

This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

AUGUST 1996 – The light installed on Maple Avenue at the W&OD Trail is now operational, allowing pedestrians and bicyclists to cross the street safely without having to leave the trail. The Town Council felt a responsibility to improve safety at this location, where trail users and Maple Avenue motorists encounter each other daily. Some bikers and walkers have already been seen disregarding the new crossing signal.

AUGUST 1986 – The final report of the Town Traffic Study is available for public review. The study had two primary objectives: the effective management of traffic, with particular attention to the impact of Metro-related development, and the protection of the integrity of the town's residential neighborhoods.

AUGUST 1976 – Barbed wire fences would be prohibited in residential areas if the Town Council approves an ordinance recommended by the Planning Commission. A public hearing on the proposal will be held at the August 30 Council meeting. The same ordinance would also require the finished side of fences to face outside the property.

AUGUST 1966 – Every adult who drives a car and every child who rides a bicycle should be constantly alert to the rules of pedestrian safety as well as the rules of the road. A Council-appointed Public Safety Committee makes periodic studies and recommendations, and a Bicycle Safety Program has been in effect for more than a year. However, such programs are effective in direct proportion to community-wide participation.

CALL THESE NUMBERS 24 HOURS A DAY:

VIENNA NEWSLINE — 703-255-6333

TO ORDER A SPECIAL PICKUP — 703-255-5727

Visit www.viennava.gov

Turf Tips for Homeowners

Your Community Enhancement
Commission recommends:

- Mow frequently at about 2 to 2½ inches.
- Provide occasional deep watering to your lawn rather than frequent light sprinklings.
- Remove thatch when it is thicker than about half an inch.
- Aerate when signs of soil compaction are evident.
- Weed encroachment into established turf usually occurs when the turf has become weak and thin due to improper watering or fertilizing, environmental stress such as drought, intense wear from vehicle or foot traffic, insect diseases or rodent damage.
- Remove weeds before they form seeds. Hand pulling or chemical control are options.
- If using chemical control, follow product directions carefully.
- Avoid herbicide drift, since many flowering plants, trees and shrubs are susceptible to herbicides.
- Keep children off treated areas for two days or until rainfall or watering has occurred.



Yard Sale Reminder

Each household in town may hold two yard sales per year. No permit is required. Two advertising signs, no larger than four square feet each, may be displayed on the property where the sale takes place, and four directional signs, no larger than two square feet each, may be placed on other private property with the owner's permission. Signs may not be exhibited more than two days prior to the start of the sale. Signs are not permitted on public property, in the public right-of-way (10 feet from the curb or edge of pavement) or on utility poles. Illegally placed signs will be removed. For more information or to report violations, call the Planning and Zoning Department at 703-255-6341.

2007 Calendar Deadline

Attention Vienna non-profit organizations! September 1 is the deadline to submit information about your community events for next year to be published in the 2007 Town Calendar. Address calendar items to the Public Information Office, Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center St., S., Vienna, VA 22180, fax 703-255-5722, or e-mail pio@ci.vienna.va.us.

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.

NEWSLETTER

August 2006

Preliminary Work to Begin for Beulah Rd. Reconstruction

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is scheduled to begin utility relocation in the Beulah Road, N.E., area in preparation for reconstruction of the road next year. The work will include survey stakes identifying property lines, utility locations, and construction easements.

Weather permitting, Verizon is expected to begin work by the end of July and Washington Gas by early to mid-August. Motorists may experience traffic delays due to lane restrictions for the next six to eight months.

The Town appreciates the patience and cooperation of all citizens while the Beulah Road Project is underway. Beulah Road residents are asked to help prevent damage to or removal of any survey stakes or markings that may be placed on or adjacent to their property.

Questions regarding the Beulah Road Project should be directed to Matthew D. McLaughlin, VDOT's District Utility Construction Program Manager, 703-383-2725, or e-mail Matt.McLaughlin@virginiaDOT.org.

Waters Field Benefit Tournament for Brain Cancer Foundation

On Saturday, August 19, the nation's finest wiffle ball squads will battle it out for the 11th Annual Northern Virginia Wiffle Ball World Series title! This year's tournament will be held at Vienna's newly refurbished Waters Field, located at the corner of Center and Cherry Streets, S.E. Opening ceremonies are scheduled for 9 a.m. with the first pitch at 9:30 a.m.

The tournament will feature a festive stadium atmosphere, including ballpark food and drink vendors, a home run derby competition for players and spectators, a silent auction, celebrity guests, a "Wiffle World" for the kids (including moon bounce, clowns, mascots, face painting and more), and DJ Wiffle spinning tunes.

