

This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

SEPTEMBER 1996 – Look for the Town's new SMART trailer on the streets of Vienna. SMART stands for Speed Monitoring Awareness Radar Trailer, a portable, self-contained radar unit designed to promote speed limit awareness by displaying the speeds of oncoming vehicles.

SEPTEMBER 1986 – Recent improvements at Meadow Lane Park include a Poly-Mod, polyhedral modular playground equipment inspired by the concepts of R. Buckminster Fuller. Vienna is the first community in the U.S. to acquire a PolyMod.

SEPTEMBER 1976 – The Town of Vienna and 11 firms in the Technology Park will combine checkbooks to finance the construction of a 300-foot unimproved section of Electric Avenue to provide employees in the park with a second access. Follin Lane is currently the park's sole access and the Town Council hopes to relieve some of the traffic now using Follin.

SEPTEMBER 1966 – Bids originally received this month for the widening of Route 123 from East Street to Tysons Corner were all rejected by the State Highway Department as being too high. The project has been re-advertised for opening of new bids in late October.

CALL THESE NUMBERS 24 HOURS A DAY:

VIENNA NEWSLINE — 703-255-6333

TO ORDER A SPECIAL PICKUP — 703-255-5727

Visit www.viennava.gov

Recycle Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Batteries

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries is Saturday, September 9, 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.

Too often, used oil is improperly poured down storm drains or into sewers. Just one quart of oil can pollute 250,000 gallons of water, releasing toxic metals such as lead, cadmium and arsenic into the environment. Recycled oil is a valuable resource that can be re-manufactured into new fuels.

Antifreeze, like oil, can contaminate water and should never be disposed of in drains or sewers. In addition, antifreeze stored around the house presents a great danger to children and pets; it tastes sweet but is deadly poison.

Improper disposal of automobile batteries is a leading cause of lead contamination in landfills and energy recovery facilities. In Virginia it is illegal to dispose of automobile batteries with refuse.

TOWN OF VIENNA

Holiday Schedule

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 4, for Labor Day. Trash will be picked up as usual that day for residents on the Monday collection route.

September 11th A Day to Remember

On Monday, September 11, Vienna's American Legion Post 180 will hold its fifth annual community commemoration of the 2001 terrorist attacks on America, to remember those who lost their lives and to show support for those engaged in the ongoing fight against terrorism.

The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. on the grounds of the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. For more information, contact Post 180 at 703-938-9535.

Special Pickup Deadline Nears

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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

September 2006

The Mayor and Council Are Pleased to Announce...

Vienna Town Green Groundbreaking



Saturday,
September 16th
2:00 p.m.

On Site—Rain or Shine

The Town Green, located on Maple Avenue between Mill Street, N.E., and the W&OD Regional Trail, will provide a green space along Vienna's busy commercial corridor where people can relax, eat lunch, and enjoy outdoor activities with a view of historic Church Street, the Freeman House, and the old railroad station and caboose. The Town Green will feature a plaza with fountain, trees and benches; an amphitheater with sloped lawn for concerts and special events; restroom facilities; and an abundance of landscaped areas for visual enjoyment. Completion of the Town Green is scheduled for May 2007.

<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>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>	

Welcome New Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in July:

Mortgage Banc <i>mortgage</i> 301 Maple Ave., W. #430 703-938-4071	Nail Etc. II <i>nail care</i> 125 Church St., N.E. #101 703-242-8050	Heritage Furniture <i>furniture sales</i> 419 Maple Ave., E. 703-707-1677
Navy Federal Brokerage Service <i>mortgage brokerage</i> 1007 Electric Ave., S.E. 703-272-0353	Wireless Jungle <i>cellular phone sales</i> 211 Maple Ave., E. 703-938-5000	

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 September: *20 years* – Accounting Financial Ltd.; *10 years* – Debi Abdow-Addis, Fortune Import, McLean Irrigation Corp., Pediatric Neurorehab, Terry Johnson-Vann, Z Systems.

Local Employment Opportunities Online

As a courtesy to its members and the public, the Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce Web site publishes job opportunities submitted by its members. Visit www.vtrcc.org/jobs.htm.

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VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

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Director of Planning & Zoning	Gregory M. Hembree	703-255-6341
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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 October issue is September 15.

Maple Ave. Banner Applications Available October 2

Application forms to display banners across Maple Avenue in 2007 will be available in the Public Works Department at Town Hall beginning Monday, October 2. Applications may be submitted by non-profit community organizations any time through November. Organizations displaying banners this year will automatically receive application forms in the mail.

