

This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

MARCH 1996 – At its March 4 meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on a new “Pedestrian Commercial” zoning category proposed for the Church Street business district. The new zone, designated C-1B, was proposed by the Town/Business Liaison Committee to emphasize pedestrian-oriented activities that could be threatened by the development of drive-through businesses such as fast food, banks, dry cleaners and quick oil changes.

MARCH 1986 – Officer Tom Sherwood, a 14-year veteran of the Vienna Police Department, is the first officer to be assigned to the Town’s special traffic enforcement unit. The traffic unit was approved by the Town Council in response to numerous citizen complaints about traffic and speeding problems in residential neighborhoods. An additional traffic officer and two motorcycle officers will join the unit by late spring.

MARCH 1976 – The Howard Devron Orchestra will be providing the music at all three locations for the Town of Vienna’s Bicentennial Balls on March 6. The balls will begin at 9 p.m. and run until 1 a.m. at Westwood Country Club, the Flame Room at the fire station, and Our Lady of Good Counsel. Tickets are \$17.76 per couple, and Bicentennial theme costume or semi-formal dress will be required.

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Gardening Tips for Homeowners

Your Community Enhancement Commission recommends:

- Plant a tree that will shade your house as well as reduce the need for air conditioning.
- Buy smaller plants. Nursery-grown plants can be pricey. Forgo gallon containers and concentrate on economical 2 and 3-inch containers.
- Start from seed. Seeds, of course, provide the least expensive way to grow a garden. You supply the labor and overhead. It takes a few seasons to get the hang of growing from seed, both indoors and out, but eventually you’ll start to “think like a seed,” gaining a sense of when and where to plant.
- Accept gifts graciously. Gardeners are usually happy to share divisions of day lilies, iris, and other plants. Just beware of any plant they’re too happy to be rid of – it could be some invasive thug intent on taking over your garden.
- Waste nothing. Pots and six-packs are good for at least several seasons. Never use dirty containers. Composting garden debris and plant scraps creates yummy organic matter for beds and pots.



Business License Renewal Deadline

Town businesses are reminded that March 1 is the deadline for payment of the annual business, professional and occupational license (BPOL) tax. All businesses in the Town of Vienna, including home occupations, must renew their business licenses by March 1.

The amount of the tax is based on gross receipts, and the rate varies according to the type of business. The gross receipts threshold is \$50,000, below which the tax does not apply. Those businesses with total annual gross receipts of \$50,000 or less pay only the minimum license fee of \$30 per year.

License tax forms are available in the Finance Department at Town Hall and online at www.viennava.gov. For more information or assistance in figuring license taxes, call 703-255-6321.

Snow Removal Award Nominations Welcome

During last month’s snowstorm, if you feel that any businesses or citizens did an excellent job in removing snow from their driveways and/or sidewalks, or helped others in removing snow, please nominate them for the Town/Business Liaison Committee’s (T/BLC) snow removal award. The Mayor and Chairperson of the T/BLC will present awards at a future Town Council meeting. To make a nomination or for more information, e-mail tblc@ci.vienna.va.us or call the Planning and Zoning Department at 703-255-6341.

NEWSLETTER

March 2006

Town Green Turning Greener

It could be said that the Wright Building is in the wrong place! The building, constructed around 1935 at the corner of Maple Avenue and Mill Street as the Wright & Hunt dry goods business, is scheduled for demolition in late March to make way for Vienna’s new Town Green.

The Town Green will connect Maple Avenue with Church Street, abutting the W&OD Trail and providing a view of the Freeman House, the old railroad station and caboose, and other historic sites. The project design includes a plaza area with fountain, trees and benches; a lawn for play and picnicking; an amphitheater with sloped lawn for concerts and special events; walkways with benches and trees for sitting and relaxation; restroom facilities; an abundance of landscaped areas for visual enjoyment; parking reconfiguration and enhancements; and widening of Mill Street.

A contract for the demolition of the Wright Building and grading of the site was anticipated to be awarded at the February 27 Town Council meeting. Until the building comes down, the Vienna Fire Department has been given permission to hold evacuation exercises inside. With the several floors, varying ceiling heights, abundance of stairs, tight hallways, and many exit doors, the Fire Department will have the opportunity to spend several weeks inside practicing situational life-saving and emergency evacuation skills.

The public will be able to view the building coming down. As details are finalized, watch the Town Web site for the demolition schedule. For further information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360.

Vehicle Decals Available March 15

2006 Town of Vienna motor vehicle decals go on sale Wednesday, March 15, and must be displayed by midnight April 17. Decals may be purchased by mail or in person in the Finance Department at Town Hall. (Military personnel must apply in person.)

Decals cost \$20 for passenger cars and trucks under 4,000 pounds, \$25 for cars and trucks 4,000 pounds and over, and \$10.50 for motorcycles.

Information on pre-printed application forms for 2006 decals was taken from 2005 records; therefore, if your vehicle was not registered in Vienna last year, you will not automatically receive an application form in the mail. Call 703-255-6323 or visit the Finance Department to obtain a form, or download it from the Town’s Web site, www.viennava.gov.