Proceeds from this special charity fundraiser will benefit the Brian Bedell 2-Young Foundation for brain cancer patients and their families. The foundation recently donated \$70,000 to the Preston Tisch Brain Tumor Center at Duke University to purchase equipment for diagnosing and treating brain tumors and to help support the medical staff there.

The foundation is named in memory of Brian Bedell, a Vienna area native who died of a brain tumor last year at the age of 35. Brian played sports for Vienna Youth, Inc., (VYI) and helped manage Waters Field during his high school years. A donation to VYI will be made by the foundation in his name.

For more information about the Wiffle Ball World Series and the Brian Bedell 2-Young Foundation, visit www.brianbedell.org.

<p>POLICE FIRE & RESCUE EMERGENCY 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>PRSRT STD U.S. POSTAGE PAID Vienna, Va. Permit No. 36</p>
<p>VIENNA POLICE DIRECT 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.

MAY 8, 2006

- Conducted a public hearing on the proposed Town budget for fiscal year 2006-07.

- Conducted a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to increase the area for sponsor advertising on athletic scoreboards.

- Rejected a request to remove the property at 210 Lawyers Rd., N.W., from the Windover Heights Historic District.

- Awarded a bid for janitorial services for Town Hall and police headquarters to Blue Chip Service in the estimated amount of \$37,278.

- Approved an additional \$14,054.23 for asphalt work on Follin Lane, S.E.

- Approved the third of four possible one-year extensions of the contract with

Recycle America Alliance for recyclable material processing.

- Approved a request by a Town employee for catastrophic sick leave not to exceed 396 hours.

- Appointed the firm of Hunton and Williams as the Town's bond counsel for the 2006 debt issue at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.

- Approved a resolution recognizing Parkwood School and its founder, Clarene Vickery, on the school's 50th anniversary.

MAY 22, 2006

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

- Reappointed Edward Chase to the Planning Commission for a two-year term.

- Approved a proclamation in recognition of the second Vienna Relay for Life.

- Awarded a bid for curb, gutter, sidewalk, and masonry work at the new Nutley Street park to Sagres Construction Corp. in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

- Awarded a bid for police radio maintenance to Wireless Communications in an amount not to exceed \$14,511.99.

- Approved the rental of cars for Police Department use from Thrifty Car Rental in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.

- Approved the purchase of police uniforms and accessories in an amount not to exceed \$37,500.

- Approved information technology services from Verizon in an amount not to exceed \$17,000 and approved the purchase of wireless airtime from Verizon Wireless in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for the Police Department's computer-aided dispatch, law enforcement records management, and mobile data system.

- Approved an additional \$2,500 for the purchase of traffic signs.

- Approved the following consent agenda items: one-year extension of the asphalt repair contract with Mount Vernon Asphalt in an estimated amount of \$67,920; extension of the contract with East Jordan Iron Works for manhole riser rings in an estimated amount of \$15,000; award of a bid for heating and air conditioning system maintenance to FSH at an estimated cost of \$17,785 plus an hourly rate of \$80 for extra work as needed; and cooperative purchase of unleaded gasoline from Mansfield Oil Co. at an estimated cost of \$143,000.

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Town Council minutes are available at www.viennava.gov.

TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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Send news to *Vienna Newsletter* c/o Town Hall.
FAX 703-255-5722 e-mail pio@ci.vienna.va.us
Deadline for September issue is August 15.

August

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2006

Preventing Sewage Backups

From Your Town of Vienna Department of Public Works

What causes sewage backups?

In home and office plumbing systems, the main cause is accumulation of grease, hair, and other solid materials. Also, many items that are too large for wastewater pipes to handle (such as disposable diapers and sanitary napkins) are often flushed down toilets. The greatest cause of wastewater stoppages within the Town's system, however, is vandalism. Leaves, sticks, rocks, bricks, and trash have been found stuffed down manholes.

How could a sewage backup affect me?

An overflow in a wastewater line generally results from a stoppage in the line, which causes the wastewater to back up into nearby pipes and drains. Stoppages can occur not only in the main sewer lines outside your home, but also within your home or office plumbing system. If the backup occurs in the Town maintained line, the wastewater will normally overflow out of the lowest possible opening, which is usually a manhole. However, in some homes, especially those with basements or where the lowest level is even with the sewer lines, the overflowing wastewater may exit through lower drains and toilets.

Is there anything I can do to reduce the possibility of sewage backing up into my home?