Banner space will be awarded in December via a lottery. Each banner will be displayed for two weeks.

Tips for Homeowners on Invasive Plants

An “invasive” plant is defined as a species that is non-native to the ecosystem and the introduction of which causes or is likely to cause harm. Your Vienna Community Enhancement Commission recommends the following ways to fight back against the invasive plants common to our area:

Avoid planting English ivy, “running” bamboo, kudzu, or mile-a-minute.

To remove English ivy:

- Cut stems close to the base with pruning shears or saw;
- Pull back stems that lead to the ground if they come readily;
- Do not pull ivy off bark (may damage the bark, expose it to invasive organisms, or cause a beehive or nest to fall).

To remove bamboo:

- Do so except when birds are nesting (spring, early summer);
 - Cut with saw at the bottom of the stalk;
 - Continue to cut down each year as it reappears.
- To remove kudzu and mile-a-minute:
- Trace the vine to the ground runner (brown, about one inch in diameter);
 - Follow the runner to the root crown, where the runner enters the ground;
 - Dig to the root crown and cut just below it (herbicide can be used on the crown); repeat when the invasives re-appear.

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise						
3 Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week	4 <i>Labor Day</i> Town Hall closed Trash collection as usual	5 Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.	6	7	8	9 Drop off used motor oil, antifreeze & batteries at Northside Property Yard, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
10	11 Town Council	12 Mayor's Advisory Committee	13 Planning Commission	14 Town/Business Liaison Committee 7 p.m.	15	16
17	18 Town Council work session	19	20 Board of Zoning Appeals	21 Board of Architectural Review	22 <i>Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown</i>	23
24	25 Town Council	26 Transportation Safety Commission	27 Planning Commission	28 Community Enhancement Commission 7:30 p.m.	29	30

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Sending Students Back to School Safely: Commuting and Travel Safety Tips for Parents and Students

An estimated 164,295 students will begin the 2006-07 school year on Tuesday, September 5, in Fairfax County Public Schools, the nation's 13th largest school system. The American Red Cross has the following tips to help make the trip to school a safe one:

Tips for School Bus Riders

- Line up facing the bus, not along side it.
- Do not play in the street while waiting for the bus.
- Carry all loose belongings in a bag or backpack.
- Never reach under the school bus to get anything that has rolled or fallen beneath it. The bus driver may be sitting too high up to see you.
- After getting off the bus, move immediately onto the sidewalk and out of traffic. If there is no sidewalk, try to stay as far to the side of the road as possible.
- Wait for a signal from the bus driver before crossing the street. Walk at least 10 steps away from the front of the bus so the driver can see you.
- Never cross the street or play behind the school bus.

**YOUR VIENNA TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMISSION REMINDS DRIVERS
THAT THE LAW REQUIRES YOU TO STOP FOR SCHOOL BUSES TAKING ON OR DISCHARGING PASSENGERS
AND TO REMAIN STOPPED UNTIL THE PASSENGERS ARE OUT OF THE STREET AND THE BUS IS AGAIN UNDERWAY.
THIS APPLIES TO DRIVERS APPROACHING FROM ANY DIRECTION.**

Tips for Pedestrians or Bike Riders

- Never walk alone – always travel with a buddy.
- Pay attention to all traffic signals and crossing guards along the way. Never cross the street against a stop light.
- Always wear a helmet when riding a bicycle.
- Avoid ill-fitting clothing that could get caught in spokes or pedals or restrict movements, and wear reflective colors and material to be more visible to street traffic.
- Walk your bicycle across all intersections.

Tips for Drivers and Passengers

- Everyone in the car should wear a seatbelt, as they lower the risk of injury in the event of a crash by 45 percent.
- Make sure babies and young children are in safety seats at all times, and that safety seats have been properly installed.
- Read your car's manual for safety precautions specifically related to the car and its airbags.

Special Tips for Student Drivers

Students may be inexperienced at driving alone. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for teens in the United States, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The risk of crashes is higher among 16- to 20-year olds than among any other age group, and, unfortunately, young adults also are less likely to be buckled up than any other age group. When preparing teenaged children for a drive to school, make sure they take these precautions:

- Leave early and give yourself enough time to travel at a comfortable pace. Remember, speeding does not increase your ability to arrive on time; it only increases your chances of not arriving at all.
- Do not talk on your cell phone while driving. Phones are distracting and impair your ability to concentrate on the road. If you must use the phone, pull over to a safe, well-lit parking lot and place your call there, or at least use a hands-free earpiece.
- When driving in inclement weather such as rain storms, reduce your speed. Don't make sudden moves if the roads are wet. Applying the brakes slowly and steadily will help you keep better control of your vehicle.
- Always wear your safety belt and require any passengers who ride with you to do the same.



