

## This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

MAY 1996 – May 28 is the scheduled date for the first dirt to fly on the Church Street revitalization project. The project is funded with \$1.2 million of Fairfax County Revitalization Bond Fund proceeds, and the Town will supplement County funding as required to defray the cost of necessary changes to individual building electric services. A principal objective of the project is to develop a pedestrian-friendly area attractive to both businesses and shoppers.

MAY 1986 – ViVa! Vienna! '86 will include a talent show; pet show; essay and poster contests; display of police, fire and rescue, and public works equipment; and a reunion of those who lived in Vienna prior to 1956.

MAY 1976 – A record number 3,539 voters went to the polls to elect Charles A. Robinson, Jr., as the next Mayor of Vienna. The total number of voters was the heaviest turnout at one polling place in the history of Fairfax County. Robinson garnered 1,841 votes while opponent Paul M. Lyons received 1,693 votes.

MAY 1966 – Through the efforts of the Vienna Town Council, the Fairfax County delegation to the General Assembly secured an amendment to the legislation authorizing County utility taxes which will exempt residents of Vienna from any utility tax imposed by Fairfax County. The Town adopted utility legislation some two years ago in lieu of Town personal property taxes.

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VIENNA TOWN HALL

703-255-6300 (Voice)

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703-255-6360 (Voice)

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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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## Recycle Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Batteries

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries is Saturday, June 3, 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.

## Talkin' Trash

Residents are reminded that trash and recyclables should be placed at the curblane or edge of pavement by 7 a.m. on collection day (but not earlier than 6 p.m. the preceding evening) where it will be easily and safely accessible. Trash cans should be removed from the curblane or edge of pavement as soon as possible after trash pickup and no later than 7 p.m. the same evening as collection.

Please take care not to place trash and recyclables on a sidewalk or any portion of the street right-of-way where they would interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

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## ★ Memorial Day ★

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, May 29, for Memorial Day. Trash will be collected as usual that day for residents on the Monday 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. The Legion Auxiliary will place flags on the graves of veterans at Flint Hill Cemetery and conduct its annual Poppy Promotion throughout Vienna during Memorial Day weekend, with proceeds going to veterans' hospitals in Virginia.

## Tell the Post Office: "We Want Our Newsletter on Time!"

You should receive your Vienna Newsletter on or before the first of each month. The Town is aware that many of you receive it days late, and this delay is caused by the Post Office. Last month's newsletter was taken to the Post Office on March 28 but not delivered until April 3 and 4, a full week later. To register your complaint about late mail delivery, contact Barbara V. Gauthier at the Vienna Post Office, 200 Lawyers Rd., N.W., Vienna, VA 22180, phone 703-242-1393.

Don't forget, the newsletter is online at [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov).

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

# NEWSLETTER

May 2006

## TOWN ELECTION TUESDAY, MAY 2

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

### For Mayor

(vote for no more than one)

George E. Lovelace

M. Jane Seeman

### For Council

(vote for no more than three)

Laurie Genevro Cole

R. Blair Jenkins

Edythe Frankel Kelleher

Michael J. Polychrones

Susan Yancey Stich

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For election results, call the Vienna Newsline,  
703-255-6333, about two hours after polls close  
or visit [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov)

## 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 25, 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. For more information, call 703-255-6381.



## ViVa! Vienna! 2006

22nd Annual Town Festival Along Historic Church Street

Saturday, May 27, 10 a.m. – 11 p.m.

Sunday, May 28, 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Monday, May 29, 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



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

For Information Visit [www.vivavienna.org](http://www.vivavienna.org)  
or call 703-255-4742

## Vienna Names in the News

The 2006 Historic Vienna, Inc., Heritage Preservation Award has been presented to **Patrick Henry Library** for its contributions to educating the public about the town's heritage. These include participation in History Day 2004 and 2005, and the ongoing exhibit of photos from Vienna's past in the library meeting room.

**Nancy Christmus, Carol Cuddihy and Waller McNew**, volunteers at Patrick Henry Library, were among 44 library volunteers countywide honored recently by the Library Board of Trustees. Cuddihy has volunteered 1,000+ hours and McNew 3,000+ hours, and Christmus received an Exceptional Service Award.