If the lowest level of your home or office is above ground level, the chances are slim that you will ever have a problem with overflows from the Town's wastewater lines. However, if the lowest level is below ground level, there is a slightly higher possibility that you may one day be affected by a backup. Normally, if a stoppage occurs in your neighborhood's main wastewater line, only the lowest level drains and toilets will be affected. A common point is floor drains located in basement areas. One way to prevent sewage from backing up through these sources is to install a **backflow valve** on the lowest drain. For floor drains, a **plumber's test plug** can be used to close the drain when not in use. For further information, contact a plumber or your local plumbing supply dealer.

What should I do if sewage backs up into my home?

Keeping in mind that ceramic plumbing fixtures such as toilets are fragile, quickly close all drain openings with stoppers or plugs. Tub, sink, and floor drains may need additional weight to keep them sealed. A string mop can be used to help plug toilets. A quick check with neighbors will help you determine if the blockage is widespread or if it is limited just to your home. If you suspect the stoppage is in your home plumbing system, don't run any water down the drains until you or your plumber have cleared the cause. If the backup appears to be in your neighborhood's main wastewater line, call the Department of Public Works immediately at the numbers given below.

What does the Town of Vienna do to prevent sewage backups?

The Town makes every attempt to prevent backups in the public wastewater system before they occur. Sewer lines are specially designed to prevent accumulation and stoppages. In addition, a maintenance crew is devoted to inspecting and cleaning wastewater lines throughout the Town. These lines are examined on a regular basis. Degreasing chemicals are also injected into lines in areas that are prone to stoppages, such as those near restaurants, apartments or high density housing developments. Even with this rigorous maintenance schedule, however, backups are often beyond the Town's control. Fortunately, they don't happen often. Very few are reported each year, and most are confined to the sewage pipeline.

What can I do to help?

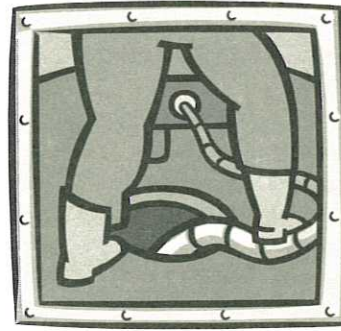
Call the Department of Public Works immediately if you notice any cases of vandalism to sewer lines or manholes. This way, the debris can be removed before it causes a backup. Avoid putting grease down your garbage disposal or any household drain. Not only could it accumulate in Town lines, it could also build up in your own system and might eventually require the services of a plumber. Never put disposable diapers or sanitary napkins down the toilet. These were not meant to be disposed of in this manner and besides stopping up lines, could damage your plumbing system.

Will my insurance cover any damage resulting from sewage backups?

In the majority of cases, a special rider is needed to your homeowner's or renter's insurance policy to cover damages related to sewage backups or water damage. This optional coverage is generally inexpensive. However, you must usually request it, as it is not automatically included in most policies. Customers who may be vulnerable to backups, such as those with lower levels below the ground, are especially advised to investigate this option. Like the majority of municipalities around the country, the Town of Vienna cannot assume financial liability for damages resulting from sewage backups, since most stoppages are related to conditions that are beyond the Town's control. This is why it is important to verify that you are adequately insured!

How do I report a sewage backup?

Call the Department of Public Works at 703-255-6381 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. After hours and on weekends and holidays call 703-255-6366. Emergency crews are on call 24 hours a day to assist you.



Comment from the Council Table

Pedestrians, Bicycles and Automobiles

By Edythe Frankel Kelleher, Vienna Town Councilwoman

A school bus driver recently told the Transportation Safety Commission (TSC) that he observes increased jaywalking. Pedestrians dart across Maple Avenue, carrying groceries and with small children in tow. They disregard crosswalks in favor of diagonal crossings, or they walk against the light. They don't walk on the left on streets without sidewalks. He is concerned that pedestrians fail to understand that school buses and other large vehicles can't stop very quickly, and he fears hitting someone someday.

Are there rules to being a pedestrian? Yes! The Code of Virginia states that no pedestrian shall enter or cross an intersection in disregard of approaching traffic. Pedestrians are to follow pedestrian control signals, and are prohibited from crossing during a Don't Walk signal. When crossing roadways, pedestrians shall not carelessly or maliciously interfere with the orderly passage of vehicles. Pedestrians shall not use roadways for travel, except in the absence of a sidewalk, and then pedestrians must keep to the extreme left edge of the roadway. Police may issue jaywalking citations, but this has not been done in Vienna.

Drivers have responsibilities to pedestrians, too. Drivers must yield to pedestrians when they are at any clearly marked crosswalk, at any regular pedestrian crossing at the end of a block, and at any intersection where the legal maximum speed does not exceed 35 miles per hour. Pedestrians have the right of way over vehicles making turns into the roadway.