Town of Vienna residents do not need to purchase Fairfax County vehicle decals, but they must pay County personal property tax on motor vehicles. For information about personal property tax, call the County Office of Assessments at 703-222-8234 or visit the County Web site, www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

SEE PAGE 5 FOR THE SPRING STREET-SWEEPING SCHEDULE.

Voter Registration Deadline April 3

Monday, April 3, is the last day to register to vote in the May 2 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.

**LOOK FOR TOWN COUNCIL CANDIDATE PROFILES
IN THE APRIL NEWSLETTER.**

Recycle Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Batteries

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

Recycle Your Computer — For a list of local organizations that accept used computers for reuse and recycling, visit the Fairfax County Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/mat-comp.htm.

TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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Deadline for April issue is March 15.

Town Council Action

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise

JANUARY 9, 2006

- Conducted a closed session with the Town Attorney to discuss legal matters involving the Town.

- Following a public hearing, affirmed the decision of the Windover Heights Board of Review approving replacement of the house at 123 Lewis St., N.W., with a new house. (Approved 5-1, Cole voting nay, Verinder absent.)

- Following a public hearing, approved the rezoning of approximately half an acre adjacent to the Town's park maintenance facility at 247 Nutley Street, N.W., from RS-12.5, single-family residential, to the park and recreational zone, to create a passive neighborhood park. Also approved the site plan for the park.

- Approved a contract with Fields Consulting Group to design and administer an assessment center process to establish an eligibility list for the rank of Sergeant in the Vienna Police Department at a total cost not to exceed \$9,500. (Approved 5-1, Lovelace voting nay, Verinder absent.)

Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing

At its March 6 meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on the latest update of the Town's Comprehensive Plan. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall and all interested citizens are encouraged to attend. Copies of the updated plan are available at Town Hall for public review. For more information, call the Department of Planning and Zoning at 703-255-6341. The Code of Virginia requires all governing bodies in the Commonwealth to have an adopted Comprehensive Plan and to update the plan every five years. Elements of Vienna's plan include land use, transportation and community facilities.

March

| 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. | Ash Wednesday Business license renewal deadline Planning Commission | Town/Business Liaison Committee 7 p.m. | | Drop off used motor oil, antifreeze & batteries at Northside Property Yard, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week | Town Council | Mayor's Advisory Committee | Car tags go on sale Board of Zoning Appeals | Board of Architectural Review | St. Patrick's Day | |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| | Town Council work session | | Planning Commission | Community Enhancement Commission 7:30 p.m. | | |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| | Town Council | Transportation Safety Commission | Planning Commission | | | |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

2006

Tax Relief Offered to Senior, Disabled Low-income Homeowners

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. To qualify, the following requirements must be met:

- Total household income of \$72,000 or less. This amount excludes \$6,500 of income of relatives, other than the spouse, who reside in the household. Also excluded is \$7,500 of any income received by a disabled homeowner. 100% tax relief is given for total combined income of \$52,000 or less, 50% tax relief between \$52,001 and \$62,000, and 25% tax relief between \$62,001 and \$72,000.

- Total combined assets of no more than \$340,000. This amount excludes the value of the residence, up to one acre of land, and household furnishings.

- Disabled persons applying for the first time must show evidence of disability.

In addition to real estate tax relief, Fairfax County provides rental grants and relief from personal property tax for one automobile per household. The Town of Vienna provides all relief recipients one free auto decal.

Applications for 2006 for all programs are due April 1. This date may be extended to December 31 of next year for first-time filers or if hardship conditions exist which, through no fault of the applicant, prohibit applying by April 1.

For more information and to obtain Town application forms, call 703-255-6325. For County applications, call 703-222-8234.

County Encourages Citizens to Register for Emergency Alert Network

One of the easiest ways to become better prepared for an emergency or severe weather is to sign up for Fairfax County's Community Emergency Alert Network (CEAN), a free service of the County's Office of Emergency Management.

Citizens registered on the CEAN will be provided a personal connection to real-time updates, instructions on where to go, protective actions that need to be taken and other important information such as National Weather Service watches and warnings.

CEAN alerts may cover personal safety, weather, major accidents involving utilities or roadways, or disaster notification such as a terrorist attack. In addition, residents also may register for any or all of the additional

CEAN alert categories: severe weather 24/7; severe weather 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday; severe traffic disruptions; and County government closings/schedule changes.

The CEAN will be used by County officials to deliver emergency alerts, notifications and updates during a major crisis or emergency. Messages will be delivered to e-mail accounts, cell phones (text messaging costs may apply; check with your service provider), text pagers, satellite phones, and wireless PDAs that are registered on the system.

To register for the Community Emergency Alert Network, visit the Fairfax County Web page, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cean. For additional information on the CEAN, contact the Office of Emergency Management at 703-324-2362.

Fairfax County offers the CEAN as a public service that will be used in conjunction with other public notification methods, such as the Fairfax County Emergency Information Line (703-817-7771, TTY 711), cable television Channel 16, the Fairfax County Web site, and area news media.

Picnic Shelters at Parks Available for Group Functions

Reservations for the picnic shelters at Meadow Lane and Glyndon Parks will be taken beginning March 6. The fee for Town of Vienna groups is \$25 for a maximum of five hours plus a \$25 key deposit for use of the restrooms. The shelters can accommodate groups of up to 75 people. For more information, call Vienna Parks and Recreation, 703-255-6360.