**CHO (Committee to Help Others)** will receive a Human Rights Award from the Fairfax County Human Rights Commission at its annual banquet on May 18. The organization was nominated for the award by **Mayor Jane Seeman** for its charitable work in providing emergency services, food, clothing, furniture and transportation for the needy in the Vienna area.

Vienna Youth Soccer (VYS) Quest Red U10 girls team continued its winning ways to become undefeated champion in the Virginia Beach Spring Classic. Congratulations to **Coach Allen Blosser** and team members **Carlyn Baldwin, Isabella Blosser, Jasmine Carter, Cristen Corry, Nora Howe, Elena Karakozoff, Kelly Mills, Mary Ellen Potter, Ashley Sienicki, and Elizabeth Stewart**.

## Around Our Town . . .

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Vienna's "Virginia 2007 Community Committee," created to plan local activities in celebration of the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, encourages town residents of all ages to visit the replica of the *Godspeed* while it is docked in Alexandria May 27-June 3. This floating museum of early 17th century life will feature costumed interpreters, historical and cultural exhibits, interactive displays, and musical performances. The *Godspeed* was one of three small ships that landed in 1607 at Jamestown, Virginia, the first permanent English-speaking settlement in the New World for what was to become the United States. For more information, visit [www.jamestown2007.org](http://www.jamestown2007.org).

**FBI Special Agent Debra LaPrevotte** will be at Patrick Henry Library on Wednesday, May 31, at 7 p.m. to talk about her experiences, including a stint at the Human Remains Recovery School in Tennessee, also known as the "Body Farm." Free of charge; to register, call 703-938-0405.

**Discovery Creek Children's Museum**, based at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, offers children ages 4-10 a variety of hands-on, interactive science and nature camps this summer. Activities for ages 2 and 3 are also available at the Toddler Treehouse. To register and for more information, visit [www.discoverycreek.org](http://www.discoverycreek.org) or call 202-337-5111. Meadowlark Gardens is located off Beulah Road near the Dulles Access Road.

**Donations for wounded service men and women** hospitalized in Iraq continue to be collected by the American Legion. T-shirts, short socks and basketball style shorts are in great demand for the summer. Other popular items include CDs, DVDs and pocket books, and new men's and women's underwear, flip-flops/shower shoes and toiletry items. Town residents may drop off donations at Vienna American Legion Post 180, ATTN: Joyce, 330 Center St., N. If you wish to have a receipt for your donation, please attach a note giving your name and address and a receipt will be sent to you.

## Welcome New Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in March:

Vienna Primary and Preventative Medicine  
*family practice*  
243 Church St., N.W. #100C  
703-255-3067

Ramos Landscape Service  
*landscaping*  
118 Hickory Cir., S.W.  
571-722-8494

Marc Prickett  
*massage therapy*  
352 Maple Ave., W.  
703-255-5003

Realty VA  
*real estate brokerage*  
301 Maple Ave., W. #120  
703-255-2900

Imedia Collaborative  
*graphic design*  
1005 Westbriar Dr., N.E.  
703-568-0359

Signature Kitchen, Bath & Closet  
*contractor*  
124 Maple Ave., W.  
703-760-7640

Allen Schissler  
*massage therapy*  
354 Maple Ave., W.  
no phone # listed

Allure Nails  
*nail care*  
117 Church St., N.W.  
703-242-3973

Bazins on Church  
*restaurant*  
111 Church St., N.W.  
703-255-7212

Pride Carpentry  
*contractor*  
604 Alma St., S.E.  
703-581-2214

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**SHOP IN VIENNA — Support Our Hometown Merchants**

Congratulations to the following businesses, both commercial and home occupations, celebrating milestone anniversaries in May: 10 years – 3 S Group, Reich & Tang Asset Management, Tamera Vaughan-Drozdz, Travel Media Corp., Victoria Station.

