

## This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

MAY 1997 – Just in time to make getting around downtown a little easier this summer, pedestrian crossing lights, set to operate with the traffic signals, have been installed at the Maple Avenue/Lawyers Road/Courthouse Road intersection. Remember, pedestrians always have the right-of-way in crosswalks.

MAY 1987 – The Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority invites the public to celebrate the grand opening on May 2 of the new 100-acre Meadowlark Gardens Regional Park, located just off Beulah Road about a mile and a half from Vienna. Thousands of bulbs and flowering plants and trees will be in bloom beside the park's three lakes and along its hillside trails.

MAY 1977 – The Town Council has adopted an ordinance that decreases the height limit allowed for buildings in commercial zones. The new height limit will be 35 feet in lieu of the 75-foot height previously authorized. Building heights in the commercial district became an increasing concern to Council after a recent court order was issued permitting the construction of a seven-story building at 301 Maple Ave., W. While the new height limit cannot apply to the proposed seven-story building, it will govern all future commercial development.

MAY 1967 – On May 21 the Vienna Business and Professional Women's Club will sponsor the Arlington Symphony in a special concert at James Madison High School. Officials of the Town of Vienna are pleased to have local organizations bring cultural events to the town.

**CALL THESE NUMBERS 24 HOURS A DAY:**  
**Vienna Newsline — 703-255-6333**  
**To Order a Special Pickup — 703-255-5727**

[www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov)

## Dog Owners Must Clean Up After Pets

The Town of Vienna has a "pooper scooper" ordinance that requires dog owners to clean up after their pets when out for a walk. Please be a responsible pet owner and don't leave dog waste on the lawns of neighbors or next to curbs, mailboxes, fire hydrants or elsewhere. Use a "doggie bag" and take the waste away with you. Your neighbors also ask that you not deposit dog waste in their trash cans, which can result in a very unpleasant surprise.

Signs are posted in Town parks to remind pet owners that dogs are not allowed on athletic fields, tennis and basketball courts, playgrounds, and picnic areas because of the nuisance and potential health hazard to park users. Pet owners found in violation of these laws may be fined.

## Recycle Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Batteries

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries is Saturday, June 2, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill St., N.E. (entrance at the dead end of the street). For information, call 703-255-6381.

**TOWN  
OF  
VIENNA**

### TOWN GREEN DEDICATION



**SATURDAY, MAY 12**  
**1:00-4:00 P.M.**  
**RAIN OR SHINE**

**SEE PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS**

### ★Memorial Day★

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, May 28, for Memorial Day. Trash will be collected as usual that day for residents on the Monday route.

American Legion Post 180's Memorial Day ceremony will be held at Flint Hill Cemetery in Oakton beginning at 10:30 a.m. with a concert by the Vienna Community Band. The Legion Auxiliary will place flags on the graves of veterans at Flint Hill Cemetery and conduct its annual Poppy Promotion throughout Vienna during Memorial Day weekend, with proceeds going to veterans' hospitals in Virginia.

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

# NEWSLETTER

May 2007

## TOWN ELECTION TUESDAY, MAY 1

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

### TOWN COUNCIL CANDIDATES (vote for no more than three)

Deborah T. Brehony  
 Daniel M. Dellinger  
 George E. Lovelace  
 Maud F. Robinson  
 Susan Yancey Stich

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

## Public Works Week Open House

In celebration of National Public Works Week, the Vienna Department of Public Works will hold its annual open house at Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill St., N.E., on Thursday, May 24, from 2 to 6 p.m. All residents, school and scout groups, and others interested in seeing the facility and a display of Public Works vehicles and equipment are invited to attend.

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

Light refreshments will be served, and there will be "hard hats," Clean & Green coloring books and other goodies for the kids. For more information, call 703-255-6381.