The Fairfax County Park Authority and the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority also provide picnic areas for large groups. For information, call the Fairfax County Park Authority's "Picnic Line" at 703-324-8732 and the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority at 703-352-5900.

Yield to Pedestrians

Your Transportation Safety Commission reminds you that the driver of any vehicle must yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian crossing the street at any marked crosswalk, whether at mid-block or at the end of the block, or at any intersection.

Motorists are urged always to be alert to the possible presence of pedestrians, especially when turning right on red, and to yield the right-of-way with courtesy.

Pedestrians must also act responsibly and not disregard approaching traffic. The American Automobile Association offers these safe walking tips:

- Cross only at designated crosswalks and at intersections.
- At signalized crosswalks, cross only on the proper signal.
- Look *all* ways (not just both ways) before crossing.
- Walk facing traffic where there are no sidewalks.
- Wear reflective material after dark.
- Always watch for cars even when you have the legal right-of-way.

SAFE DRIVING TIP – Headlights in use on a vehicle not only improve the driver's vision, but also help alert pedestrians and other vehicles to its approach.

Safeway to Receive First Annual Service Award for Businesses

Vienna's Town/Business Liaison Committee is pleased to announce the selection of Safeway of Vienna as the recipient of its first Community Service Award for the store's support of the Club Phoenix teen center, donations to after-school activities, and friendly customer service. Safeway will be presented its award at the Mayor's reception for outstanding community volunteers on April 11.

The purpose of the award is to recognize businesses and business owners for their contributions to the life and spirit of Vienna. Other nominees this year were Wheat's Lawn & Custom Landscape, Bikes@Vienna, The Italian Gourmet, and JP and Deborah Brehony of Commonwealth Housing Corp.

Tax-Aide Program Open at SunTrust

The AARP Tax-Aide program is the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax preparation service available to low and middle income taxpayers, with special attention to those age 60 and older. AARP Tax-Aide is administered by the AARP Foundation in cooperation with the IRS. All tax preparation volunteers receive training in tax law and must pass an IRS certification examination. Last year, over 4,500 individuals and families benefited from this service.

Until April 15, Tax-Aide volunteers will be at SunTrust Bank, 515 Maple Ave., E., Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This year, all tax returns will be electronically filed. All taxpayers **MUST** bring government-issued picture IDs and Social Security cards for all persons included on the tax return.

The AARP Tax-Aide program also provides online tax counseling as a public service. AARP Tax-Aide volunteers are trained to understand individual federal tax issues, especially the provisions of the tax code that affect older people. Please limit your questions to federal taxes only. AARP Tax-Aide volunteers will review your questions, and you will receive an answer by e-mail within three to five business days. Visit www.aarp.org/money/taxaide/taxcounseling/ask_tax_question.html.

For more information, call 1-888-227-7669.

Summer Jobs Available

The Town of Vienna has a number of openings in the Public Works and the Parks & Recreation Departments 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.

Public Works laborers assist Town crews in maintaining and repairing curbs, gutters and sidewalks, or in the daily operations of the Water and Sewer division. Parks Maintenance workers assist in maintaining ball fields, mowing grass and cleaning park sites, while the summer landscaper position assists the Town's horticulturist with the watering program and landscaping tasks.

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.

NEW IN TOWN? There's 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.

Fairfax County Budget Timeline

Fairfax County Executive Anthony H. Griffin presented his proposed budget for fiscal year 2007 to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on February 27. His presentation will air on Fairfax County Government Channel 16 on Friday, March 3, and again on Monday, March 6, at 9 p.m. The presentation also will air as part of the Board of Supervisors meeting replay on Saturday, March 4, at 10 a.m., and it will also be available as video-on-demand on the County's Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable throughout the month of March.

Budget documents are available online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb, or call the Department of Management and Budget at 703-324-2391. Reference copies of the proposed budget are available at all County public libraries.

Public hearings on the FY 2007 budget have been set for April 3, 4 and 5 at 7 p.m. Those wishing to speak at any of the public hearings should contact the Office of the Clerk to the Board at 703-324-3151 to place their names on the speakers list, or sign up online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/bos/speaker_bos.htm.

All of the public hearings will be held in the Board Auditorium of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway in Fairfax, and will be televised live on Channel 16.

Staff from the Department of Management and Budget will be available to speak to civic organizations, homeowners associations and community groups regarding the proposed County budget for 2007. To arrange for someone to speak to your group, call 703-324-2391 or e-mail DMBInfo@fairfaxcounty.gov.

The board has scheduled the budget markup session for Monday, April 24, at 10 a.m. Formal adoption of the budget is scheduled to take place on Monday, May 1, at 10 a.m. during the regularly scheduled board meeting.

Water Mains Flushed in Spring

Each spring the Town of Vienna flushes the water mains in its distribution system in order to maintain a high standard of water quality and to ensure proper and efficient operation of the fire hydrants. The preventive maintenance program begins in early April, and flushing usually occurs between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Water mains are flushed by opening the fire hydrants and allowing the water to flow freely for a short period of time. The flushing cleans out sediment that normally accumulates during the summer and winter, and enables the Town to test and perform routine maintenance on the 800+ fire hydrants within its service area.