## Storm Drain Marking Program Underway

Storm drains prevent flooding by carrying rain and snowmelt away from streets and sidewalks. Unlike water from the sanitary sewer, water flowing into the storm sewer is not treated. Storm drains connect directly to our streams. Trash, pet waste, motor oil, paint and other materials dumped or washed into storm drains pollute the waterways that lead to the Chesapeake Bay. Vienna's Department of Public Works has embarked on a program to mark the hundreds of storm drains in town to remind everyone to keep our storm drains clean.

What can you do to protect your local streams and the Chesapeake Bay?

- Dispose of waste products properly and never dump anything down a storm drain. Recycle used motor oil quarterly at the Town's Northside Property Yard.
- Practice Bay-friendly lawn care to make sure fertilizers and other chemicals are not washed away into our streams. Try using Virginia native plants to reduce your garden's chemical needs.
- Report storm drain dumping. During business hours, call the Town's Environmental Concern Line, 703-255-6343. Afterhours, call the Police Department's non-emergency number, 703-255-6366.



## Kick-off Meeting for Maple Avenue Feasibility Study

A kick-off meeting for the Maple Avenue Feasibility Study will be held on Tuesday, May 16, at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. The purpose of the meeting, which is open to the public, is to provide information sources for the consultants, Duncan Associates in association with Ferrell Madden Associates, identify key concerns, and discuss overall goals.

The study will compare the use of a form-based zoning code and alternatives such as overlay zones, mixed-use zoning and the existing zoning code to determine the most viable option(s) for the study area, which includes Maple Avenue between Lawyers Road and Beulah Road.

The Town Council commissioned the Maple Avenue Feasibility Study based on the recommendation of the Maple Avenue Vision Committee, created to study land use patterns along Maple Avenue, for the use of a form-based code (a method of regulating development by controlling physical form primarily, and land use secondarily). The goal of the study is to determine which form of zoning can best achieve the Town's goals of residential preservation and continued commercial viability.

For more information, call the Department of Planning and Zoning at 703-255-6341.

## "Beauty Spot"

Vienna's Community Enhancement Commission recognizes town residents and businesses for their beautification projects. The latest "Beauty Spot" award goes to Appletree School, 712 Tapawingo Rd., S.W., for its well-maintained grounds and continued upkeep.

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. The Community Enhancement Commission meets the fourth Thursday of the month (except November and December) at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall.

# 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

**KidsFest 2006**, sponsored by the Vienna Police Department, Parks and Recreation Department and Volunteer Fire Department, will be held on Saturday, May 20, 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.

**Vienna Theatre Company's** production of "1776" continues May 5, 6, 12 and 13 at 8 p.m. and May 7 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$11 general admission and \$10 for students and senior citizens (65 and older).

**Enjoy a favorite family movie** outdoors at Glyndon Park on Friday, May 19, 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 17 and for weather information on the day of the show.

## AT THE TEEN CENTER

**Open house for parents** will be held at Club Phoenix on Wednesday, May 24, from 5 to 6 p.m. View the facility, learn about programs and summer camps, meet the staff, complete the required registration form, discuss issues and concerns, or sign up to be an adult volunteer.

**Babysitters training**, a two-day course for boys and girls age 12 and older, will be offered on Thursday, May 11, from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 13, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. A certified American Red Cross instructor will teach basic child care, safety, and what to do in emergency situations. The fee is \$60 for town residents and students must attend both classes.

**Overnight lock-in party** for 6th graders will be held May 5-6 from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. The "Vienna Games" will feature an Olympics theme complete with torch run, opening ceremonies and award of medals in addition to plenty of food all night long. Tickets are \$15 per person, on sale at the Community Center.

**Karaoke night** for middle school students will be held on Friday, May 12, beginning at 7 p.m. Free admission. Sing with your friends or try it solo.

## BUS TRIPS

See "Lestat" in New York City on Saturday, June 3. 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 the Palace Theatre.

**Tour historic Annapolis** on Wednesday, May 10. Leave the Community Center at 7:45 a.m. and return at 5:30 p.m. The cost of \$40 for town residents includes transportation, Naval Academy tour, lunch at Dry Dock restaurant, and narrated boat ride around Annapolis Harbor.