Special Pickup Deadline Oct. 1

October 1 is the last day for Town of Vienna residents to call for a Special Pickup this year. Because of fall leaf collection, no orders for Special Pickups are taken in October, November and December.

To dispose of unwanted furniture, building materials, brush and other debris not included in the regular trash collection, residents can order a Special Pickup. Place dis-cards at the curbside, then call the Special Pickup recording *promptly* at 703-255-5727 and be prepared to leave the following information: your name, address, daytime phone number, amount of debris, and type of debris.

Each residence is allowed two free Special Pickups per year, with a limit of one dump truck load per pickup (about the size of a Volkswagon "beetle"). Additional pickups cost \$75 dollars per load for all items except brush. The fee for additional loads of brush is \$25 each.

Special Pickup Guidelines

The amount and type of debris allowed are limited to the following:

1. Discarded furniture, swing sets and playground equipment.
2. Sod and brush.
3. 300 pounds of scrap metal per residence, small automobile parts such as engine blocks, transmissions and tires. All tires must be removed from the rim.
4. Trees and limbs of a diameter greater than 1½ inches and less than 6 inches, and no more than 8 feet in length.
5. Building materials (not generated by contractor), which shall include the following items: wood, broken concrete, bricks or block, fences, drywall, and paneling. Each residence shall be limited to 300 pounds (approximately two wheelbarrow loads) of masonry items such as concrete, brick, block, stone, rock, etc. per pickup.
6. Please refrain from placing piles of brush under power lines or trees, or close to shrubs, walls or vehicles. Place all piles in an open area accessible to a crane truck.
7. All sharp items such as box cutters, razors, saw blades and large panes of glass should be wrapped in several layers of newspaper.
8. In the interest of safety, parents should caution their children not to play in or around debris placed at the curb for a special pickup.

The following items will **not** be picked up:

1. Gas tanks.
2. Fuel oil tanks.
3. Pressurized tanks such as propane, air or freon.
4. Mounted tires. (Town crews will pick up the tire and the rim as long as they are separated.)
5. Tree stumps and tree parts over 6 inches in diameter. Large tree stumps or tree parts over 6 inches can be disposed of at the Fairfax County Transfer Station located on West Ox Road or at the Fairfax County Landfill located in Lorton.
6. Paint cans. Hazardous materials such as fuel tanks, paints, solvents, insecticides, fluorescent light tubes, etc. can be disposed of through the Fairfax County Hazardous Waste Disposal Program. The drop-off center for hazardous waste is the I-66 Citizens' Recycling and Disposal Facility located at 4618 West Ox Road (just beyond the Fire & Rescue training academy). Call 703-324-5068 for further information.
7. Biohazardous waste including needles and syringes.
8. Contractor generated material.
9. Brush and trash that are mixed.
10. Dirt.
11. White goods, which include stoves, dishwashers, refrigerators, window air conditioners, whole house air conditioners, microwave ovens, hot water heaters, garbage disposals, washing machines, dryers, cook-tops, dehumidifiers and furnaces.

Call Promptly for Your Special Pickup

Please call the Special Pickup number, 703-255-5727, as soon as debris is placed at the curbside. Piles of trash that go uncollected for weeks on end because of residents' failure to call for a Special Pickup are an eyesore and a potential health and safety hazard.

It is illegal to place debris in the public right-of-way without arranging for a Special Pickup. When an illegal pile of trash is spotted by or reported to Town personnel, the resident will receive a notice to call for a Special Pickup within 48 hours. If no action is taken by the resident after the notice is issued, the Town will seek legal remedy to gain compliance with the Town Code.

No White Goods

White goods are no longer collected as part of the Special Pickup program. White goods include stoves, dishwashers, refrigerators, window air conditioners, whole house air conditioners, microwaves, hot water heaters, garbage disposals, washing machines, dryers, cooktops, dehumidifiers and furnaces.