Bicycles also are required to yield the right of way to pedestrians on sidewalks. Bicyclists under age eleven may routinely ride on sidewalks; however, any bicyclist may ride on sidewalks whenever it is hazardous to ride in the roadway. When riding in the roadway, a bicycle must follow vehicle rules, but when riding on the sidewalk, that same bicyclist has the rights and duties of a pedestrian.

The Town of Vienna has installed measures to help pedestrians. Most major intersections have pedestrian signals with

countdown timers (some have audible signals, too), and old-style crosswalks are being replaced with zebra striping. Signage at the entrance to the commercial district alerts pedestrians to cross only at designated points. Construction of additional sidewalks is proceeding, albeit slowly; sidewalk projects can be quite expensive, involving relocating utility poles and the installation of drainage on many streets.

Rich Denbow, TSC chairman, reports that his commission receives the most complaints about the intersections of Maple and Lawyers, Park and Center. Pedestrians often don't know they need to press a button to activate the Walk/Don't Walk signal. He is most concerned about constructing more sidewalks in residential neighborhoods, particularly for school access, and that Church Street does not seem pedestrian-friendly.

Other communities have implemented larger measures with varying degrees of success. Reston has pedestrian bridges and underpasses, yet Planning Commissioner Frank de la Fe, a longtime Reston resident, says they are underused. About the Wiehle Avenue crossing, he says, "...with the exception of most elementary school children, it is not widely used. For some reason most other folks take their chances crossing the four lanes of traffic rather than use the bridge." Regarding underpasses, Mr. de la Fe says, "It is a



Councilwoman Kelleher

shame, particularly the one under Reston Parkway at the Town Center. A number of pedestrian accidents, including at least two fatal ones, have occurred within a block of that underpass."

Sometimes extremes are necessary to direct pedestrians properly. When the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) installed a pedestrian crossing on Route 50 near Graham Road, chain link fencing that channels the pedestrians was installed on both sides of the street.

Can Vienna do more? Other measures have been weighed, but haven't been right for Vienna. But the TSC, Mayor and Council always want to hear new ideas. If you have an idea, or have observed something working well in another community, please let us know and it will be considered for use here.

Tyson's Land Use Task Force Seeks Input on Draft Guiding Planning Principles

The Tyson's Land Use Task Force is soliciting public input on draft guiding planning principles until August 18. These principles have been proposed for the Tyson's area as a result of public input earlier this year through community dialogues and online feedback. The draft principles are available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/tysonscorner/nofind/adptplanprinciples.pdf or by calling 703-324-1344. Comments and questions can be provided to the same phone number, by e-mail at tysonscornerspecialstudy@fairfaxcounty.gov, or by mail to Tyson's Corner Special Study, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 730, Fairfax, VA 22035-5505.

Tyson's Land Use Task Force meetings are open to the public, with the next meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, August 28, at the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, 8230 Old Courthouse Rd.

Town Council Action . . . *continued from page 2*

- Approved the purchase of traffic equipment from Atlantic Technical Sales in an estimated amount of \$50,000 and from J.O. Herbert Co. in an estimated amount of \$25,000.

- Approved an agreement with Siemens ICN in the amount of \$22,167.03 for maintenance of the Town's telecommunications and phone mail systems.

- Approved a contract with Inova Health Systems to provide medical services for Town employees with payment of up to \$12,900.

- Adopted an ordinance to increase the area for sponsor advertising on athletic scoreboards.

JUNE 5, 2006

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

- Appointed William Womack, Jr., to the Planning Commission and appointed Steele Knudson to the Transportation Safety Commission, both for two-year terms.

- Conducted a public hearing on awarding a franchise to Verizon Virginia to install new video cable service facilities in town.

- Conducted a public hearing on a proposed increase in water and sewer rates for fiscal year 2006-07.

- Following a public hearing, authorized the issuance of general obligation debt in 2006 in an amount not to exceed \$8 million. Awarded the financing of a \$4.95 million general obligation debt issue to Commerce Bank at a rate of 3.88% for 15 years.

- Adopted the Town budget for fiscal year 2006-07.

- Accepted the letter of dissolution received from the Northern Virginia Re-

gional Partnership, a public-private initiative in the region devoted to workforce development.

JUNE 19, 2006

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

- Reappointed Howard Springsteen to the Transportation Safety Commission for a two-year term. Appointed Dan Dellinger to the Board of Architectural Review for a term effective June 20, 2006-July 11, 2007. Appointed Francesca Tuazon to the Community Enhancement Commission as the student member for a one-year term. Recommended Robert Petersen to the Fairfax County Circuit Court for appointment to the Town Board of Zoning Appeals for a five-year term.