## PERSONAL HISTORY

**Writing Your Personal History symposium**, Thursday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Town of Vienna has the most comprehensive set of Writing Your Personal History courses anywhere in the area, and if you would like to learn more about documenting your life story, this symposium is the perfect place to start. Learn about the two basic Writing Your Personal History classes plus specialized courses in documenting your story on a DVD, creating a cookbook memoir, and documenting personal values by writing an ethical will. The cost for the symposium is \$5 per person, and advance registration is required.

**Create your own cookbook** using your family's unique recipes, traditions, photos and memories each Thursday, May

11-June 1, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Diane King, former editor-in-chief of 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.

**DVD storyboard class** will teach you how to turn family photos into a slide show with music and family voices. Join computer guru Steve Lemon on Thursday, May 18, from 1 to 3 p.m. as he scans heirloom photos into his computer, color corrects and restores, and sorts them into sequence. The cost is \$5 for town residents.

## MANAGING YOUR MONEY & YOUR ESTATE

**Estate Planning for Normal People** will be presented on Monday, May 8, 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.

## POTPOURRI

**Personal Safety for Women** will be held in four parts – May 15, 17, 22 and 24 – from 7 to 10 p.m. Officer Virginia Palmore of the Vienna Police Department will teach basic crime prevention and risk reduction measures plus physical self-defense techniques to help women be more confident in an attack situation. The fee is \$5 for town residents plus a \$15 materials fee.

**Cooking classes** scheduled this month include:

Seafood Appetizers – Friday, May 5, from 7 to 10 p.m. \$55 for town residents;  
Italian Pasta – Saturday, May 6, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$45 for town residents;  
Knife Skills – Saturday, May 13, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$45 for town residents;  
Basic Pastry – Saturday, May 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$50 for town residents.

# HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

**Historic Vienna** is collecting clean used books for its annual sale June 10 and 11 at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. Please, no magazines, encyclopedias, textbooks, *National Geographics* or *Readers Digest* condensed books. Receipts for tax purposes may be obtained during business hours, Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. Books may be left on the porch any time up to May 30. For more information, call 703-938-5187 or e-mail [freemanstore@ci.vienna.va.us](mailto:freemanstore@ci.vienna.va.us).

**Vienna Farmers' Market** behind Town Hall, sponsored by the Vienna-Reston Jaycees, opens for the season on Saturday, May 6, from 8 a.m. to noon, featuring fresh strawberries, flowers, baked goods, meat, dairy and kettle corn. For information, call Karen at 703-281-1255 or visit [www.viennafarmersmarket.com](http://www.viennafarmersmarket.com).

**"Yard sale"** to benefit Friends of Homeless Animals will be held on Saturday, May 13, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. Sale items include books, clothing, baked goods, toys, collectibles, and much more. Donate tax-deductible items at the Community Center between 5 and 9 p.m. Friday, May 12. For more information, call 703-385-0224.

**Used book sale** at Patrick Henry Library will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 27. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. For information, call 703-938-0405 or e-mail [FPHL@cox.net](mailto:FPHL@cox.net).

**Weekly lunchtime Weight Watchers program**, hosted by the Town of Vienna, meets at 11:15 a.m. each Tuesday at the Vienna Community Center. Open to the public, the cost is \$168 for a 13-week session, payable in advance. To register and for more information, call the Administrative Services Office at Town Hall, 703-255-6350.

**Vienna Choral Society** will present "In Praise of Wisdom: Choral Settings of Scripture and Poetry" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at the Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Rd., N.E. Tickets are \$15 general admission (\$12 in ad-

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

**"Scenes from Vienna,"** sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc., and featuring works by members of the Vienna Arts Society, will be on exhibit beginning May 3 through June 30 at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 703-938-5187.

**Vietnam Veterans of America**, Chapter 227, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 18, at Neighbor's Restaurant in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center. The Vince Kaspar Awards for Excellence in the Arts will be presented to local high school students as well as scholarships for Arlington County Public Schools English Spoken as Other Language summer program. For more information, call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or visit [www.geocities.com/vva227](http://www.geocities.com/vva227).

