E., with a narrower width than previously proposed by VDOT for Beulah.

MAY 1985 – Chief of Police Don Harper has completed the first phase of his department's reorganization, the division of operational and administrative responsibilities. Phase two will include formation of a traffic unit and should be completed by fall.

MAY 1975 – You can help the newly organized Vienna Community Band by contributing to the band's fund drive. Band organizers say the fund drive campaign will be a real test for Vienna citizens as to the success of the band, which hopes to collect \$1,000.

MAY 1965 – A citizens' advisory board has been appointed by the Town Council to recommend programs and regulations for the new Vienna Community Center. The board has scheduled a public meeting for May 6 so that interested residents and groups can present their views and ideas for consideration.

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

Recycling Rate Remains High

Vienna's recycling rate for calendar year 2004 has been calculated at 54.64%, more than twice the 25% rate mandated for localities in Virginia.

The Department of Public Works collected a total of 6,355.38 tons of Principal Recyclable Material, which includes paper, metal, commingled materials, yard waste and brush, plus 24.07 tons of tires and used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries. In addition, over 200 tons of Special Pickup items were recycled.

Recycle Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Batteries

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries is Saturday, June 4, 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.



NEWSLETTER

May 2005

★ Memorial Day ★

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day. Trash will be picked up as usual that day for residents on the Monday collection route.

American Legion Post 180's Memorial Day ceremony will be held at Flint Hill Cemetery in Oakton beginning at 10:30 a.m. with a concert by the Vienna Community Band. Guest speaker will be Admiral David Frost, USN (retired). In case of rain, the ceremony will be held at the Post Home, 330 Center St., N.

Budget Hearing Scheduled May 9

At its May 9 meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed Town budget for fiscal year 2005-2006. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. Copies of the proposed budget are available for review at Town Hall and Patrick Henry Library. A budget in Brief summary may be obtained free of charge at Town Hall, and the entire budget document may be purchased. For more information, call the Administrative Services Office at 703-255-6350.

A look at the proposed Town budget is included on pages 5-8 of this newsletter.

TOWN ELECTION TUESDAY, MAY 3

All Voting at the Vienna Community Center
Polls Open 6 a.m.–7 p.m.

Town Council Candidates

George E. Lovelace

Maud F. Robinson

Sydney H. Verinder

For election results, call the Vienna Newsline, 703-255-6333, about two hours after polls close or visit www.ci.vienna.va.us

Public Works Week Open House

In celebration of National Public Works Week, the Vienna Department of Public Works will hold its annual open house at Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill St., N.E., on Thursday, May 19, from 2 to 6 p.m. All residents, school and scout groups, and others interested in seeing the facility and a display of Public Works vehicles and equipment are invited to attend.

Meet the Town employees who serve the community day and night in all kinds of weather maintaining the water and sewer system, picking up trash, repairing streets and sidewalks, collecting leaves, plowing snow, and many other essential services.

Light refreshments will be served, and there will be "hard hats," Clean & Green coloring books and other goodies for the kids. Groups of five or more should call 703-255-6381 for reservations before May 12.



<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>PRSR 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>		

TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

FEBRUARY 28, 2005

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

- Reappointed Fred Skaer to the Planning Commission and reappointed Leonard Ignatowski to the Transportation Safety Commission, both for two-year terms.

- Conducted a public hearing on proposed amendments to the zoning code concerning the definition of "shopping center."

- Following a public hearing, approved \$1,005,594 in supplemental appropriations to the fiscal year 2005 budget.

- Awarded a bid to Long Fence in the amount of \$104,652 for a new fence at the Nutley Street property yard, and removal and disposal of the existing fence. Author-

ized an eight-foot height for the fence, subject to approval by the Board of Architectural Review.

- Awarded a contract for architectural and engineering services for the Nutley Street neighborhood park to Lardner/Klein Landscape Architects in an amount not to exceed \$31,287.50.

- Approved the purchase of a video-monitoring alarm system for the police station from AAC, Inc., at a cost of \$34,195.25.

- Awarded a bid to Nautilus Communications in the amount of \$7,000 for the 2005-2006 Town of Vienna Retail Shopping Guide.