- Following a public hearing, rezoned the Town Green property, 144 Maple Ave., E., from C-1A, Special Commercial Zone, and C-1B, Pedestrian Commercial Zone, to PR, Park and Recreational Zone. Approved the site plan and site plan modifications for the new park facility.

- Approved the continued use of five classroom trailers at Marshall Road Elementary School for a period of two years.

- Named the new neighborhood park at the corner of Nutley and Knoll Streets, N.W., "Sarah Walker Mercer Park."

- Adopted a cable franchise agreement with Verizon Virginia for installation of new video cable service facilities in town.

- Approved the continued purchase of water meters from Hughes Supply at an estimated cost of \$60,000.

- Awarded a contract for engineering services on an as-needed basis to Whiteman, Requardt & Associates at an estimated cost of \$38,000.

- Approved a proposal from Whit-

man, Requardt & Associates for engineering and design services for improvements to the Frederick Street and Nutley Street water booster pumping stations at an estimated cost of \$29,992.

- Approved the emergency purchase of two sewer ejector pumps from Gunnell & Sone at an estimated cost of \$20,475. (*Approved 5-2, Cole and Kelleher voting nay.*)

- Approved a contract with Abacus Corp. for temporary employment services for the Sanitation Division at an estimated cost of \$20,000.

- Approved a contract with Safeware in an estimated amount of \$17,000 for clothing, uniforms and accessories.

- Approved drainage improvements and sidewalk construction on Center Street, S., to be done by Sagres Construction Corp. at a cost of \$246,041.

- Approved the following consent agenda items: award of a bid for printing and mailing of the Town Newsletter; renewal of a bid for tree maintenance and removal with Quality Tree Care in an amount not to exceed \$25,000; contract for parts, service and warranty work for cars and trucks from J. Koons Pontiac GMC Truck, Ted Britt Ford Sales and Tysons Ford at an estimated cost of \$30,000; contract for stone, gravel and sand from Chantilly Crushed Stone, Loudoun Quarries and Vulcon Construction Materials Co. at an estimated cost of \$24,000; contract for diesel fuel from Mansfield Oil Co. at an estimated cost of \$90,000; contract for tires and tubes at an estimated cost of \$25,000; contract for industrial supplies, HVAC supplies and lamps from W.W. Grainger of Richmond at an estimated cost of \$15,400; contract with Double H Locates for underground utility marking at an estimated cost of \$70,800; purchase of an asphalt paver from Rish Equipment Co. at an estimated cost of \$62,319; contract with Shannon Baum Signs for traffic signs, etc. at an estimated cost of \$15,000.

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More Happenings . . .

Vienna Jaycees will gather for dinner and a chapter meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, August 17, at Knossos Restaurant, 401 Maple Ave., W. Vienna area residents between the ages of 21 and 40 are invited to learn about the Jaycees' community projects including the farmers' market, food drives, and the annual Turkey Trot. For more information, visit www.viennajaycees.org.

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.

Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna provides services for older adults including minor home repairs, friendly phone calls, and transportation to medical appointments, shopping and other errands. Volunteers are always needed. For more information, call 703-281-0538 or e-mail office@scov.org.

Vienna Farmers' Market, located on Church Street in the parking lot next to the red caboose, is open each Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon, featuring a wide variety of produce, including locally grown corn and tomatoes, plus fresh salsa, cut flowers, and crepes made while you wait. Sponsored by the Vienna Jaycees. For information or to volunteer, call Karen at 703-281-1255 or visit www.viennafarmersmarket.com.

On August 12 and 19, drop off school supplies and nonperishable food donations at the farmers' market to benefit Alternative House emergency shelter for teens. A list of needed items is available at www.viennajaycees.org or call Karen at 703-281-1255.

Halloween Parade Celebrates 60 Years of Vienna Traditions

The 60th annual Vienna Halloween Parade will step off at 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 25, on Maple Avenue.

This year's parade theme is "Vienna's Traditions Through the Decades." Grand Marshals will be Clarene Vickery, founder of Parkwood School, and Joyce Decker, founder of Vienna Tiny Tots Village. Both women are long-time community volunteers and business owners in Vienna.

The Halloween Parade Committee encourages everyone entering this year's parade to focus on our community and the many unique Vienna traditions. Entry application forms and information can be downloaded from the Town's Web site, www.viennava.gov, or call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department, 703-255-6360.

The entry deadline is Friday, September 29. Because space is limited to the first 100 approved applicants, the parade may fill before that date. Completed applications do not guarantee entrance.

The parade route is approximately half a mile long, from Branch Road to Center Street, and lasts about an hour and a half. Please make sure your group is prepared with warm clothes, comfortable shoes and flashlights. (The line-up areas are very dark and spooky!)