Many appliance dealers will remove an old unit when a new one is delivered. Also, residents may take white goods to the Fairfax County I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Rd., or the I-95 Landfill Complex, 9850 Furnace Rd in Lorton. There is a \$1 disposal fee for each appliance. The hours of operation are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Donate to CHO

Instead of using a Special Pickup to dispose of unwanted furniture and other household items, consider donating them to the Committee for Helping Others (CHO). Beds and mattresses are especially needed, as are dining tables and chairs. Appliances in good working condition are also accepted. To arrange for a pickup of your donation, call CHO at 703-281-7614.

Vienna Names in the News

The Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce has announced its community service awards for 2006: Citizen of the Year – **Sam Savia**; Business Person of the Year – **Tana Keefe**, Long & Foster Realtors (Earman Family); Business of the Year – **Goodman & Co.**; Entrepreneur of the Year – **Dave Jensen**, AIM Home Financial; New Member of the Year – **Rebecca Diamond**, Tysons Dodge Jeep; Non-profit of the Year – **Fairfax Public Access TV**; Lifetime Service Award – **Tom Collins**, Goodman & Co., Chairman's Award – **Tom Hanton**, Guernsey Office products.

The inaugural **Burt Crump** Baseball Classic was played at Waters Field in July. The tournament is named in honor of the long-time coach of the American Legion Post 180 team.

James Madison High School's SADD Club (Students Against Destructive Decisions) was one of five metropolitan area high school student groups honored for their efforts in fighting underage drinking at the 2006 Washington Regional Alcohol Program student awards ceremony.

Vienna Police Officer **Dean Bailey** is this year's recipient of the Charles A. Robinson, Jr., Respect for Law Award presented by the Vienna Optimist Club.

Prevent Fraud – Save Those Credit Card Receipts

In order to prevent credit card fraud, Fairfax County's Consumer Protection Division encourages residents to take some precautionary steps to protect your finances, identity and piece of mind.

Review Before Signing

Always add up your charge slip before signing it. Draw lines through blank areas. Never sign a blank charge slip.

Save Receipts

Receipts are proof of your purchases and transactions. They are invaluable in the event of a dispute. Don't throw away your debit or credit card receipts.

Check Your Accounts Frequently

With credit card fraud on the rise, check your credit card and debit accounts often. Don't wait to review your statement at the end of the month. Call your bank or check your account on line regularly.

Check Your Monthly Statement

Check your monthly billing statement carefully to see if it includes transactions or purchases you did not authorize. Compare your receipts to the billing statement. Be on guard for dishonest merchants who might change your receipt after you sign it. You are especially susceptible to this if you leave a line blank on a restaurant credit receipt.

Shred, Shred, Shred

When you've reconciled your monthly billing statement, shred your receipts to prevent thieves from rifling through your trash to obtain your account information.

If You Suspect Fraud, Act Immediately

Notify the issuer of your debit or credit card by phone as soon as you discover an error. If you suspect fraud, notify the card issuer by letter in order to preserve your rights under the Fair Credit Billing Act.

For more information about credit card fraud and other consumer concerns, call 703-222-8435 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/consumer.

Looking for a Speaker for Your Next Meeting?

If you are the program chairman for your organization, you will be pleased to know that a number of resources are available to provide informative speakers free of charge.

George Mason University's Faculty Speakers Bureau includes experts on a wide variety of topics, including politics, health, history, business, and many more. For more information, call the University Office of Community Relations at 703-993-8846.

Audiovisual programs about the facilities and services of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, which operates Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, the W&OD Trail, and other recreational sites throughout Northern Virginia, may be scheduled by calling Park Authority headquarters at 703-352-5900.

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department offers speakers on many fire and rescue topics, and can tailor a program to meet the concerns of your group. For more information, call 703-246-3801.

The Road Runners Club of America offers a free 60-minute safety seminar. Call 703-836-0558 for information.

Fairfax County Master Gardener volunteers are available to speak to community groups, homeowners associations, and garden clubs on a variety of topics. Call 703-324-8556 for information.

The Fairfax County Public Library's Expert Express program offers free 30-minute presentations to local organizations on a variety of topics, including:

- How to Raise an Enthusiastic Reader
- Free Genealogy and Local History Resources
- Surviving Volunteer Boards
- Seven Hot Books Coming Out Soon
- Preserving Your Family's Papers, Books, Videos and CDs
- Technology for Aging Eyes and Ears
- Using Books to Help Children through Troubled Times
- How to Publicize Your Group's Activities

For more information or to request a speaker, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/expert.htm.

held on Monday, September 18, at Hidden Creek Country Club in Reston. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at noon. The cost of \$175 per player includes greens fee, cart, lunch on the go, and evening awards banquet. For more information, call the Chamber of Commerce at 703-281-1333.