Flushing may result in some discoloration and the presence of sediment in the water reaching your home or business. These conditions are not harmful and should be of short duration. The Town appreciates your tolerance of this inconvenience. If you need more information, please call the Water and Sewer Customer Service Office at 703-255-6385.



"Beauty Spot" Awards

Vienna's Community Enhancement Commission recognizes town residents and businesses for their beautification projects. The latest "Beauty Spot" awards, for their holiday decorations, go to:

- ♦ Margaret Bean, 705 Plum St., S.W.
- ♦ Kathleen Bridgeman, 436 Park St., N.E.
- ♦ Bill and Jean James, 301 Talahi Rd., S.E.
- ♦ Lou and Cookie Zone, 1004 Delilah Dr., S.W.
- ♦ Stalcup Hardware, 229 Maple Ave., E.

Citizen suggestions for Beauty Spot awards are welcomed. Send them in care of the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna, VA 22180.

Citizens are invited to attend Community Enhancement Commission meetings, held the fourth Thursday of the month (except November and December) at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall.

Welcome New Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in December & January:

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| Bruce A. Chappell <i>handyman</i> 1103 DeSale St., S.E. 703-281-9395 | Tara Voigt <i>childcare</i> 910 Meadow Ln., S.W. 703-242-4337 | Maranwe Consulting <i>freelance writing consultant</i> 701 Birch St., S.W. 703-242-9481 |
| Nativescapes <i>horticultural consultant</i> 1303 Cottage St., S.W. 703-255-2852 | Exdeco Exteriors <i>contractor</i> 504 Tapawingo Rd., S.W. 703-732-9257 | Element Consulting Group <i>technology consultant</i> 203 McHenry St., S.E. 703-242-6419 |
| Hope Dental Studio <i>dental lab</i> 902 Farley Ct., S.E. 703-774-6872 | Egttol Enterprises <i>real estate</i> 1116 Fairway Dr., N.E. 703-424-6068 | Planet Kids <i>daycare</i> 632 John Marshall Dr., N.W. 703-319-1831 |
| Elephant Development <i>real estate investments</i> 450 Maple Ave., E. #305 703-255-3399 | Elandre Spa, 352 Maple Ave., W., has a new phone number – 703-255-5003 | |

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 February and March: *30 years* – Vienna Aquarium & Pets, Vienna Hearing & Speech Center, Village Green Hair & Nail Salon; *20 years* – Valucom; *10 years* – David Miller & Associates, Hermanek Stover & Associates, MG Painting & Tile Co., Mr. Wash, Tricon Food Service Consultants, Vienna Trophies & Awards.

Tree and Shrub Seedlings for Sale

The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District (NVSWCD) is conducting its annual tree and shrub seedling sale. Each seedling package costs \$16.95 and contains 14 bare root seedlings of assorted species. This year's selections, "A Harvest of Fruits and Nuts," include American Hazelnut, gray dogwood, black chokeberry, common persimmon, shadblow serviceberry, and Virginia pine. From late summer into fall, these trees and shrubs produce nuts and colorful berries that attract and sustain migrating songbirds and local wildlife.

New for 2006, NVSWCD is offering Virginia creeper seedlings in packages of four for \$4. This groundcover/vine produces berries and turns red in the fall.

Pre-paid orders must be placed by April 12. Supplies are limited so order early! For more information or to receive an order form, call NVSWCD at 703-324-1460, e-mail conservationdistrict@fairfaxcounty.gov, or download an order form at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/seedlingsale.htm. Purchasers will receive a confirmation receipt and a map to the pickup site off Braddock Road near Rolling Road. The seedlings will be available for pickup April 21 and 22.

NVSWCD's mission is to lessen the impact of urban/suburban activities on the land and water resources in Fairfax County, vital components of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Citizens are invited to participate in a free workshop and outing series starting this month to learn more about streams, soil and native plants, and explore the outdoors. For more information, call Joanna Cornell at 703-324-1425, e-mail Joanna.Cornell@fairfaxcounty.gov, or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/nest.htm.

Historic Vienna Inc. will hold its spring membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at the Vienna Community Center. The public is invited to attend. Guest speaker will be Carole L. Herrick, author of *August 24, 1814: Washington in Flames*, an account of the burning of the nation's capital during the War of 1812 and the flight of government leaders into the surrounding countryside. Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing by the author. For more information, call 703-938-5187.

Greater Vienna Republican Women's Club will meet at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 31. Paul Snodgrass, Chairman of Vienna's "Virginia 2007 Community Committee," will speak on planning for the 400th anniversary celebration of the founding of Jamestown. For location and more information, call Sigrid Crane at 703-938-0954.

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 227, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16, at Neighbor's Restaurant in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center. Tom Stryer will discuss his tour of duty with the Mobile Riverine Force in the South Vietnam delta to support the Army's 9th Infantry Division and to conduct its own offensive operations. For more information, call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or visit www.geocities.com/vva227.

Meadowlark Botanical Gardens programs for March include a landscape design series March 4, 11 and 18 beginning at 10:30 a.m. Landscape designer Kathleen Wheeler will discuss the design process and garden styles. The fee is \$45 for all three sessions. On March 25 at 10:30 a.m., chief horticulturist Doris Rodriguez will share ideas to help get your garden ready for spring. The fee is \$5. For reservations and more information, call 703-255-3631. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens is located off Beulah Road near the Dulles Access Road.