The categories for judging of parade entrants are Youth Band, Adult Band, Float with Music, Float without Music, Youth Performers, Adult Performers and Antique Vehicles. Floats will continue to be judged on creativity and theme interpretation. This year's awards ceremony will be at the November 6 Town Council meeting. Winners will be notified in advance.

*Invest in
a Memory!*



Become an entertainment sponsor for the 60th annual Vienna Halloween Parade and help maintain the parade's excellent level of entertainment. Thrill your friends, kids, grandkids, office mates or potential clients by putting your name (or theirs!) in front of 35,000 parade watchers.

There are many levels of sponsorship, including:

- A personalized banner to carry in the parade – and to keep!
- Inclusion in the emcee's announcement about your entry
- A framed print commemorating the event
- Recognition by Vienna Town Council at its November meeting
- Public thanks in the Town of Vienna newsletter and the Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce *Enterprise*

For more information, visit www.vtrcc.org or call Rebecca Diamond, Parade Co-Chair, at 703-463-4241.

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Vienna Girls Softball League registration for the fall season is underway for T-Ball, Coach Pitch, 10U, 12U, and 13-plus divisions. Mail-in forms and more information are available at www.vgsl.org. Walk-in registration will be held on Saturday, August 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center.

Pickleberry Pie, Inc., is a national non-profit group that provides free concerts for hospitalized children. Vienna music instructor Irene Light is the liaison for the organization in our area. This year, Pickleberry Pie has provided free monthly concerts for kids at Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children and Georgetown University Pediatrics Ward. Performers have included Rocknocos, Bruce Anderson from Jordan Kitts Music in Vienna, Barbara Effron and Storytime Express, Dinorock, and Children's Grammy Award winners Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer. Children whose conditions prevented them from attending

the shows were given bedside concerts. Irene was also able to obtain a gift of 200 books from Scholastic, Inc., for distribution to the children. To help sponsor a concert or for more information, call 703-281-1536 or e-mail lightmotifs@cox.net.

"Art in the Garden" workshop will be held in the Atrium at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 5. Horticulturist Tammy Burke will demonstrate how to make a trellis from copper tubing, leaf-imprinted stepping stones, and a sphere covered with glass gems. The workshop fee is \$5 and registration is required. For more information, call 703-255-3631 or visit www.nvrpa.org/meadowlark.html. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens is located off Beulah Road near the Dulles Access Road.

Potomac Valley Shetland Sheepdog Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, August 21, at the Dunn Loring fire station,

2148 Gallows Rd. Guest speaker will be David E. Jackson, Medical Director of University Veterinary Clinic in Fairfax. Dogs welcome! For more information, visit www.shetlandsheepdog.us.

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, August 29, 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.

Breakfast buffet, sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 180 and the Sons of the Legion, will be open on Sunday, August 20, 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.

Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., N.W., is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The August shows are "Vanishing American Farm-Scape," oil paintings by Donna Grone, and "Nature's Creative Expression," photographs by Sonia Covey. For information, visit www.viennaartsociety.org or call 703-319-3971. The Vienna Arts Society Gallery in the Village Green Shopping Center is open Tuesday-Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The current show through August 26 is "Creator's Eye," featuring artist Arline Liu. For more information, visit the Web site or call 703-319-3220.

Calling all crafters! The 46th annual Harvest Bazaar, sponsored by the Vienna Woman's Club, will be held November 11 at the Vienna Community Center, with proceeds benefitting the club's scholarship fund. The event features local crafters, bake sale, and children's activities. For information or an application, contact Jan Smith at 703-319-0860 or jansmith@erols.com.

Vienna Names in the News

Jim Kiefer was selected as the Hunter Mill District's Lord Fairfax for 2006. Each year, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors honors two citizens from each district for outstanding community service. Jim's many contributions include working with Vienna's American Legion Post 180, American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, and Vienna Little League.

Vienna Volunteer Fire Department President **Howard Springsteen** recently received Fairfax County's 2005 Volunteer Fire Service Award. The award recognizes "extraordinary commitment to the Department through hundreds of hours of time spent to support the goals of the County's combined career-volunteer system."

James Madison High School student **Sam Ludwig** won a Cappies award for his comic acting in the school's production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The Cappies honor the best in local high school theater, with nominees from over 50 schools in the Washington metropolitan area.

Southern Management Corp., which manages the Cedar Park Apartments, has received a Virginia Governor's Service and Volunteerism Award for its ongoing support of military families in the area. Since 1986, Southern Management has provided free housing to hundreds of military personnel through the USO's Emergency Housing Program. Southern Management also participates in the Military Housing Set-Aside Program, which sets aside a certain number of apartments for military personnel who cannot secure on-base housing, and contributes funds and volunteer time to Operation USO Care Package.