Vienna Choral Society, under the direction of Paul Patton, welcomes new members for its 2006-07 season. No audition is required and many solo opportunities are available in upcoming programs. Rehearsals are held at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Rd., S.W., each Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. For more information, call 703-255-5508 or visit www.viennachoralsociety.org.

Fundraiser to help fight childhood cancer, sponsored by the Optimist Club of Vienna, will be held on Saturday, October 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., beginning and ending at the mural/railroad station parking lot between Mill Street and Dominion Road, N.E. All proceeds from the event will go to Growing Hope and the Optimist International fund for childhood cancer research. Participation forms can be downloaded at www.viennaoptimist.org. For more information, call Bob McCormick or Ruth Korobov at 703-242-0564.

Potomac Valley Shetland Sheepdog Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, September 18, at the Dunn Loring fire station, 2148 Gallows Rd. Sheltie trainer, owner and breeder Pat Schaap will share her insights on Sheltie temperament. Dogs welcome! For more information, visit www.shetlandsheepdog.us.

Welcome Club of Northern Virginia will hold its monthly luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday, September 7, at Flemings Steak House in McLean. Guest speaker will be Eileen Weklar of Feng Shui Designs and Solutions. For reservations and more information, call 703-281-6225 or e-mail dlboguts@cox.net. The club also sponsors bridge, golf, wine tasting, tea time, and other activities.

Vienna AAUW open house will be held on Saturday, September 9, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Patrick Henry Library. Learn about upcoming programs of the Vienna branch of the American Asso-

ciation of University Women. Voter registration and absentee ballot forms will be available. For more information, call Beverly Larson at 703-255-3020.

"Understanding Money & Credit," a free seminar at The Women's Center, 127 Park St., N.E., will be held on Wednesday, September 27, from 7 to 9 p.m. Consumer credit counselor Laura Taylor will discuss how careful planning and use of money management techniques can help you feel more confident about your ability to live within your means, handle emergencies, reduce debt, and save for the future. Free of charge but registration required. For more information on this and other Women's Center programs, call 703-281-2657 or visit www.the.womenscenter.org.

Low-cost rabies vaccination clinic for dogs and cats, sponsored by the Fairfax County Department of Animal Control, will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, September 10, at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, 4500 West Ox Rd., Fairfax. The cost is \$10 per animal. When pets are brought to the clinic, dogs must be on a leash and cats confined to a cat-carrier or other container. For more information, call 703-830-1100.

Northern Virginia Long-term Care Ombudsman Program will conduct training for new volunteers September 26 and 27, and October 6 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. Volunteer ombudsmen make weekly visits to a specific nursing home or assisted living facility, working with residents, their families and the staff of the facility to ensure that the residents' rights are being protected. For more information, call 703-324-5435 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/aaa/ombud.

International Children's Festival, sponsored by the Arts Council of Fairfax County, will be held rain or shine at Wolf Trap Farm Park for the Performing Arts Saturday and Sunday, September 23 and 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The festival features young performers from around the world, exhibits and workshops. Tickets are \$10 for senior citizens and children ages 3-12, and \$12 for adults and teens (children 2 and under admitted free of charge). For more information visit www.artsfairfax.org.

Vienna Farmers' Market, located on Church Street in the parking lot next to the red caboos, is open each Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon, featuring fresh tomatoes, apples, pumpkins, crepes made while you wait, and more. Sponsored by the Vienna Jaycees. For information or to volunteer, call Karen at 703-281-1255 or visit www.viennafarmersmarket.com.

Get expert gardening advice from the Fairfax County Master Gardeners at the Saturday Vienna Farmer's Market and the Wednesday market at Nottoway Park. Bring samples of your problem plants for diagnosis and learn about pest identification and control, pruning, watering, composting and other gardening subjects. For more information call 703-324-8556 or visit www.fairfaxmastergardeners.com.

"Fit for the Cure," complimentary Nordstrom bra fittings to benefit breast cancer research and outreach programs, will be held on Thursday, September 21, from noon to 8 p.m. at Lofty Salon and Wellness Center, 354 Maple Ave., W. For information, call Chi at 703-242-0609.

VRROOM! (Vienna-Reston Jaycees Restaurant Outing of the Month) will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 21, at Anita's, 521 Maple Ave., E. 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.