- Recommended the following residents to serve as election officials in the May 3, 2005, Town election: Chief Election Officer – Regina Jordan; Assistant Chief Election Officer – Constance Wax;

Election Officers – Beth Corrigan, Arnold Perko, Daniel Wilkerson, Katherine Harris, Beverly Harris, Teresa Pyszka, Joanne Scott, John Karcha, Lois Karcha, Peter Stevens, Dorothy Burns, Corinne Hanna; Alternate Election Officers – Sharon Baum, Rhoda Stevens, Marianna Parrish, William Parrish, Dan Walker, James De-Stefani. Approved funding for election officer wages and subsistence.

MARCH 7, 2005

- Following a public hearing, affirmed a decision of the Board of Architectural Review concerning construction of a noise attenuation barrier at the Beulah Road mulch site.

- Approved an increase in the blanket purchase order for paper and cleaning supplies for the Department of Parks and Recreation from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

- Approved continuation through February 28, 2006, of the contract for the purchase of unleaded gasoline from Mansfield Oil Co.

- Approved continuation of the contract for the purchase of tires and tubes at a total cost not to exceed \$25,000 per year from the following vendors: McCarthy Tire Service Co., Alban Tire Corp., Donald B. Rice Tire Co., Rosson & Troilo and Lawn & Power Equipment.

- Approved the purchase of road de-icing salt from International Salt Co., Clarks Summit, PA, at a cost of \$29,412.

- Approved a one-year extension of the contract with Sagres Construction Corp. for concrete repair and installation.

Town Council agendas and minutes are available online. Visit www.ci.vienna.va.us.

TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

M. Jane Seeman, Mayor

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

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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 June issue is Monday, May 16.

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise	2 Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week	3 Town Election Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.	4 Planning Commission	5 Town/Business Liaison Committee 7 p.m.	6	7
8 <i>Mother's Day</i>	9 Town Council	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Town Council budget work session (if needed) 7:30 p.m.	17	18 Board of Zoning Appeals	19 Board of Architectural Review	20	21 <i>Armed Forces Day</i>
22	23 Town Council	24	25 Planning Commission	26 Community Enhancement Commission 7:30 p.m.	27	28 "Viva! Vienna" town festival on historic Church St. through May 30
29	30 <i>Memorial Day</i> Town Hall closed	31 Transportation Safety Commission				

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NEWS FROM VIENNA PARKS & REC

For more information about any of the activities listed below, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360. All activities are held at the Vienna Community Center unless stated otherwise.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Vienna Theatre Company's production of "Pippin" continues May 6, 7, 13 and 14 at 8 p.m. and May 1 at 2 p.m. General admission \$10; students and senior citizens (65 and older) \$9.

KidsFest 2005, sponsored by the Vienna Police Department, Parks and Recreation Department and Volunteer Fire Department, will be held on Saturday, May 21, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. All activities are free of charge. The day will include an open house at the fire station, car seat safety checks, moon bounce, puppet show and more. Advance registration is required for participation in the bicycle safety rodeo, which will begin at 10 a.m. for ages 5 and 6, 11 a.m. for ages 7 and 8, and 12:30 p.m. for ages 9-12.

Enjoy a favorite family movie outdoors at Glyndon Park on Friday, May 20, beginning at dusk (around 8 p.m.). Admission is free. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Parents are required to stay with their children during the movie. For information on which G-rated film will be shown, call 703-255-7842 after noon on May 18 and for weather information on the day of the show.

MATURE ADULTS

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.

Leaving Your Legacy, a workshop to help you document your values and beliefs for future generations, will be held each Thursday, May 12-26, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Become more aware of what is most

important for you to bequeath to family and friends in the form of a spiritual will. \$30 for town residents.

AARP driver safety program, for motorists age 50 and older, will be held May 20 and 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The course covers the effects of aging and medications on driving, basic driving rules, license renewal, local traffic hazards, adverse road conditions and accident prevention measures. Graduates of the course could receive a discount on their car insurance. The fee is \$10 per person and both classes must be attended. Advance registration required.

BUS TRIPS

See "Spamalot" in New York City on Saturday, May 21. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 8 a.m. and return around midnight. The cost of \$110 for town residents includes transportation and ticket to the 2 p.m. show at Broadway's Schubert Theatre.

Visit the Museum of the American Indian Wednesday, May 18. Leave the Community Center at 9:30 a.m. and return at 3 p.m. The cost of \$18 for town residents includes transportation and timed entry pass.

AT THE TEEN CENTER

Lock-in party for 6th graders will be held from 9 p.m. May 20 until 7 a.m. May 21. Bring your sleeping bag and PJ's to this all-night party. Tickets are \$15 per person and go on sale at 3:30 p.m. May 13.