**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.**

<p><b>POLICE FIRE &amp; RESCUE EMERGENCY 911</b> (Voice &amp; 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>PRSRST STD                  U.S. POSTAGE                  PAID                  Vienna, Va.                  Permit No. 36</p>
<p><b>VIENNA POLICE DIRECT</b>                  703-938-4900 (Voice)                  703-255-5730 (TDD)                  NON-EMERGENCY                  703-255-6366 (Voice)                  703-255-5730 (TDD)</p>	<p><b>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.</b></p>	
<p>VIENNA TOWN HALL                  703-255-6300 (Voice)                  703-255-5735 (TDD)</p>	<p><b>This document will be made available in large print or on audio cassette upon request. Call 703-255-6330, TDD 703-255-5735.</b></p>	
<p>COMMUNITY CENTER                  703-255-6360 (Voice)                  703-255-5739 (TDD)</p>		

# TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

## FEBRUARY 26, 2007

- Approved the expenditure of an additional \$13,678.15 for Westbriar Court drainage improvements.

- Approved the purchase of water and sewer supplies from HD Supply Waterworks in the amount of \$17,500.

- Approved the purchase of a 2007 Chevrolet Impala for the Department of Public Works at a price of \$14,776.

- Conducted a closed session to interview candidates for appointment to Town boards and commissions and to discuss the proposed Town employee classification and compensation study.

- Appointed Katherine Hutt to the Town/Business Liaison Committee for a two-year term.

## MARCH 5, 2007

- Following a closed session to interview candidates for appointment to Town

boards and commissions, reappointed Richard Denbow and Leonard Ignatowski to the Transportation Safety Commission and appointed Kurt Frogale to the Town/Business Liaison Committee, all for two-year terms.

- Following a presentation by the Sidewalk Study Committee, deferred action until the Town staff can review the report, prepare cost figures for Priority 1 projects, and develop engineering recommendations.

## MARCH 19, 2007

- Following a closed session to interview candidates for appointment to Town boards and commissions, reappointed Laurie DiRocco to the Planning Commission and reappointed Stephen Kenney to the Transportation Safety Commission, both for two-year terms.

- In response to Congressman Davis' inquiry concerning appropriation requests from the Town, authorized the Mayor to request sidewalk construction funds.

- Following a public hearing, affirmed the decision of the Windover Heights Board of Review approving a request to construct a fence at 130 Pleasant St., N.W.

- Approved the expenditure of \$128,000 as the Town's share of the Beulah Road reconstruction project, and approved an agreement with the Virginia Department of Transportation for the project.

- Extended the contract with Waste Management Recycle America for processing of recyclable material.

- Approved the purchase of an additional 121.45 tons of road salt at a cost of \$6,451.42.

- Extended the contract with Blue Chip Service for janitorial service for Town Hall and police headquarters.

- Continued the contract with Double H Locates of Marshall, VA, for underground utility marking.

- Awarded a contract to SunTrust Bank for capital lease financing of vehicle and equipment replacement.

- Approved the purchase of a Konica 750 copier for Town Hall at a cost not to exceed \$17,044.

- Approved supplemental budget appropriations in the amount of \$273,739.

- Approved the purchase of a computer aided dispatch, law enforcement records management and mobile data system from New World Systems Corp. at a cost of \$441,148.

**MINUTES & AGENDAS  
FOR TOWN COUNCIL  
AND BOARDS & COMMISSIONS  
ARE AVAILABLE AT  
[www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov)**

## TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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### VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

M. Jane Seeman, Mayor

Laurie Genevro Cole

George E. Lovelace

Daniel M. Dellinger

Michael J. Polychrones

Edythe Frankel Kelleher

Maud F. Robinson

### TOWN STAFF

Town Manager	John H. Schoeberlein	703-255-6371
Director of Public Works	Holly M. Chu	703-255-6380
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Director of Finance	Philip R. Grant	703-255-6320
Director of Parks & Recreation	Catherine L. Salgado	703-255-6356
Director of Planning & Zoning	Gregory M. Hembree	703-255-6341
Town Attorney	Steven D. Briglia	703-255-6305
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e-mail [pio@ci.vienna.va.us](mailto:pio@ci.vienna.va.us)

Deadline for June issue is May 15.