Lunch 'n' Life, sponsored by the Shepherd's Center, will be held at 12 noon Monday, March 13, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Rd. The cost of \$8 per person includes lunch and musical entertainment by pianist Judy Harrison and flutist Katherine Riddle.

Blood pressure screening will be offered at 11 a.m. Reservations are requested by March 8; call 703-281-0538. The Shepherd's Center is a volunteer interfaith organization offering programs and services to community residents age 50 and older.

5K run and one-mile fun run/walk to benefit James Madison High School track and field and the all-night graduation celebration will be held on Saturday, March 18, beginning at 9 a.m. near the track behind the school. Awards will be presented and refreshments provided at the finish of the race. The entry fee is \$15 for students age 18 and under (19 with valid school ID) and \$20 for adults. To register online, go to www.active.com or download an entry form at www.fcps.edu/MadisonHS.

"A Ticket to Art," a drawing for original art by members of the Vienna Arts Society, will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the VAS Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., N.W. Tickets are \$100 each, and the number of tickets to be sold is determined by the number of art pieces donated, so every ticket is a winner! The pieces will on display at the Art Center by March 5. For more information, call 703-319-3971.

Dramatic Readings in Women's History, sponsored by the Vienna Area Branch of the American Association of University Women, will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, at Patrick Henry Library. Free of charge. Readers' Theater will profile extraordinary women past and present, including Susan B. Anthony, a Polar explorer, a nuclear physicist, and an astronaut. For more information, call 703-938-7578.

"Did Your Mother Come from Ireland?" sponsored by Our Lady of Good Counsel parish, will be presented at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 12, in the new DeSales Hall at OLG, 8601 Wolftrap Rd. Lillian O'Connell and Patrick Clerkin will describe the journey of their Irish immigrant forbears through pictures, songs and conversation. Irish treats will be served at a reception following the performance. Tickets are \$25 each and proceeds will be used to purchase technical equipment for DeSales Hall. For more information, call 703-938-2828, ext. 0.

Vienna Jaycees will gather for VROOM! (Vienna Restaurant Outing of the Month) in the new food court at Tysons Corner mall on Thursday, March 16, at 7:30 p.m. Vienna area residents between the ages of 21 and 40 are invited to learn about the Jaycees' upcoming community projects and social events. For more information, call Karen, 703-281-1255, or visit www.viennajaycees.org.

Vienna Vision Impaired Group, a support group for visually impaired persons and their families, will meet at 10:15 a.m. Thursday, March 16, at Patrick Henry Library. Patrick Vaughn will discuss living wills. For more information, call Rhoda Stevens at 703-281-9679.

League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area will hold meetings this month on "The Politics of Fear," a discussion of how fear is used as a means to control behavior in contemporary life and what citizens can do to restore more rational decision-making. The morning Vienna meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 8; call 703-938-1486 for information. The evening session is scheduled for 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 14; call 703-938-9336. To contact the League of Women Voters, call 703-658-9150 or visit www.lwv-fairfax.org.

Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League, Inc. (MAGDRL) is looking for caring, responsible Great Dane lovers to join its foster team by opening their hearts and homes to a rescued Great Dane. Volunteers get to know each foster dog "up close and personal," so that MAGDRL is able to make a better match between the dog and its permanent adoptive family. For more information about the fostering program and to request an application, call 703-644-8009 or go to www.magdrl.org.

Financial mentors are needed to help low-income Fairfax County residents learn the basics of managing their personal finances. Our Daily Bread, a non-profit organization serving the working poor, is seeking volunteers to meet with their clients twice a month for six months. Training and on-going support are provided. Spanish speakers are especially needed. For more information, contact Lisa Whetzel at 703-273-8829 or e-mail odb.programsmanager@verizon.net.

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Antiques appraisers Josephine Thrasher and Jim Johnson will be at the Historic Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., on Saturday, March 18, from 12:30 to 4 p.m. They will give a verbal appraisal of the approximate age and value of up to three items for \$10 (\$7.50 for Historic Vienna, Inc. members). Appointments are required and may be made by calling 703-938-5187. Proceeds benefit Historic Vienna, Inc.

Capitol Steps will present their fast-paced political satire at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at James Madison High School. Tickets are \$25 each and can be reserved by mailing a check to: JMHS All-Night Grad, 2500 James Madison Dr., Vienna, VA 22181. All proceeds benefit the 2006 all-night graduation celebration. For more information, call Pam or Ran Hock, 703-255-3798 or visit www.fcps.edu/MadisonHS.

"Black History in the Vienna Community" will be on exhibit through March 31 at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. The exhibit is open during regular business hours, Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 703-938-5187.

Casino Night Luau, sponsored by the Vienna-Tyson Regional Chamber of Commerce, will be held at Westwood Country Club on Saturday, April 1, from 7 p.m. to midnight. Enjoy casino games, food samples from local eateries, live auction, and prize drawings. The ticket price of \$60 per person includes two drink tickets, "casino cash" for gaming, and food tastings. For more information, call 703-281-1333 or visit www.vtrcc.org.