Sports night for middle school students will be held in the Community Center gym from 6 to 11 p.m. Friday, May 27. Drop in for basketball and refreshments. Free of charge.

Open house for parents will be held at Club Phoenix on Wednesday, May 25, from 5 to 6 p.m. View the facility, learn about programs, meet the staff, complete the required registration form, discuss issues and concerns, or sign up to be an adult volunteer.

MANAGING YOUR MONEY & YOUR ESTATE

Estate Planning for Normal People will be presented on Monday, May 9, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Attorney David Hoffman will discuss probate for the poor, simple wills and trusts, property rights of husbands and wives, and dealing with bratty kids. Free of charge.

SPORTS & FITNESS

Men's adult summer basketball league 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).

POTPOURRI

Boys and girls age 11-18 are invited to audition for the Vienna Youth Players' summer musical production, "Seussical," June 3 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and June 5 from 1 to 4 p.m. Call to schedule an audition time. Children should come prepared to move and sing a song from a standard musical theater repertoire.

July 4th booth space applications are available. Nonprofit organizations, commercial food vendors, and private and commercial arts and crafts vendors are invited to apply. The celebration is scheduled for Monday, July 4, on the Community Center grounds.

A big THANK YOU to the Friends of the W&OD Trail for donating the 500 replacement trees that were planted along the W&OD Trail on March 19, and thanks to all the volunteers who participated.

VIVA! VIENNA! 2005

21st Annual Town Festival Along Historic Church Street

Saturday, May 28, 10 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Sunday, May 29, 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Monday, May 30, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Carnival Rides for Adults & Children ❖ Wide Assortment of Food & Drink
Arts & Crafts Vendors Sunday & Monday ❖ Live Music & Entertainment Afternoons & Evenings

Freeman House, Railroad Station & Caboose Open Saturday & Sunday

Book Sale at Patrick Henry Library 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday
sponsored by the Friends of the Library



*Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Vienna, Navy Federal Credit Union and the Town of Vienna
Proceeds support youth sports, scholarships, scouts, historic preservation
and charitable organizations in our community*

For Information Visit www.vivavienna.org
or call 703-255-4742

Va. 2007 Committee to Present Jamestown Archeology Program

"Digging Up Dirt on Jamestown," sponsored by the Virginia 2007 Committee for the Town of Vienna, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 24, at the Vienna Community Center. Historical archeologist and Vienna native Beverly "Bly" Straube will discuss her work as Senior Curator for the Jamestown Rediscovery Project of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities.

Vienna's Virginia 2007 Committee meets at 2 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month at Marco Polo Restaurant to plan for Vienna's celebration of the 400-year commemoration of the establishment of Jamestown, Virginia, the first English-speaking settlement in the U.S. All interested residents, businesses and community organizations are invited to participate. For more information, contact chairman Paul Snodgrass at 703-560-6631 or e-mail paulsnodgrass@cox.net.

Snow Removal Award

At the March 21 Town Council meeting a Snow Removal Award was presented to John A. Katchmer of 605 John Marshall Dr., N.E., for voluntarily removing snow for the safety of pedestrians.

The neighbors who nominated Mr. Katchmer said that twice this winter he removed snow from his own driveway and sidewalk, and those of five neighbors who do not have snow blowers.

Each winter the Town/Business Liaison Committee invites citizens to nominate town businesses or residents that have done an excellent job in removing snow from their driveways and/or sidewalks, or helped others in removing snow. For information, contact the Planning and Zoning Department at 703-255-6341, e-mail dpz@ci.vienna.va.us.

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.

Welcome New Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in April:

Mill Street Plantworks <i>interior landscaping</i> 1119 Westbriar Ct., N.E. 703-380-5433	Language Solutions International <i>language training</i> 500 Mashie Dr., S.E. 703-927-9738	Modern Modalities <i>massage therapy</i> 320 Maple Ave., E. #E 703-505-9620
Huong My Ngo <i>nail care</i> 301 Maple Ave., W. #B 703-319-1296	Debra Brosius <i>psychologist</i> 380 Maple Ave., W. #303B 703-332-1017	Pilar's Skincare Studio <i>waxing studio</i> 386 Maple Ave., E. 571-214-8689

Convenient Location & Friendly Service

SHOP IN VIENNA

Support Our Hometown Merchants

Congratulations to the following businesses, both commercial and home occupations, celebrating milestone anniversaries in May: 10 years – 4 Season Nail, Alexandra S. Kaghan, LCSW, Clip & Style Barber Shop, ISE, Inc., J.A. Loveless Management Co., Soraya's Salon, Strategic Interactions, The Davis Companies, Vienna Bargains.