**Breakfast buffet**, sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 180 and the Sons of the Legion, will be open on Sunday, May 21, 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.

**Welcome Club of Northern Virginia** will hold its monthly luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 4, at River Bend Country Club in Great Falls. Guest speaker will be horticulturalist Steve Gable of Merrifield Garden Center. For reservations and more information, call 703-242-0217 or e-mail [Jtowers39@cox.net](mailto:Jtowers39@cox.net). The club also sponsors bridge, golf, wine tasting and other activities.

**AARP driver safety program**, sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna, will be held May 8 and 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Oakton United Methodist Church, 2951 Chain Bridge Rd. Defor motorists age 50 and older, the course covers the effects of aging and medica-

tions on driving, basic driving rules, license renewal, local traffic hazards, adverse road conditions and accident prevention measures. The fee is \$10 per person and both classes must be attended. To register and for more information, call 703-281-0538.

**Newcomers Club of Vienna and Friends** will hold its monthly luncheon meeting on Thursday, May 11, at Marco Polo Restaurant. The program will include election of new officers and musical entertainment. For more information, call 703-938-1077. The club also sponsors a bridge group, bowling league, and day trips and tours.

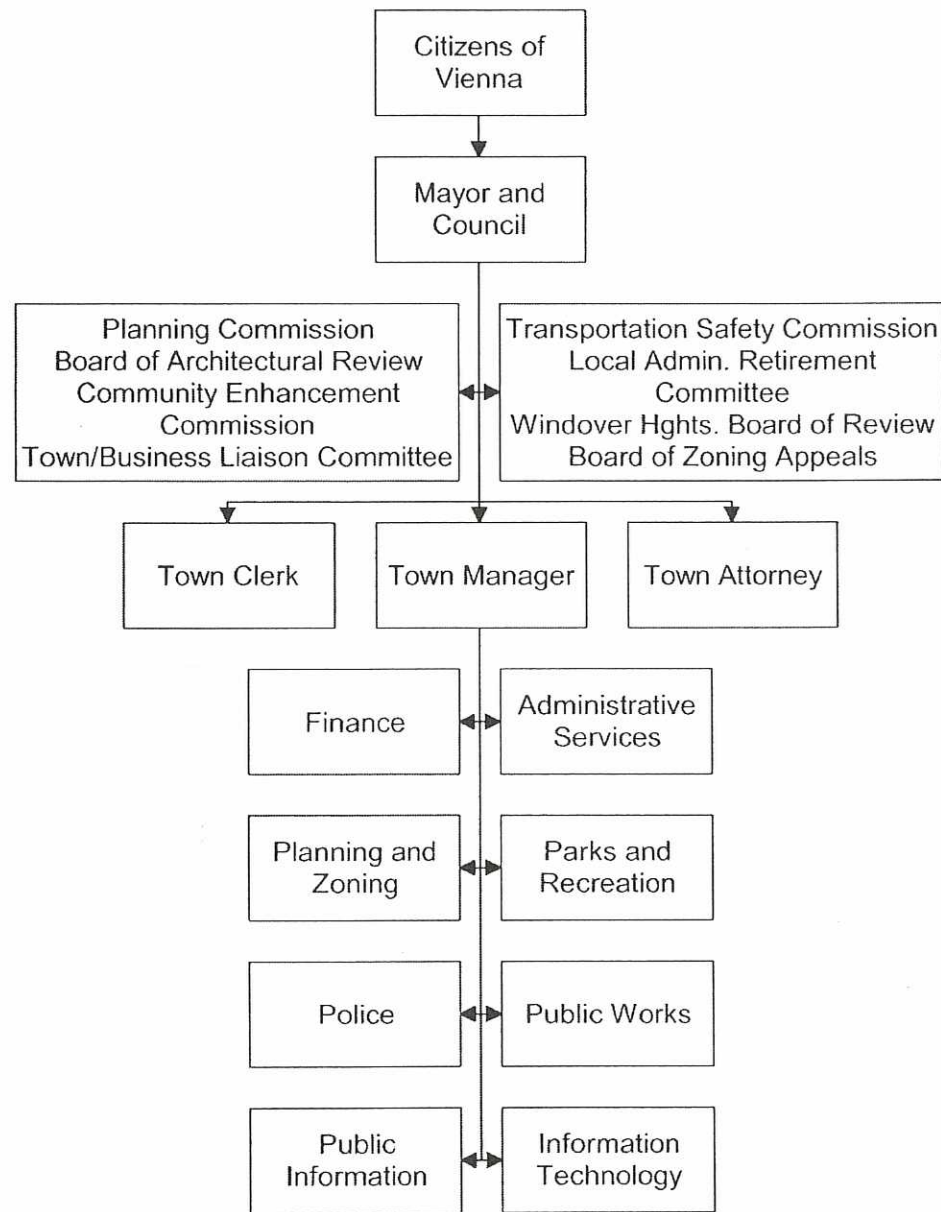
**Northern Virginia Model Railroaders** will host an open house at the Vienna Railroad Station, corner of Dominion Road and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E., May 27 and 28 from 1 to 5 p.m. during the ViVa! Vienna! town festival. Admission is free; donations accepted. See an operating HO scale model railroad. For more information, call 703-938-5157 or visit [www.nvmr.org](http://www.nvmr.org). The Town's red caboose will also be open to the public on those days, courtesy of the Optimist Club of Vienna.