Old-fashioned egg roll for children age 12 and under and their parents will be held rain or shine on the lawn of the historic Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., on Saturday, April 1, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Visit with the Easter Bunny and listen to a storyteller. Free of charge; no registration required. For more information, call Historic Vienna, Inc., at 703-938-5187.

Northern Virginia Senior Softball seeks men age 50+ and women age 40+ to play slow-pitch softball on Tuesday and Thursday mornings on Fairfax County fields beginning in mid-April. Players are assigned to teams according to their skill levels. For more information, call Dave, 703-524-5576, or Toni, 703-938-6525, or visit www.nvss.org.

Vienna Choral Society will present "All the Things You Are: Songs of Love and Loss" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Rd., S.W. Tickets are \$15 general admission (\$12 in advance), \$12 for students and senior citizens (\$10 in advance), and \$25 for families. For more information, call 703-255-5508.

Northern Virginia Model Railroaders will host an open house at the Vienna Railroad Station, corner of Dominion Road and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E., on Saturday, March 18, from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is free; donations accepted. See an operating HO scale model railroad. For more 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.

Over 10,000 magazines and more than 1,000 paperback books were donated in 2005 to 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.

Vienna's "Virginia 2007 Community Committee," created to plan local activities in celebration of the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown in 1607, will meet at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 23, at Marco Polo Restaurant, 245 Maple Ave., W. All interested residents, businesses and community organizations are

invited to participate. Jamestown was the first permanent English-speaking settlement in the New World for what was to become the United States. For more information, contact chairman Paul Snodgrass at 703-560-6631 or visit www.va2007-vienna.org.

"Sundays at the Art Center" is a new program hosted by the Vienna Arts Society at its art center, 115 Pleasant St., N.W., behind the Marco Polo Restaurant. This month, the center will be open March 5, 12 and 19 from noon to 4 p.m. View paintings and talk about art with artists. On March 5, Joe Phillips will be working on a painting and taking questions from visitors. For more information, call 703-319-3971 or visit www.viennaartssociety.org.

Breakfast buffet, sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 180 and the Sons of the Legion, will be open on Sunday, March 19, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Legion Post, 330 Center St., N. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under age 12. For more information, call 703-938-9535.

Newcomers Club of Vienna and Friends, a women's social club for new residents, recent retirees and those just wanting to make new friends, will sponsor a trip to the Museum of the Shenandoah and the historic Glen Burnie house in Winchester on Thursday, March 23. For reservations and information, call Betty Lynch at 703-938-3505. The club holds a luncheon meeting the second Thursday of each month at Marco Polo Restaurant and sponsors a book exchange, day trips and tours, and bridge and bowling leagues.

Welcome Club of Northern Virginia will hold its monthly luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 2, at the Army Navy Country Club in Fairfax. Jonathan Gilbert and Dr. Janine Blackman will discuss "True Integrative Care for Women's Health." For reservations and more information, call 703-242-0217 or e-mail Jtowers39@cox.net. The club also sponsors bridge, golf, wine tasting and other activities.

Spring Street Sweeping Schedule

The Public Works Department's spring street sweeping program begins this month. The town has been divided into eight sections to be covered according to the schedule below. 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 the Public Works Department at 703-255-6381 to obtain a more definitive date of when the street sweeper will be on their block. The schedule is subject to change in case of inclement weather.

SECTION I MARCH 27-MARCH 31

West of Lawyers Rd. to town limit & north of Maple Ave. to town limit

SECTION II APRIL 3-7

East of Lawyers Rd. to Beulah Rd. & north of Maple Ave. to town limit

SECTION III APRIL 10-14

East of Beulah Rd. to eastern town limit & north of Maple Ave. to northern town limit

SECTION IV APRIL 17-21

East of Glyndon St. & east of W&OD Trail to western town line & south of Maple Ave.

SECTION V APRIL 24-28

East of Center St. & east of Lullaby Ln. to Glyndon St. & W&OD Trail & south of Maple Ave. to southern town limit