Dumping Prohibited in Streams, Sewers

The stream channels and storm sewers throughout Vienna are not to be used as dump sites. Trash, leaves, oil, antifreeze and other material dumped into streams and sewers can block or damage the pipe culverts that convey storm water under many town streets and cause flooding and property damage. Debris can also surface at someone's house, leaving a mess for them to clean up and the Town to pick up.

Should you see anyone dumping material into a stream channel or storm drain, please call the Public Works Department immediately at 703-255-6381 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. After hours or on weekends, please call the Police Department's non-emergency number, 703-255-6366.

By working together, citizens can protect their property and reduce maintenance costs for the Town.

Arbor Day Ceremony at Madison H.S.

Vienna's Community Enhancement Commission along with the Vienna Town Council will hold an Arbor Day ceremony at 2:30 p.m. Monday, May 2, in the courtyard garden at James Madison High School.

Mayor Jane Seeman will read this year's official Arbor Day proclamation, then join other Town officials, members of the Madison Environmental Club, school principal Mark Merrell and courtyard garden designer Walter Bainbridge in planting a tree and flowers. The Town will also receive a proclamation from a representative of the Virginia Department of Forestry declaring Vienna a "Tree City USA."

For more information, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360.



HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Farmers' Market behind Town Hall is open each Saturday beginning May 7 through October from 8 a.m. to noon, featuring fruits and vegetables, cut flowers and potted plants, breads and pastries, kettle corn, eggs, jams and jellies, and much more. For information, call Karyn at 703-861-7784.

Used books wanted for Historic Vienna's annual sale June 11 and 12 at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. DVDs and video tapes are also welcome. Please do not bring magazines, textbooks or *Reader's Digest* condensed books. Donations may be left on the front porch after hours; however, if you wish to receive a receipt for tax purposes, bring donations Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 703-938-5187.

Community blood drive, sponsored by Inova Blood Donor Services – Friday, May 6, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. To schedule an appointment, call Inova at 703-698-3885.

"With Levity and Jest for All," a performance by Hexagon, Washington's political satire musical revue – 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 22, at James Madison High School. The performance will benefit the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna, a non-profit interfaith organization serving older persons in Northern Virginia. Tickets are \$20 each and may be purchased by sending your name, address and phone number to: SCOV, 541 Marshall Rd., S.W., Vienna, VA 22180. Makes checks payable to the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna. For more information, call 703-281-0538.

Southeast Vienna Home Tour for ages 12 and over – Saturday, May 7, from 1 to 4 p.m. Custom homes by Vienna builders Steve Bukont and Doug D'Alexander will be open at 8620 McHenry St., 2449 Fardale St., 101 Battle St. and 708 Glyndon St. Tickets are \$15 per person, available at the homes on the day of the tour; cash and checks accepted. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer

Society, and Cunningham Park and Vienna Elementary Schools. For more information, e-mail abukont@cox.net.

Rummage sale, to benefit Vienna Relay for Life – Saturday, May 14, 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. Volunteer workers are needed. For more information, attend the Vienna Relay for Life reception at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 24, in the Madison High School cafeteria or call Stacy Capra at 703-255-0995, e-mail capraparty@verizon.net or visit www.ViennaRelay.org.

"The Legacy of Vienna's Volunteer Fire Department" is the new exhibit at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. The exhibit traces the evolution of the VVFD from its origin as a 1903 "bucket brigade" to its current membership of over 70 firefighters and rescue personnel. Hours are Wednesday-Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 703-938-5187.

Vienna Woman's Club meeting and scholarship awards ceremony – 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at the Vienna Community Center. 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.

Newcomers Club of Vienna and Friends regular luncheon meeting – noon Thursday, May 12, at Marco Polo Restaurant. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Smart Alects quartet. For more information, call 703-938-4835 or 703-939-3505.

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 227, regular meeting and scholarship presentation – 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at Neighbor's Restaurant in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center. For more information, call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or visit www.geocities.com/vva227.

Your old magazines and paperback books (no hard covers) are welcomed by detainees at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center through the Literacy Project sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Fairfax County Chapter. Regular donors may leave boxed or bagged publications at the usual location on the third Tuesday of the month from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. *only*. (Be sure to remove mailing labels from magazines.) First-time donors may call Florence Roseborough at 703-281-2498 for information.