**Vienna Vision Impaired Group**, a support group for visually impaired persons and their families, will meet at 10:15 a.m. Thursday, May 18, at Patrick Henry Library. Guest speaker will be Susan Jones, Chief of Investigations for Fairfax County Consumer Affairs. The public is welcome to attend. For more information, call Rhoda Stevens at 703-281-9679.

**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 Tuesday, May 30, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Be sure to remove mailing labels from magazines.) First-time donors may call Florence Roseborough at 703-281-2498 for information.

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## TOWN OF VIENNA, VIRGINIA Organizational Chart



## Vienna Receives Budget Award

For the 12th 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 \$4.95 million in new debt scheduled to be issued by the end of fiscal year 2006 will be used to fund the Town Green, sidewalk construction, and other public improvement projects throughout the town.

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**  
M. Jane Seeman

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



## Town of Vienna, Virginia A Look at the Proposed Budget For Fiscal Year 2006-2007

### MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

Assembling an annual budget for any jurisdiction is always a challenge, and this year was no different when it came to preparing Vienna's budget for FY 2006-07. In order to keep Vienna an attractive place in which to live, work and shop and also to attract new quality development, we not only have to continue our tradition of first-class services but also make our Town affordable in terms of taxes and other fees. Counting receipts from the 2006 capital improvements bond issue (\$4.95 million), appropriations for street resurfacing and concrete replacement (\$504,000) and funding for new sidewalk construction (\$738,000), the Town will spend over \$6 million on our infrastructure from repaving streets to construction of a major new park.

The phenomenal increase in the assessments of Vienna real estate has continued once again for 2006. One positive note is that for the first time in many years the increase in commercial assessments approached that of the residential sector and total residential assessments remained at 79.8% of the total assessed valuation in Town. The significant increase in commercial assessments bears out our long-stated premise that the commercial core of Vienna is a vital part of the community that continues to experience growth in sales, which translates to higher rents and property values. New commercial buildings on Church Street and Maple Avenue that are either coming "on-line" or in the planning and construction phases continue to fuel the high demand for business properties in our community. It is gratifying to see that after six years of residential assessments increasing at a substantially higher rate than commercial assessments, that trend is now changing for the better. I believe that the Town's efforts in improving the streetscapes on both Church Street and Maple Avenue have been a driving force in the strengthening of our business area.

For 2006 the average existing residential assessment increased by 20.23% over 2005 while average existing commercial assessment increased by 15.94%. The major increase seen yet again in property assessments requires us to scrutinize our proposed expenditures to insure that the tax burden on our residents and business owners is maintained at not only a reasonable but also a justifiable level. In FY 2005-06 the Town lowered the real estate tax rate by almost 17% (a reduction of 4½¢) in order to offset increased assessments. Properties that experienced an assessment increase of 20% or less last year actually had a reduction in taxes due the Town. Our rate last year qualified as a true decrease in property taxes, and our proposal this year meets the definition of no effective tax rate increase. Other than a modest increase in our water and sewer service fees, no increases in any other fees or taxes are proposed in this budget.