SECTION VI MAY 1-5

South of Kingsley Rd. to Cedar Ln. & southern town limit

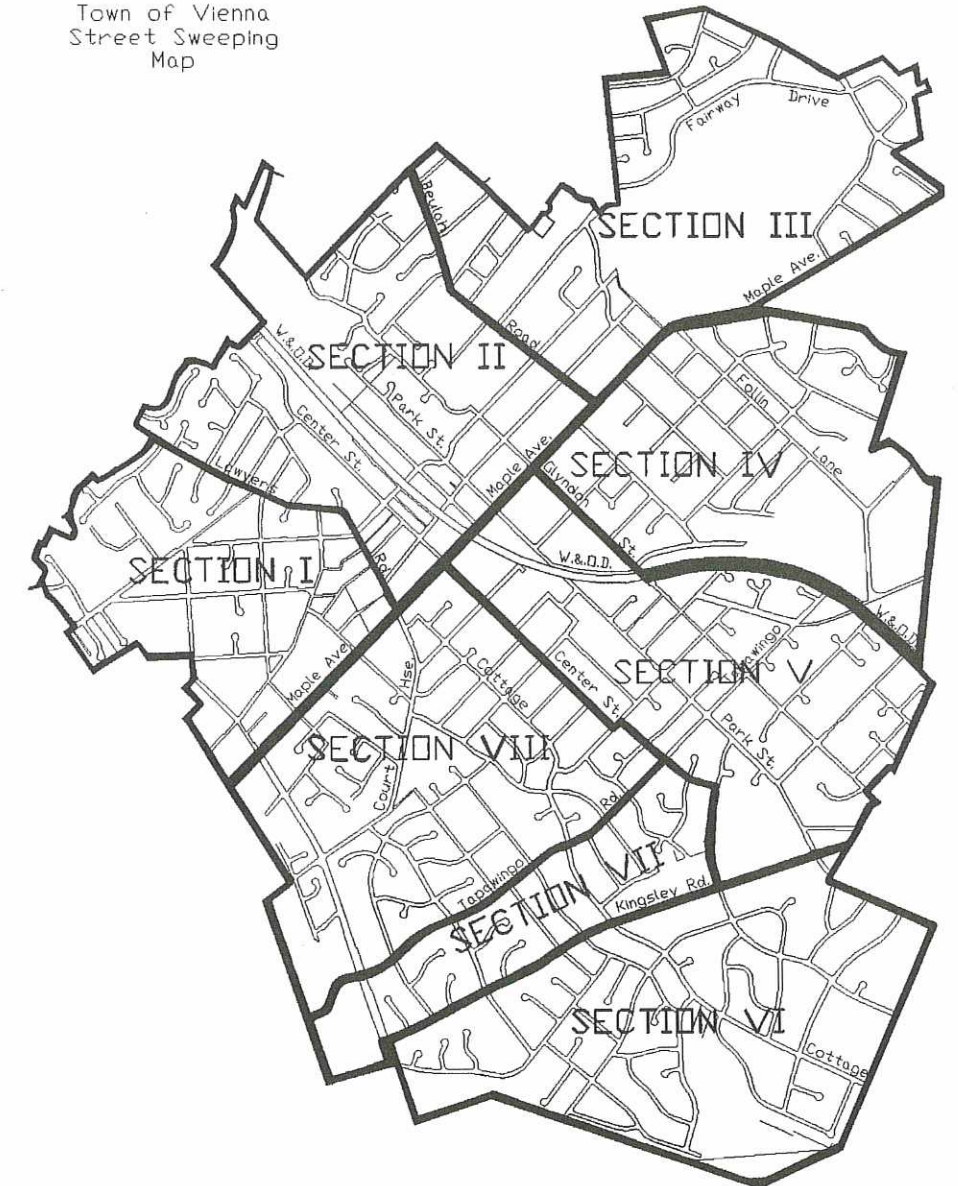
SECTION VII MAY 8-12

North of Kingsley Rd., west of Lullaby Ln., south of Tapawingo Rd. & east of town limit

SECTION VIII MAY 15-19

North of Tapawingo Rd., west of Center St., south of Maple Ave. & east of town limit

Town of Vienna
Street Sweeping
Map



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 Community Band will present a family concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 5. Enjoy an afternoon of music from the British Isles, including an original trio by composer-in-residence Roger Firestone and his arrangement of a traditional Irish piece.

Family Skate Night will be held each Friday, March 3-April 28, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Admission is \$1 for ages 17 and under, and 50¢ for adults. Bring your own skates or rollerblades and safety equipment. Parents are required to stay with their children and are welcome to participate.

BUS TRIPS

Philadelphia Flower Show Thursday, March 9. This year's theme is "Enchanted Spring ... A Tribute to Mother

Nature." A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 8 a.m. and return around 7 p.m. The cost of \$58 for town residents includes transportation and admission to the show with all-day re-entry privileges.

Atlantic City Overnighter March 23 and 24. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 10 a.m. Thursday and return around 7:30 p.m. Friday. The cost for town residents of \$165 per person single occupancy, \$123 double occupancy and \$116 triple occupancy includes transportation, casino package, buffet dinner and breakfast at the Tropicana Casino, ticket to a show at the Tropicana, and overnight accommodations at the Holiday Inn on the boardwalk. Registration deadline March 3.

Frederick County tour and luncheon Wednesday, March 22. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 7:30 a.m. and return about 6:30 p.m. "Executive En-

counters - Little Known Tales About the American President in Frederick County, Maryland" will feature stories about the fathers of our country and lunch at the Cozy Restaurant, which houses a display of Camp David memorabilia. The cost of \$60 for town residents includes transportation, history guide, lunch, and a special dessert at Brewers Alley Restaurant.

WHAT'S COOKING?

"**Sushi Made Easy**" will be presented on Saturday, March 11, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants will learn how to purchase sushi fish and other ingredients, and will make rice, maki (rolls) and nigiri (traditional sushi). The cost is \$50 for town residents.

Knife skills will be demonstrated on Saturday, March 18, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants will learn about the different types of knives and the proper way to hold, sharpen and care for knives, and practice cutting techniques, including how to break down a whole chicken. The cost is \$38 for town residents.

SPORTS & FITNESS

Adult spring tennis league begins April 1. Men's singles games will be played on Saturdays and women's singles games on Sundays at Meadow Lane and Glyndon Parks. Each league member will play a minimum of seven matches during the season. The fee is \$10 for town residents. Registration deadline March 21.