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 227, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 21, at Neighbor's Restaurant in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center. Retired Army Command Sergeant Major Al Weed will discuss military and political parallels between the Vietnam and Iraq Wars. For more information, call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or visit www.geocities.com/vva227.

Debi Smith, nationally known singer, songwriter and master of the Irish drum, will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday, September 23, at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Rd., Oakton. All tickets are \$20; to order, call the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna at 703-281-0538.

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

37th annual used book sale, sponsored by the McLean Branch of the American Association of University Women, will be held September 15-17 at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Inglewood Ave. Hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 12:30-4 p.m. Sunday. Proceeds fund scholarships for women. Approximately 40,000 books will be available at prices averaging \$2 each and a special Sunday price of \$7 for a bag of books. For more information, call 703-726-6470 or visit www.mcleanaauw.org.

The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna will hold an open house and registration for the fall session of its "Adventures in Learning" program for people age 50 and older on Thursday, September 14, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Unitarian-Universalist Church, 2709 Hunter Mill Rd., Oakton. Classes will be held each Thursday, September 21-December 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and include Tai Chi, bridge, world affairs, music, a health series, and more. The fee of \$35 covers up to four classes (\$10 extra for computer class). For more information, call 703-281-0538 or visit www.scov.org.

Vienna Vision Impaired Group, a support group for visually impaired persons and their families, will meet at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, September 21, at Patrick Henry Library. Rodney Neely will speak on "Recordings for the Blind," and participants will share recent "Talking books" they have enjoyed. For more information or if you need transportation, call Rhoda Stevens at 703-281-9679.

Special programs at Patrick Henry Library: Wednesday, September 13, at 7 p.m. - William Pope, former Acting Coordinator for Counterterrorism at the State Department, will discuss homeland security and the war on terrorism. Saturday, September 30, from 1 to 3 p.m. - Bela Gogos, author of *Youth Lost in Red Hell*, will describe how he survived 10 years of imprisonment and forced labor in the Soviet Gulag. These programs are free of charge. To register, call 703-938-0405.

Northern Virginia Handcrafters Guild Arts & Crafts Showcase will be held on Saturday, September 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, September 17, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Robinson Secondary School, 5035 Sideburn Rd., Fairfax (two blocks south of George Mason University). Over 80 juried artisans will offer jewelry, stained glass, dolls, paintings, quilts, and many other hand-crafted creations. Admission is \$3 for adults and free for children under age 12. Proceeds will benefit the school's All Night Graduation Party.

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, September 16, 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.nvrmr.org. The Town's red caboose will also be open to the public that afternoon, courtesy of the Optimist Club of Vienna.

Workshops at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens: Saturday, September 16, at 10 a.m. horticulturist Tammy Burke will lead a tour through the salvia collection and discuss how to propagate and grow them in the garden and indoors over the winter. Cuttings will be available. The workshop fee is \$5 and registration is required. Saturday, September 23, at 10 a.m. tour the butterfly garden as horticulturist Laurie Short shares tips on increasing butterfly population visits. Free of charge; reservations recommended. 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.

Breakfast buffet, sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 180 and the Sons of the Legion, will be open on Sunday, September 17, 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.

Fall Carnival at Nottoway Park September 7-10 will offer food, games and carnival rides for the whole family. Admission is free. Hours are 6 to 10 p.m. Thursday, 6 to 11 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. On Thursday only, you can enjoy the rides all night for \$20. Sponsored by the Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce; for information, call 703-281-1333.

Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., N.W., is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The current show through September 31 is "Far Out," featuring contemporary, avant garde, abstract, and expressionist works by Vienna Arts Society (VAS) members. For information, visit www.viennaartsociety.org or call 703-319-3971. The VAS 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 October 2 is "Ladies and Landscapes: Summer, Fall, Winter, Spring," featuring batiks by Carol Higgs. 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 on Saturday, November 11 at the Vienna Community Center, with proceeds benefiting the club's scholarship fund and community service projects. 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 Host Lions Club meets at 6:15 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at American Legion Post 180, 330 Center St., S. The club sponsors community service and charitable programs for the visually and hearing impaired, local youth, and others. For membership information, call Bob Heyde at 703-560-8841.

Annual "Captain's Choice" Golf Outing, sponsored by the Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce, will be

Halloween Parade Entry Deadline

Friday, September 29, is the entry deadline for the 60th annual Vienna Halloween Parade. 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 parade participants 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. Because space is limited to the first 100 approved applicants, the parade may fill before the entry deadline. Completed applications do not guarantee entrance.