The FY 2006-07 budget is based on a real estate property tax rate of 18.62¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation, which represents a reduction of 15.36% from the current tax rate. What this means is that if a property's assessment has increased by 18% or less, there will again be a reduction in property taxes due the Town. If the assessment has increased by 20%, as an example, the total tax due the Town would increase by 1.56%.

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, and a "Budget in Brief" is available at [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov). Citizens are also encouraged to attend the public hearing on the budget, scheduled for the Town Council meeting on Monday, May 8, 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 scheduled for April 8, 10 and 18. The public hearing on the proposed budget will be held at the Town Council meeting on May 8, 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 15. Adoption of the budget is scheduled for the June 5 Council meeting.

## PROPOSED FY 2006-2007 BUDGET IN BRIEF

### GENERAL FUND

#### REVENUES

Property Tax	\$ 7,021,112
(18.62¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation)	
Public Service Taxes	67,000
Penalties & Interest	12,000
Other Local Taxes	6,468,600
Permits, Fees & Licenses	52,100
Fines & Forfeitures	267,500
Use of Money & Property	424,500
Park & Recreation Fees	644,100
Special Services Fees	11,500
Miscellaneous Revenues	75,400
Non-categorical Aid	490,956
Categorical Aid	1,357,292
State Grants	20,000
Interfund Transfers	942,900
Use of Prior Year Reserves	712,273
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,567,233</b>

#### EXPENDITURES

Legislative	\$ 647,458
Administration	1,516,078
Finance Department	1,185,118
Police Department	5,119,131
Public Works Department	6,012,651
Tax Relief	230,615
Parks & Recreation Department	2,461,951
Planning & Zoning Department	659,037
Reserves & Transfers	251,000
PC Replacement	109,000
Equipment Replacement	375,194
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,567,233</b>

### WATER & SEWER FUND

#### REVENUES

Use of Money	\$ 100,700
Water & Sewer Charges	5,910,232
Miscellaneous Revenues	71,000
Use of Prior Year	
Retained Earnings	242,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,323,932</b>

#### EXPENDITURES

Operations & Maintenance	\$4,381,016
Meter Maintenance & Reading	359,684
Billing/Customer Service	160,418
Transfers	1,290,077
Equipment Replacement	132,737
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,323,932</b>

### DEBT SERVICE FUND

#### REVENUES

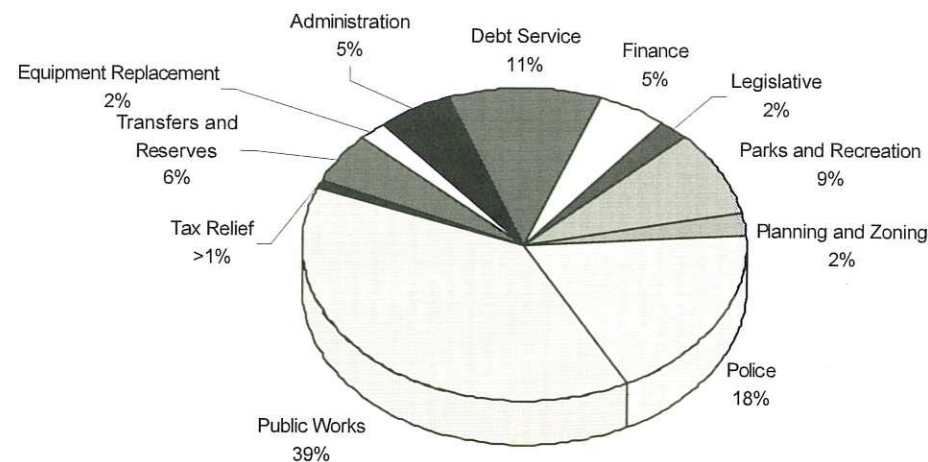
Other Local Taxes	\$2,253,000
Use of Money	110,150
Interfund Transfers	347,177
Use of Prior Year Surplus	449,820
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,160,147</b>

#### EXPENDITURES

Administrative Costs	\$ 600
Debt Service	2,584,663
Reserves	574,884
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,160,147</b>

## TOTAL BUDGET FOR ALL FUNDS \$28,051,312

### TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES



## Your Tax Dollars at Work — Budget Highlights

The proposed FY 2006-07 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 prepared their budgets to meet today's challenges while recognizing the fact that residents are facing financial pressures due to rapidly rising assessments.