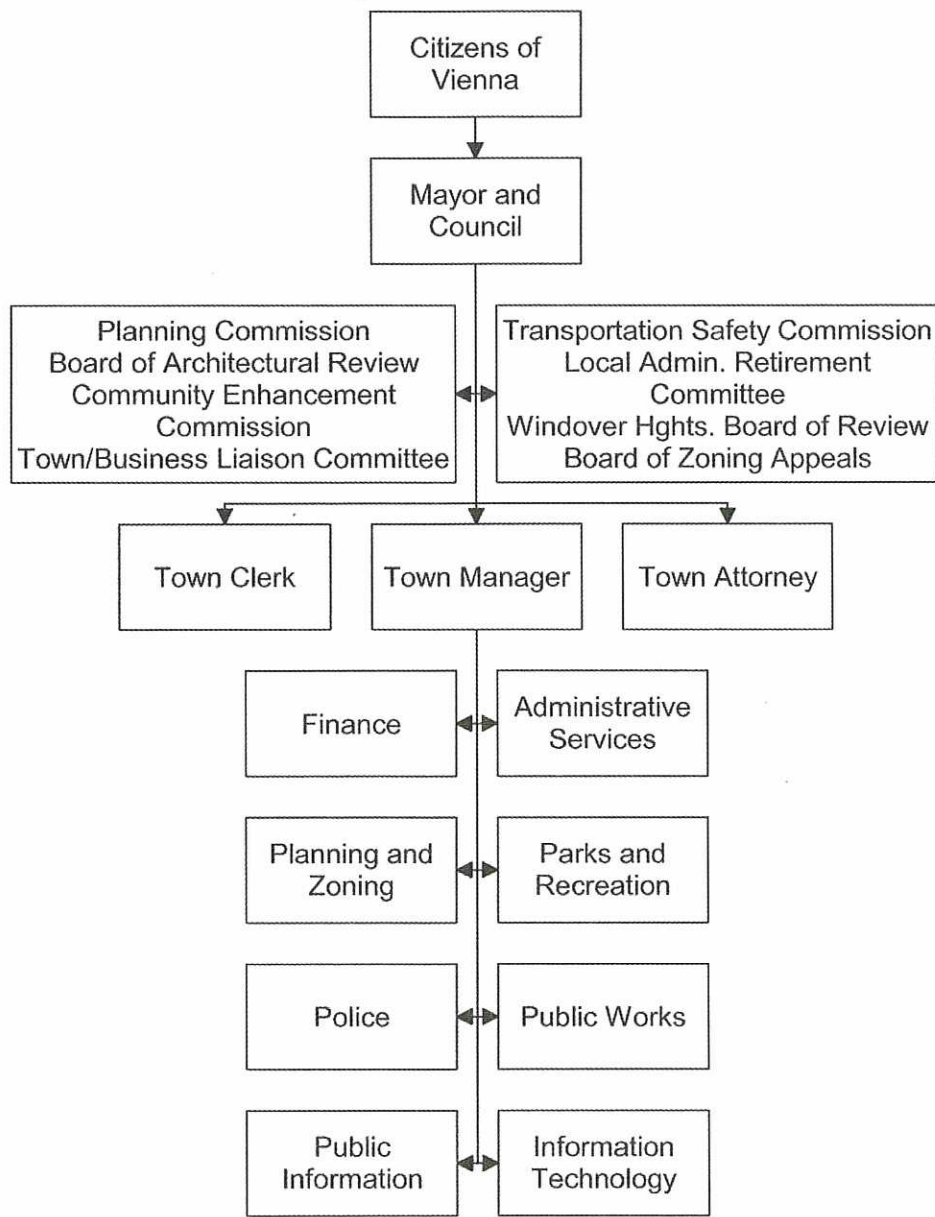
Personal Journeys, an exhibition by local photojournalists Tin Nguyen, Brian Trompeter and Mark Young, will be on display May 3-June 3 at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., N.W. A reception will be held on Saturday, May 14, from 7 to 10 p.m. Gallery hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 703 319-3971 or visit www.viennaartsociety.org.

Breakfast buffet, sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 180 of Vienna, is held on the third Sunday of every month 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 Auxiliary will place flags on the graves of veterans at Flint Hill Cemetery on May 27 and conduct its annual Poppy Promotion throughout Vienna during Memorial Day weekend, with proceeds going to veterans' hospitals in Virginia.