The parade will step off at 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 25, on Maple Avenue. 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.

Washington Redskins Band to March in Halloween Parade

Hail to the Redskins! Again this year, the Washington Redskins Marching Band is scheduled to appear in the Vienna Halloween Parade.

The Redskins Band is the country's oldest professional football marching band and one of only two pro football marching bands still in existence. The band entertains fans with pregame and halftime shows, upbeat music during Redskins drives and, of course, their famous fight song whenever the team scores. The band's appearance in the parade is sponsored by Tysons Dodge Jeep.

Sponsor our
60th Annual
Parade!



Sponsorships help to maintain the Parade's excellent level of entertainment and is a great way to be involved in your community. Thrill your friends, kids, grand kids, office mates or potential clients by putting your name (or theirs) in front of 35,000+ parade watchers.

There are many levels of sponsorship which may include:

- 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 info:

www.vtrcc.org/parade

or call Parade Co-Chair
Rebecca Diamond at
703-463-4241

Town's ATV Proves Useful

For many years, the traditional tools for clearing snow from Vienna's sidewalks have been snow blowers and shovels. These methods are very time-consuming, extremely hard work, and require a large amount of manpower.

In an effort to speed up the clearing of major sidewalks, the Town's Department of Parks and Recreation purchased an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) that could navigate the sidewalks with a plow attached. The first year of use showed that one person could, in effect, do the work of six to eight people in a shorter time. With one ATV, Maple Avenue, Nutley Street, Church Street, and sidewalks in front of schools can all be cleared within the first 24 hours following a snowstorm. After these primary areas are cleared, the ATV operator can move onto secondary streets.

During the rest of the year, the ATV is used for other purposes. A mower attachment is used for areas in steam valleys and trails that otherwise would not be accessible by regular mowers. Also, a sprayer attachment is used to apply fertilizers and weed control along rights-of-way. Finally, the ATV is used for ball field maintenance.

The Town plans to purchase one more ATV this year, hoping to expand sidewalk clearance to major bus stops and school walking routes.

Sidewalk Surveys Under Review

Thanks to everyone who completed the survey in the July newsletter on the need for additional pedestrian facilities around town. A committee comprising members of the Planning Commission and Transportation Safety Commission will meet this month to review the responses to the survey questions and additional comments received.

Funds for sidewalk construction have been budgeted for this fiscal year, and the Town Council is very much interested in citizen suggestions regarding areas for construction of new sidewalks as well as areas for sidewalk improvements.

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.

AT THE TEEN CENTER

With a new school year about to begin, students in grades 6-8 are invited to join the after-school program at Club Phoenix. This free program provides a positive alternative to gang involvement and other undesirable behaviors. The program for this school year begins September 5, weekdays from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Kids can get help with homework or enjoy cooking classes, book clubs, and sports and fitness activities. Club Phoenix also offers pool and ping pong tables, a dance floor, foosball and video games, and much more.

Open house for parents will be held at Club Phoenix on Wednesday, September 13, 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 for boys and girls age 12 and older will be offered on Saturday, September 9, from noon to 7 p.m. A certified American Red Cross instructor will teach basic child care, safety, first aid, and what to do in emergency situations. The fee is \$60 for town residents.

CP Cinema for middle school students will be held on Friday, September 29, beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is free and popcorn will be provided. Call 703-255-5721 to learn which movies will be shown.

Field Day for grades 6-8 is scheduled for Friday, September 15, from 4 to 6 p.m. Free of charge. Challenge yourself and your friends in the three-legged race and other fun games.

BUS TRIPS

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, giv-



10 a.m. Saturday, September 30
Police Headquarters, 215 Center St., S.

This annual event promotes good relations
between the police and area children

Refreshments provided
Free T-shirts for all kids who participate
Children age 6-8 must be accompanied
by an adult running in the event

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Registration forms available
at the Vienna Community Center

ing 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.

Spend the day at the U.S. Open tennis tournament at Arthur Ashe Stadium in Flushing, NY, on Saturday, September 9. Leave the Community Center at 5 a.m. and return around midnight. The cost of \$139 for town residents includes transportation and an all-day upper promenade ticket to see both men's semifinal matches.

Atlantic City Overnighter October 5 and 6. 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 \$167 per person single

occupancy, \$125 double occupancy and \$118 triple occupancy includes transportation, casino package, buffet dinner and breakfast, and overnight accommodations at the Holiday Inn on the boardwalk. Registration deadline September 15.