### PERSONNEL

Increases in salaries and fringe benefits account for approximately three-quarters of the proposed increase in the General Fund with approximately 50% attributable to increased Virginia Retirement System payments and life insurance premiums. Retirement costs increase yearly and the Town has made an effort to mitigate increases by limiting the number of additional employees each year. Over the past five years the workforce has increased by less than eight full-time equivalent employees or a 4.7% increase. The Town has established a defined contribution plan to replace the local defined benefit plan, which has already paid dividends by moderating the dollar contribution required of the Town. As more members of the defined benefit plan retire, further cost savings will be realized. The normal projected step increase and a 2% salary adjustment for all employees are fully funded. The Administrative Services budget includes \$33,000 to hire an outside consultant to perform a complete classification and compensation study. The completion and implementation of this study will help the Town to remain competitive with other local jurisdictions in both recruiting and retaining employees.

### PARKS AND RECREATION

The Town Green project began last month with the demolition of the existing 19,000 square foot commercial building at the corner of Maple Avenue and Mill Street. Park construction is now underway with an anticipated opening date of May 2007 as part of the Town's commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, Virginia. This project is funded by proceeds from the Town's meals and lodging tax.

Significant changes in this budget include \$15,000 to provide for on-line recreation registration, \$5,000 to cover the administrative cost of accepting credit card payments, \$8,000 to replace the stage curtains in the Community Center auditorium, \$30,000 to purchase and install new playground equipment at Meadow Lane Park, and \$5,000 to purchase an additional ATV with plow attachment to plow snow from sidewalks more quickly and expand the number of sidewalks that can be cleared.

### FINANCE DEPARTMENT

This budget includes \$10,000 to renovate the front counter area to expand to two cash registers and to accommodate credit card transactions.

### PUBLIC WORKS

The Department of Public Works has begun a storm drain marking project to educate the community about the direct connection between storm drains and streams leading to the Chesapeake Bay. Markers on each storm drain will remind all of us to keep them free of pollutants. Volunteers are needed to mark storm drains in their neighborhoods with special decals; the Town supplies the materials, you supply the legwork.



A transfer of \$111,000 into the sidewalk construction projects fund from the telecommunications tax is proposed, an increase of \$28,000 over the FY 2005-06 allocation. Due to continuing increases in fuel costs, this budget contains an additional \$50,000 for gasoline and diesel fuel.

### PROJECTED GENERAL FUND REVENUES

Revenue from real estate taxes is estimated to increase by \$261,650, of which \$222,943 will come from new construction or additions to existing structures. Projected revenue from property taxes takes into account the proposal to reduce the real estate property tax rate from 22¢ to 18.62¢. Other local taxes are estimated to increase by \$419,400, with the majority of the increase coming from increased utility tax and BPOL receipts.

### WATER AND SEWER FUND

Even though the Water and Sewer budget has increased by less than 6%, it will still require adjustments to both water and sewer service fees to keep the fund self-sustaining. Overall, a Town resident will pay an additional \$15.20 per year or just over 4¢ per day for water and sewer service based on a quarterly average usage of 19,000 gallons. This represents an increase of 2.57% over existing rates.

### DEBT SERVICE FUND

By June 30, 2006, total outstanding general obligation debt of the Town, including that related to the Water and Sewer fund, will be \$16,223,337. This includes the addition of \$4,950,000 in new debt scheduled to be issued by the end of FY 2005-06. The total outstanding balance at year's end represents one-half of 1% of the Town's tax year 2006 taxable property values, well under the 10% limit set by state law. This budget continues to be supported by the Town's meals and lodging tax.