FY 2006-07 Budget Adopted

The Town's adopted budget for fiscal year 2006-07, which began July 1, totals \$28,051,312 for all funds, an increase of \$2,079,564 or 8% over last year.

The budget is based on a real estate tax rate of 18.62¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation, a reduction of 15.36% from last year's tax rate. 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%, for example, the total tax due the Town would increase by 1.56%.

In the Water and Sewer Fund, the water rate for town residents has increased from \$3.33 to \$3.44 per 1,000 gallons and the sewer rate from \$4.45 to \$4.54 per 1,000 gallons. 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.

A "Budget in Brief" summary is shown below. For more information about the budget or to obtain printed copies, contact the Administrative Services Office at 703-255-6350.

FY 2006-07 BUDGET IN BRIEF

GENERAL FUND

REVENUES	
Property Tax	\$ 7,021,112
<i>(18.62¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation)</i>	
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
TOTAL	\$18,567,233

EXPENDITURES

Legislative	\$ 652,276
Administration	1,525,760
Finance Department	1,190,335
Police Department	5,102,362
Public Works Department	5,995,415
Tax Relief	230,615
Parks & Recreation Department	2,457,543
Planning & Zoning Department	652,841
Reserves & Transfers	275,892
PC Replacement	109,000
Equipment Replacement	375,194
TOTAL	\$18,567,233

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
TOTAL	\$6,323,932

EXPENDITURES

Operations & Maintenance	\$4,376,009
Meter Maintenance & Reading	359,040
Billing/Customer Service	159,781
Transfers	1,290,077
Equipment Replacement	132,737
TOTAL	\$6,323,932

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
TOTAL	\$3,160,147

EXPENDITURES

Administrative Costs	\$ 600
Debt Service	2,584,663
Reserves	54,019
TOTAL	\$3,160,147

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

Annual Financial Report Earns Award

The Town of Vienna has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its comprehensive annual financial report for fiscal year 2005. This is the highest form of recognition in the field of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment is important to the Town in maintaining its excellent bond rating.

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

Beulah Rd. Mulch Site Noise Study Results

Results of the noise study made at the Beulah Road mulch facility are now available at www.viennava.gov. From the home page click the "Departments" button, then click on "Public Works." The study was performed by Miller, Beam & Paganelli to satisfy the Conditional Use Permit approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals on July 22, 2005.

Council Action . . . continued

- Adopted water and sewer rates for fiscal year 2006-07.
- Accepted the letter of withdrawal from Steele Knudson as an appointee to the Transportation Safety Commission.
- Accepted the resignations of Edward R. Umbrell from the Planning Commission and Deborah Brehony from the Board of Architectural Review.
- Reappointed the following officials for fiscal year 2006-07: Town Manager John H. Schoeberlein; Town Attorney Steven D. Briglia; Town Treasurer Philip R. Grant; and Town Clerk Carol A. Orndorff.

Welcome New Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in June:

Cooperative Paws <i>animal training & behavior</i> 1009 Frederick St., S.W. 703-489-6452	Kolly Enterprises <i>consultant</i> 311 Westview Ct., N.E. 703-255-1645	DZM <i>dentist</i> 308 Dominion Rd., N.E. 703-242-9009
Vienna Lending Group <i>loan brokerage</i> 107 Pleasant St., N.W. 703-255-2202	Kansai Sushi <i>Japanese restaurant</i> 128 Maple Ave., W. 703-319-1300	East Meets West Center <i>yoga studio</i> 144 Church St., N.W. #104 703-281-2431

Glory Travel
travel agency
380 Maple Ave., W. #302B
703-242-0076

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 August: *30 years* – Vienna Dance Academy; *20 years* – Merle Norman, Skandia Furs; *10 years* – Stuff.

Walk Smart, Drive Smart

Drive with care. Walk with caution. That's the message the Town of Vienna wants all residents and visitors to remember as they make their way around our community. Here are a few tips to make your travels safer:

Pedestrians: When crossing Maple Avenue, go to the marked crosswalk and push the button. The pedestrian crossing system will not activate unless the button is pushed. (Please note: The pedestrian signal buttons should be activated with only one push. Repeated pushing will not speed up the set timing of the traffic signal and it can damage the signal mechanism.) Wait on the sidewalk. Look both ways to ensure safety and cross with the pedestrian signal. The pedestrian signal does not turn green until left-turn traffic has been stopped; therefore, there is a delay on the pedestrian signal. You have ample time to cross. If you approach the intersection once the flashing hand symbol is activated, do not enter the crosswalk. Push the button and wait for the next cycle. Where there is no signal, cross only at intersections or marked crosswalks. Parents, please, take the hand of your child when crossing the street.