Dynamic Walking at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens March 29 and April 5 and 12 from 5:45 to 7:15 p.m. Enjoy the beauty of the gardens as you learn dynamic walking techniques and dynamic body exercises plus how to use a pedometer to count your steps. The cost for town residents is \$15 for all three sessions.

Friday Adventure Walkers meet from 10 to 11 a.m. each week at a different location around Fairfax County. The

first walk will be in Vienna on March 24; other walks will include Rocky Run, Thaiss Memorial park, River Bend, Reston Towne Center, and Colvin Run Mill. The six-week cost of \$12 for town residents includes walking guides and maps. Transportation to each walk is on your own.

Youth sports camp registration begins March 6 for town residents. Camps are held in June, July and August. Kids can learn the fundamentals of baseball, volleyball, football and basketball from local coaches and players. For information on dates and fees for each camp, contact Vienna Parks and Recreation.

AT THE TEEN CENTER

The Nuts and Bolts of College Applications is for high school students (and their parents) preparing to apply for college. Students will be guided in a step-by-step approach to complete their applications and will leave the course with the skills required to submit high-quality applications. Classes will be held each Wednesday, March 22-April 5, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$40 per family for town residents.

St. Paddy's Day party for 6th graders will be held on Friday, March 17, from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wear your green and enjoy games, contests and holiday food. Free of charge.

Saturday night is video game night for high school students. Bring in your games every Saturday from 7 to 11 p.m. and challenge each other on the big screen TV. Club Phoenix has Playstation 2 and X Box. Free of charge.

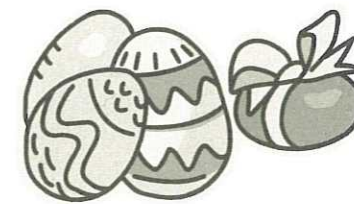
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Caring for Your Newborn, for new and expectant parents, will be held on Thursday, March 23, from 6 to 7 p.m. Topics include preparing the nursery, what to expect in the first few days, nutrition, bonding, basic baby care, crying, sleep, and when to call the doctor. Free of charge; registration required.

Tickets go on sale March 27 for the Vienna Theatre Company's production of the hit Broadway musical "1776." Performances are scheduled for April 21, 22,

FAMILY FLASHLIGHT EGG HUNT

Thursday, March 30 OR Friday, March 31
7:30 p.m. at Glyndon Park



Tickets will be sold at the Vienna Community Center Saturday, March 18, 8-10 a.m.

\$3 per family member
Maximum six tickets per family

TOWN RESIDENTS ONLY

28 and 29, and May 5, 6, 12 and 13 at 8 p.m. and May 7 at 2 p.m. (signed performance). Tickets are \$11 general admission and \$10 for students and senior citizens (65 and older).

Summer camp registration begins March 6 for town residents. Camps include tennis, basketball, fencing, soccer, horseback riding and golf plus history camp at the Freeman House, teen excursion camps, and the summer playground

program. Consult the summer camp brochure for information on dates and fees.

Applications for booth space at the Town of Vienna's July 4th celebration will be available beginning March 1. Non-profit organizations, commercial food vendors, and private and commercial arts and crafts vendors are invited to participate. The celebration is scheduled for Tuesday, July 4, on the Community Center grounds. Booths are to be open from noon to 5 p.m.

Get Ready for Community Center's 40th Birthday Celebration

**VIENNA COMMUNITY CENTER
DEDICATED SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 1966**

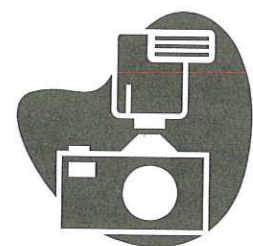
In 1964, a benefit performance at the Vienna Theater kicked off a fund-raising drive to build a new recreation center for the community. Tickets were sold at the First National Bank and the Vienna Trust Company, with \$3 of the price going to the Community Center building fund. The goal to reach was \$125,000.

Building construction began in mid-1964, and the Community Center opened its doors on Sunday, April 17, 1966.

WHERE ARE YOU NOW?

The Vienna Parks and Recreation Department is looking for those who donated to the building of the Community Center. A plaque bearing the names of those who were "Founders," "Master Builders," and "Builders" is located inside the main entrance to the building, and if your name is among them, you are invited to be a special guest at the Vienna Community Center's 40th birthday party on Saturday, April 15, 2006. Please call Amy-Jo Hendrix at 703-255-6357 by March 7 in order to receive your special invitation.

AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST & EXHIBIT



SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 10 A.M.-3 P.M.
SUNDAY, MARCH 19, NOON-4 P.M.
AT THE VIENNA COMMUNITY CENTER

Entries accepted Thursday, March 16, 5-9 p.m.
& Friday, March 17, noon-4 p.m.

Photos will be judged by local professional photographers and ribbons awarded in eight categories in black & white and color divisions.

There will be a separate contest section for students in grades 7-12.

The entry fee is \$7 per person.

Entries are limited to five photos per person and two per category.

Thanks to the Vienna Photographic Society for its assistance with this event.

**VIENNA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
703-255-6360**