## May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise		1 Town election Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.	2 Planning Commission	3 Town/Business Liaison Committee 7 p.m.	4	5
6 Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week	7 Town Council (includes public hearing on fiscal year 2007-08 budget)	8	9 Town Council	10 Town/Business Liaison Committee 7 p.m.	11	12 Vienna Town Green dedication ceremony 1-4 p.m.
13	14 Town Council budget work session 7:30 p.m. (if needed)	15	16 Board of Zoning Appeals	17 Board of Architectural Review	18	19 Armed Forces Day
Mother's Day	20	21 Town Council	22	23 Community Enhancement Commission 7:30 p.m.	24	25 Viva! Vienna! Town Festival on historic Church St. thru May 28
27	28 Memorial Day Town Hall closed Trash collection as usual	29 Transportation Safety Commission	30 Planning Commission	31		

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# NEWS FROM VIENNA PARKS & REC

For more information about any of the activities listed below, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360 or visit [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov). All activities are held at the Vienna Community Center unless stated otherwise.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**KidsFest and bike rodeo** for ages 5-12, sponsored by the Vienna Police Department, Parks and Recreation Department and Volunteer Fire Department, will be held on Saturday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the parking lot of Faith Baptist Church, 301 Center St., S., across the street from the fire station. All activities are free of charge. The day will include a fire station open house, car seat safety checks, moon bounce, puppet show, magic show and more. Advance registration is required for the bike safety rodeo.

**Vienna Theatre Company's** production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" continues May 4, 5, 11 and 12 at 8 p.m. and May 6 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$11 general admission and \$10 for students and senior citizens (65 and older).

**Enjoy a favorite family movie** outdoors at Glyndon Park on Friday, May 18, beginning at dusk (around 8 p.m.). Admission is free. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Parents are required to stay with their children during the movie. For information on which film will be shown, call 703-255-7842 after noon on May 16 and for weather information on the day of the show.

## AT THE TEEN CENTER

**Open house for parents** will be held at Club Phoenix on Wednesday, May 16, from 5 to 6 p.m. View the facility, learn about after-school activities, special events and summer camps; meet the staff; complete the required registration form; discuss issues and concerns; or sign up to be an adult volunteer.

## BUS TRIP

**See "Tarzan" on Broadway.** Make your reservation now for the June 16 matinee performance of "Tarzan" at the Richard Rodgers Theatre in New York City. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 8 a.m. and return around midnight. The cost of \$119 for town residents includes transportation, show ticket, and time to enjoy the Big Apple after the performance.

## MANAGING YOUR MONEY & YOUR ESTATE

**What to Feed a Living Trust** will be presented on Monday, May 14, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Attorney David Hoffman will discuss Virginia trust law, funding your trust, what bankers don't know, trusts and mortgages, trusts and the IRS, record keeping, making amendments, and more. This seminar is free of charge, and no advance registration is required.

## POTPOURRI

**Writing Your Personal History Symposium** is scheduled for Thursday, May 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The symposium will be a fun-filled and informative learning experience for both new and more seasoned writers. Participants will engage in writing activities; network with other like-minded writers; and learn about publishing venues, local writing programs and support groups. The cost for the symposium is \$7 per person, and advance registration is required.

**Basic first aid and CPR/AED instruction** will be offered on Saturday, May 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Students will learn to deal with emergencies such as choking, cardiac arrest, and physical injury, and those passing the exam at the end of the course will receive an American Safety and Health certification card valid for two years. The cost for the class is \$60 for town residents.

# HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

**Vienna Farmers' Market**, located on Church Street in the parking lot next to the red caboose, will open for the season on Saturday, May 5, from 8 a.m. to noon. New items will include free-range pork products and prepared salad greens in addition to a wide selection of fresh fruits and vegetables, fresh-baked breads and pastries, kettle corn, cut flowers, fresh crepes and doughnuts, and free gardening advice. For information, call Karyn at 703-861-7784.

**Book collection is underway** for Historic Vienna, Inc.'s annual sale June 9 and 10 at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. Please, no magazines, textbooks, *National Geographics* or *Reader's Digest* condensed books. Receipts for tax purposes may be obtained during business hours, Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. Books may be left on the front porch any time. For information or to volunteer to help with the sale, call 703-938-5187.

**NARFE Chapter 1116** (National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association) will meet at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, at the Vienna Community Center. State Senator Jeannemarie Devolites-Davis and Delegate Steve Shannon will report on this year's General Assembly session. For information, call 703-205-9041.

**"Jamestown and Beyond: The World of 1607"** will be on exhibit May 12-28 at the historic Feeman House Store and Museum, 131 Church St., N.E. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. The exhibit will feature visual essay posters exploring the connections between Jamestown and 17th-century cultures around the world. For information, call 703-938-5187.