Getting Started in Genealogy Research – 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, at Patrick Henry Library. Genealogy expert Lori Smith will demonstrate how to survey the Internet and other reference sources and how to organize your information. Free of charge; to register, call the library at 703-938-0405.

Northeast Vienna Citizens Association (NEVCA) will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at the Vienna Community Center. For information, call Ed Adamson, 703-255-9779 or Mary Ellen Larkins, 703-281-7847.

**TOWN OF VIENNA, VIRGINIA
Organizational Chart**



Vienna Receives Budget Award

For the 11th consecutive year, the Town of Vienna has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. This award is the highest form of recognition for governmental budgeting. In order to receive the award, a jurisdiction must satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well a government's budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device. Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all of these categories to receive the award.

Town Has Top Bond Rating

The Town of Vienna's general obligation bonds are rated "Aa1" by Moody's Investors Service. This high bond rating for a local government the size of Vienna is enjoyed by very few towns in the United States.

This rating enables the Town to finance debt at more favorable interest rates compared to those of municipalities with lower bond ratings, resulting in substantial savings for Vienna taxpayers over the life of the bonds.

Moody's noted that its high rating is based on Vienna's healthy economy, sound financial condition and rapid debt retirement.

The Town of Vienna borrows money by issuing tax-free general obligation bonds to finance major capital projects. The \$4.8 million of public improvements funded in the latest (2002) issue include acquisition of property at Maple Avenue and Mill Street for a Town Center Park and additional phases of the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project.

Debt financing spreads the cost of capital projects over a period of many years, rather than charging the full cost to today's taxpayers. Also, the Town's policy of using meals and lodging tax revenues for a large portion of annual debt amortization payments limits the need for property tax increases to fund these projects.

VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

Mayor
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**Town of Vienna, Virginia
A Look at the Proposed Budget
For Fiscal Year 2005-2006**

MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

Preparation of the 2005/06 budget presented us with a number of challenges not the least of which was to mitigate the effect of a significant increase in assessments for existing residential properties. Once again, the increase in commercial assessments did not keep pace with the residential assessments and as of 2005, residential valuations make up 79.8% of the total taxable assessed valuation in Vienna. This is the sixth straight year that the increase in residential assessments has outpaced commercial values and there is no sign that this trend will change in the near future.

The average existing residential assessment increased by 21.48% over 2004 while existing non-residential (commercial) properties experienced a 16.55% increase. This significant increase in residential assessments would result in a major tax increase for residents if we did not propose and the Town Council adopt a significant decrease in the real estate property tax rate currently set at 26.5¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation.

It is irresponsible to state that property owners will save a certain amount of dollars on their tax bills over what the real estate tax *would be* if we were to leave the rate unchanged. What needs to be made perfectly clear is that unless the real estate property tax rate is reduced in a substantial manner there will still be a property tax increase. The simple fact of the matter is that an increase in assessments should not automatically result in a local government collecting more taxes. The FY 2005/06 proposed budget is based on a real estate property tax rate of 22¢ which represents a reduction of 16.98% from the current tax rate. What this means is that if a property's assessment increased by 20% or less, there will be a reduction in the property tax due the Town. If the assessment increased by 25%, as an example, the total tax due the Town would increase by 3.8%.

Of the \$567,247 increase in the General Fund, \$512,210 or over 90% can be attributed to increased personnel and fringe benefit costs. As usual, we have included funding for normal step increases, market based classification adjustments for certain job classifications based on our annual survey of wages and a 3% salary adjustment for all employees. It is vitally important that we recognize the efforts of our employees and this year we have the opportunity to do that without creating an adverse impact on the real estate property tax rate.

Proposed expenditures for the Water and Sewer Fund total \$5,976,713, an increase of \$803,413 or 15.53% over FY 2004/05. Just under 90% of the proposed budget increase is due to an increase in the cost of purchased water (up 25.4%) and an increase in the cost of sewage treatment (up 72%) totaling \$695,336 for FY 2005/06. Because of these price increases which are beyond our control and a lower than normal demand over the past five years (down 4%) we are forced to recommend a substantial increase in both water and sewer service charges. We propose to increase the water rate for in-town customers from \$2.83 to \$3.33 per thousand gallons and the sewer rate from \$3.57 to \$4.45 per thousand gallons. Overall, a Town resident will pay an additional \$104.88 per year or just over 28 cents per day for water and sewer service based on a quarterly average usage of 19,000 gallons.