Drivers: Please drive with care. A red light means stop! Obey speed limits. Increase your awareness of walkers. Visibility is worse at night so proceed with even more care. Expect the unexpected and remember to watch out for children. The pedestrian has the right-of-way over a vehicle making turns into the roadway. There has been some confusion about pedestrians having the right of way. According to Virginia State Law 46.2-924, "No pedestrian shall enter or cross an intersection in disregard of approaching traffic. The drivers of vehicles entering, crossing, or turning at intersections shall change their course, slow down, or stop if necessary to permit pedestrians to cross such intersections safely and expeditiously."

Bicyclists: Anyone riding a bicycle on town streets is subject to the State Motor Vehicle Code and has all of the same rights and duties applicable to the driver of a motor vehicle. However, a person riding a bicycle across a roadway or a crosswalk has the rights and duties of a pedestrian under the same circumstances.

Runners, walkers, joggers: Use trails and sidewalks whenever possible. If you must use the street, face oncoming traffic so you can observe approaching vehicles. Wear reflective material if you go out before dawn or after dark.



Little Miss Lindsay of Park Street, S.E., won the raffle for a pet fish in a bowl at the Public Works Department's open house held in May at Northside property yard. Vienna's fish mascots encourage citizens of all ages to practice environmental awareness for the protection of local streams and the Chesapeake Bay.



Vegetation Must Be Kept Trimmed

The Town Code prohibits tree branches and other vegetation from encroaching on any sidewalk or right-of-way. If you have questions or complaints about obstruction of sidewalks or rights-of-way, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360.

Every resident's effort to keep plantings trimmed will help make Vienna a safer and more attractive community, and all the walkers and bicyclists in your neighborhood will appreciate it!

PLEASE NOTE: Before cutting any tree, shrub or other plant near your home, first make sure it belongs to you. If you are unsure whether vegetation is on your property or in the public right-of-way, check with the Parks and Recreation Department.

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 EVENT

Enjoy a favorite family movie outdoors at Glyndon Park on Friday, August 25, beginning at dusk (around 8:45 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 August 23 and for weather information on the day of the show.

YOUTH/TEENS

Summer sports camps scheduled for August include soccer, tennis, fencing, golf, horseback riding, baseball, dance team training, and an all sports sampler. Call for information on dates and fees.

August open gym for ages 17 and under, 1-5 p.m. each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call ahead to check on availability.

Summer break . . . Club Phoenix Teen Center will be closed August 21-September 4.

BUS TRIPS

Fairfax Museum tour is scheduled for Tuesday, August 8. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 10:45 a.m. and return around 2 p.m. Following the docent-guided tour of the museum highlighting the area's history, lunch will be available at the Coyote Grill and other nearby restaurants. There is no fee for the trip; lunch is on your own.

See the Baltimore Orioles play the New York Yankees at Camden Yards on Saturday, September 9. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at noon, giving participants time to visit Baltimore's Inner Harbor before the 4:35 p.m. game time. The cost of \$53 for town residents includes transportation and game ticket in the lower reserve outfield seating.

New Park for NW Neighborhood

Construction has begun on a new neighborhood park named in honor of life-long northwest Vienna resident Sarah Walker Mercer.

The park consists of approximately .75 acres located on the corner of Knoll and Nutley Streets, N.W., site of the former Department of Public Works property yard. The passive park is designed with an abundance of landscaping, winding paths, new curb and gutter, seating areas and grassy areas. The project is scheduled for completion this December.

The Malcolm-Windover Heights Civic Association, which worked closely with the Department of Parks and Recreation to create the park, recommended that it be named in honor of Mrs. Mercer. Born in Vienna in 1926, she attended the Vienna Colored School on the site of what is now Louise Archer Elementary School and the Jennie Dean High School in Manassas which, because of segregation, was the only school available for black students in Vienna at the time.

Until 1955 when it was destroyed by fire, her family owned a home on property that later became the Vienna Commons townhouse development. She then lived on Highland Street, West Street, and from 1964 until her death in 1995, in the Cape Cod style home on Knoll Street adjacent to the new park.

Mrs. Mercer worked as a domestic in Vienna homes to help support her three sons, and was also employed at Cunningham Park Elementary School and Louise Archer Elementary School. She was a member of Vienna's First Baptist Church.



August 4, 5, 11 & 12 at 7:30 p.m.
August 6 at 2 p.m.

General Admission \$9
Students & Senior Citizens (over 65) \$8