Experience "Face of America: Hawaii" at Wolf Trap Farm Park for the Performing Arts on Saturday, September 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. Travel to the Hawaiian Islands through music, performance and multi-media high-definition displays of the landscape on a giant screen. All seats, in the center loge, are \$24.50. Transportation is on your own, and a bring-your-own picnic before the show is optional.

Undiscovered Gems of Our Capital City, a tour of lesser known sites in Washington, DC, will be held on Wednesday,

September 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Professional "spy tour guide" Carol Bessette will take you to the Drug Enforcement Administration museum, Navy Memorial, Florida House and other locations. The cost of \$52 for town residents includes transportation, guide, site visits and lunch buffet at the Vantage Point restaurant in Rosslyn, which offers a panoramic view of the city.

HEALTH & FITNESS

Adult fall co-ed softball league will begin the week of September 11. Games will be played on weeknights at Southside Park. The registration fee of \$350 per team includes 10 regular season double-header games, a post-season tournament, umpire fees, softballs and awards.

Adult fall tennis league begins September 16. 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 \$15 for town residents. Registration deadline September 9.

Allergies is the topic of a free seminar on Tuesday, September 19, from 7 to 8 p.m. Dr. Kathryn Thomas of New Life Wellness Center will discuss the underlying causes of allergies and what you can do to correct them without drugs or shots.

Strollercize is a new exercise program for mothers and their stroller-age children. The total body workout includes cardio conditioning, strength training and toning exercises plus a chance to connect with other moms. Classes will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays, September 13-October 20, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The fee for 12 classes is \$120 for town residents.

Free informal meditation session to introduce the new class, "Meditation for Stress and Pain Relief," will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, September 6. The six-week class begins September 11 (September 19 for the morning session) and will teach techniques that have proven useful for job stress, chronic pain or illness, anxiety and panic, fibromyalgia, sleep disturbances, headaches and high blood pressure.

MANAGING YOUR MONEY & YOUR ESTATE

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

POTPOURRI

Tickets go on sale September 20 for the Vienna Theatre Company's production of the psychological thriller "Boy Gets Girl." The show is scheduled for October 20, 21, 27, 28 and November 3 and 4 at 8 p.m. and October 29 at 2 p.m. (signed performance). Tickets are \$9 general admission and \$8 for students and senior citizens over age 65.

Newborn care class, for new and expectant parents, will be held on Thursday, September 19, from 6 to 7 p.m. Topics include preparing for baby, 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.

How to Get Asked to the Dance will help single women age 30+ return to the dating scene with confidence. Life coach

Marcy Kelly will discuss how to establish safe relationships, body language, dating etiquette, and how personality type affects relationships. Class will be held from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, September 16. The fee is \$34 for town residents.

Have lunch with Dr. Gridlock, Washington Post traffic guru, on Tuesday, September 26, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Rd. The program is sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna. The fee is \$7, payable at the door, and the reservation deadline is September 22.

Beginning Irish fiddle, a new class, will be held each Thursday, September 21-October 26, from 5 to 6 p.m. No experience required, but you will need to bring your own fiddle, which can be rented at area music stores. The fee is \$31 for town residents.

Writing Your Personal History is an informal, group-run class for people interested in documenting their life stories. Class will be held each Thursday, September 7-March 29, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Class members select topics about which to write, and read their work to each other for supportive feedback. Free of charge; a donation of \$5 will be used to provide beverages at each class.

Both Dogs & People Must Follow Vienna Dog Park Rules

The Vienna Dog Park is located at Moorefield Park, 700 Courthouse Rd., S.W., just off Nutley Street and adjacent to Fairfax County's Nottoway Park. The off-leash dog exercise area is open daily from 7 a.m. until dark, and its use is controlled by rules posted on-site.

There have been a couple of "spats" between dogs at the park this summer. In case of a fight, dog owners should take the following actions:

- Refrain from hitting or kicking ANY dog (yours or other dogs). This can result in injury to the dog or to you.
- Spray water on the dogs. This often will break up a fight.
- Try not to raise your voice or show excitement. Dogs can sense your reaction and it can often worsen the situation.

If your dog harms or is harmed by another dog, make sure to exchange contact information with the other owner in case any problems arise later. Then remove your dog from the park for the day. Any incidents of a dog biting a person must be reported immediately to the Vienna Police Department at 703-255-6366.