I invite you to read the entire budget message and proposed budget. The budget is available for public review at Town Hall and Patrick Henry Library. Citizens are also encouraged to attend the public hearing on the budget, scheduled for the Town Council meeting on Monday, May 9, beginning at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall.

Sincerely,
John H. Schoeberlein
John H. Schoeberlein
Town Manager

Budget Preparation And Adoption

The Code of the Town of Vienna requires that by July 1 of each year, the Vienna Town Council adopt by ordinance a budget establishing the tax rate for the incoming year. Estimated revenues must be equivalent to estimated expenditures. It is mandated in the Code that the fiscal year begin on July 1 and end on June 30.

At least one public hearing must be held on the budget prior to its adoption. Seven days prior to this hearing, the Town Clerk must publish a notice of Council's intention to hold such an event. The budget cannot be adopted at the same meeting at which the public hearing is held. Two notices, again at least seven days apart, must then be published in a paper of general circulation announcing Council's intention to adopt the budget. Following this advertisement, Council may then adopt the budget. After this action is taken, the Town Clerk publishes the final notice of adoption.

The Town of Vienna's budget process begins in January of each year when Council presents to the staff its budget priorities for the upcoming year. Citizens who have suggestions about what items should be given priority for funding are encouraged to express their views in writing to the Town Manager. In addition, non-profit Vienna organizations may apply for donations of Town funds.

The Town Manager then prepares and submits to the Town Council his proposed budget, and copies are made available to the public. This year, budget work sessions were held on April 9, 11 and 18. The public hearing on the proposed budget will be held at the Town Council meeting on May 9, which begins at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. If Council considers it necessary, a final budget work session to discuss comments made at the public hearing will be held on May 16. Adoption of the budget is scheduled for the June 6 Council meeting.

PROPOSED FY 2005-2006 BUDGET IN BRIEF

GENERAL FUND

REVENUES

Property Tax	\$ 6,740,462
(22¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation)	
Public Service Taxes	90,000
Penalties & Interest	22,500
Other Local Taxes	6,084,200
Permits, Fees & Licenses	50,900
Fines & Forfeitures	275,000
Use of Money & Property	189,700
Park & Recreation Fees	529,500
Special Services Fees	9,700
Miscellaneous Revenues	76,000
Non-categorical Aid	449,949
Categorical Aid	1,262,144
State Grants	20,000
Interfund Transfers	898,000
Use of Prior Year Reserves	600,000
TOTAL	\$17,298,055

EXPENDITURES

Legislative	\$ 621,294
Administration	1,419,501
Finance Department	1,098,058
Police Department	4,771,556
Public Works Department	5,582,175
Tax Relief	232,870
Parks & Recreation Department	2,280,982
Planning & Zoning Department	571,908
Reserves & Transfers	262,930
PC Replacement	109,000
Equipment Replacement	347,781
TOTAL	\$17,298,055

WATER & SEWER FUND

REVENUES

Use of Money	\$ 50,100
Water & Sewer Charges	5,658,613
Miscellaneous Revenues	18,000
Use of Prior Year	
Retained Earnings	250,000
TOTAL	\$5,976,713

EXPENDITURES

Operations & Maintenance	\$4,182,151
Meter Maintenance & Reading	326,616
Billing/Customer Service	153,677
Transfers	1,195,383
Equipment Replacement	118,886
TOTAL	\$5,976,713

DEBT SERVICE FUND

REVENUES

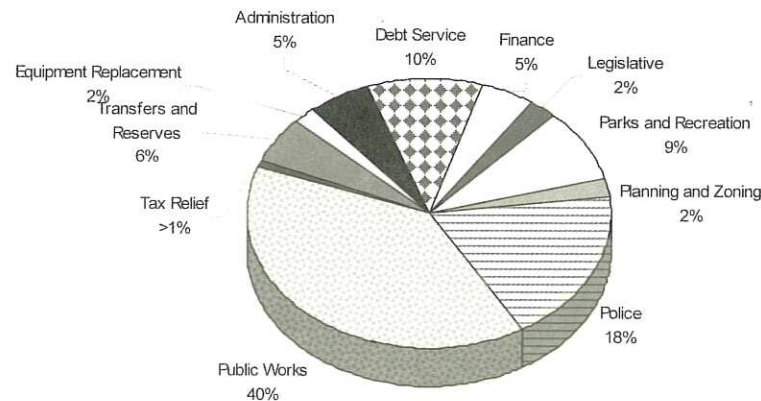
Other Local Taxes	\$2,328,000
Use of Money	42,052
Interfund Transfers	297,383
TOTAL	\$2,667,435

EXPENDITURES

Administrative Costs	\$ 600
Debt Service	2,145,970
Reserves	520,865
TOTAL	\$2,667,435

TOTAL BUDGET FOR ALL FUNDS \$25,942,203

TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES



Your Tax Dollars at Work – Budget Highlights

The proposed FY 2005-06 budget will provide the necessary funding to continue all current Town programs and services and ensure adequate compensation for employees. While sensitive to the financial pressure felt by property owners, it meets the needs of a community that demands and has come to expect first-class services while mindful of the need to maintain its infrastructure. The department heads have met their obligation in preparing their budgets to meet today's challenges while recognizing the fact that residents are facing financial pressures due to rapidly rising assessments.

TAX RELIEF

Based on a recent increase in the assets cap for property tax and vehicle license tax relief from \$190,000 to \$240,000, the total amount of tax relief granted is anticipated to increase by \$42,356, or 22.23%. The anticipated amount of tax relief to be granted is equivalent to approximately three-quarters of one cent on the real estate property tax rate.

TRANSFERS & RESERVES

The proposed budget includes a transfer of \$82,400 into the sidewalk construction projects fund (an increase of almost \$20,000 over the current allocation) and \$30,000 into the Vehicle Replacement Fund out of receipts from the Telecommunications Tax. \$240,530 has been budgeted for the General Fund Contingency Account to provide funding for emergencies and other unforeseen needs.

ADMINISTRATION

The Town continues to experience a reduction in Workers Compensation premiums. Funding is included in the proposed budget to expand the AED program by three units and institute an employee wellness program.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The termination of the photo red light camera enforcement program by the General Assembly effective July 1, 2005, will result in an estimated loss of \$175,000 in revenue. After subtracting costs that will cease on the same date, the net effect is a loss of \$20,000, reinforcing Vienna's long-standing position that the Town was not participating in this enforcement program as a money-making activity but rather as a matter of public safety.

PUBLIC WORKS

The Street Maintenance budget maintains current funding levels for contractual street resurfacing and concrete repair and replacement. The Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance budget proposes

an increase in the allocation for fuel because of volatile gasoline and diesel prices. Funds are included in the Snow Removal budget to replace two snow plows and purchase two additional magnesium chloride dispensing systems.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Over the past few years the Parks and Recreation Department has aggressively expanded offerings both at the Community Center and in the local parks and has successfully marketed the programs to residents of all ages in Vienna and surrounding areas. These efforts have also resulted in increased revenue to the Town. Funding is included in the proposed budget to replace aged playground equipment at Glyndon Park, replace the lighting and tennis wall at Meadow Lane Park and pave the parking lot at the Vienna Dog Park. Funds are also included for a celebration to recognize the 40th anniversary of the Community Center.



The Teen Center, another highly successful Parks and Recreation Department program, is proposed for a minimal increase in funding over current year levels.

PROJECTED GENERAL FUND REVENUES

Overall receipts from real estate taxes will actually decline by \$9,690 as a result of reducing the tax rate from 26½ to 22¢ and reduced revenue from public service corporation taxes. However, other local taxes are projected to rise by \$595,800 over current levels, including sales tax, utility taxes, business license taxes, bank stock taxes and cell phone tax.

WATER AND SEWER FUND

A major problem for FY 2005-06 occurs in the Water and Sewer Fund in which the Town is faced with substantial increases both in the price of purchased water and also for sewage treatment. These price increases, which are beyond the Town's control, necessitate a significant rate increase both in water and sewer service charges.

DEBT SERVICE FUND

The Town's total outstanding general obligation debt, including the Water and Sewer Fund, will decrease next fiscal year from \$13,099,999 to \$11,273,332, a reduction of \$1,596,667. By the end of the year, the debt will represent only 0.37% of the Town's 2005 taxable property values as compared to the legal debt limit of 10% set by Commonwealth statutes. It is estimated that meals and lodging tax revenue, which is used exclusively for debt retirement related to Vienna's capital improvement program, will remain stable when compared to actual receipts from the current fiscal year.