**Northeast Vienna Citizens Association (NEVCA)** will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, at the Vienna Community Center. Detective James Sheeran, the Vienna Police Department's representative on the Northern Virginia Gang Task Force, will discuss gang activity in the community. For information, call Dan Mulville at 703-938-1791.

**Breakfast buffet**, sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 180 and the Sons of the Legion, will be open on Sunday, May 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 information, call 703-938-9535.

**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 and Sunday, May 26 and 27, from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is free; donations accepted. See an operating HO scale model railroad. For information, call 703-938-5157 or visit [www.nvmr.org](http://www.nvmr.org).

**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 publications in sturdy plastic bags at the usual location on Tuesday, May 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.

**Nationals v. Orioles discount tickets available** – Partnership for Public Service, a non-profit organization that promotes public service as a career choice, is offering discount tickets for the May 19 game between the Washington Nationals and the Baltimore Orioles at RFK stadium. To order tickets online, go to [www.ourpublicservice.org/events](http://www.ourpublicservice.org/events) and click on *Washington Capitals and Nationals Celebrate Public Service*.

**Used book sale** will be held at Patrick Henry Library on Saturday, May 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call 703-938-0405.

**Epiphany Preschool**, 1014 Country Club Dr., N.E., is registering 3 and 4-year-olds for the 2007-2008 school year. For information or to arrange a tour, call 703-938-2391.

**2007 Heritage Preservation Award** has been presented to the Northern Virginia Model Railroaders by Historic Vienna, Inc. The award recognizes the Railroaders' contribution to keeping alive the history of the railroad in Vienna through maintenance of the old station on Dominion Road, N.E., and sharing their model train displays with the community.

**Ayr Hill Garden Club** will present "Spring Gardening" on Saturday, May 5, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Patrick Henry Library. Club members will be available to answer questions about their displays: Shade Gardening, Backyard Habitat, Bluebirds, Flower Arranging, Soils, and Oh, Deer!

**SunTrust Bank**, 515 Maple Ave., E., is once again the collection site for the annual used book sale sponsored by the McLean Branch of the American Association of University Women. Drop off donations of books, CDs and software May 5 and 19, June 9 and 23, and July 14 and 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. No records or textbooks will be accepted. The sale is scheduled for September 14-16 at the McLean Community Center with proceeds benefiting scholarships for women. For information call 703-726-6470 or e-mail [dsnusn@aol.com](mailto:dsnusn@aol.com).

**Welcome Club of Northern Virginia** will hold its monthly luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 3, at Fairfax Country Club. Draper's and Damon's of Fairfax City will present a spring fashion show. For reservations and information, call 703-281-6225 or e-mail [dlboguts@cox.net](mailto:dlboguts@cox.net).

**Vienna/Oakton Vision Impaired Resource Group**, a support group for visually impaired persons and their families, will meet at 10:15 a.m. Thursday, May 17, at Patrick Henry Library. Vienna Town Councilwoman Edythe Kelleher will discuss plans for the new Town Green, and there will also be a demonstration of herb container gardening. For information or transportation, call Rhoda Stevens at 703-281-9679.

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## Photo Contest Winners Announced

Congratulations to the winners of the 2007 amateur photography contest, held March 17 and 18 at the Vienna Community Center. Karen Lykke received the Best in Show award, and William Flanagan won the People's Choice award. Other winners are listed below.

**First Place** – Jorja Feldman, Sharon Connolly, Patricia Deege, Daniel Feighery, Alicia Raft, Karen Lykke, James Pugh

**Second Place** – Lorraine Chickering, Laura Howell, Jean Feighery, Carol Talbot, Angela Aveta, Robert Holt

**Third Place** – Vicky Eicher, Margaret Raymond, Pat Worley, Brian Mitchell, Ted Sienknecht

**Honorable Mention** – Joan Axilbund, Will Flanigan, Sandy Pugh, Desiree Di Mauro, Tweety Dong, Tom Chittenden, Bob Feldman, Steven Passman, Gary Quam, Tom Cocks III, Jeff Suhanick, Edward Nell, Ana Gross, Loma Mier

For student photographers, the winners are:

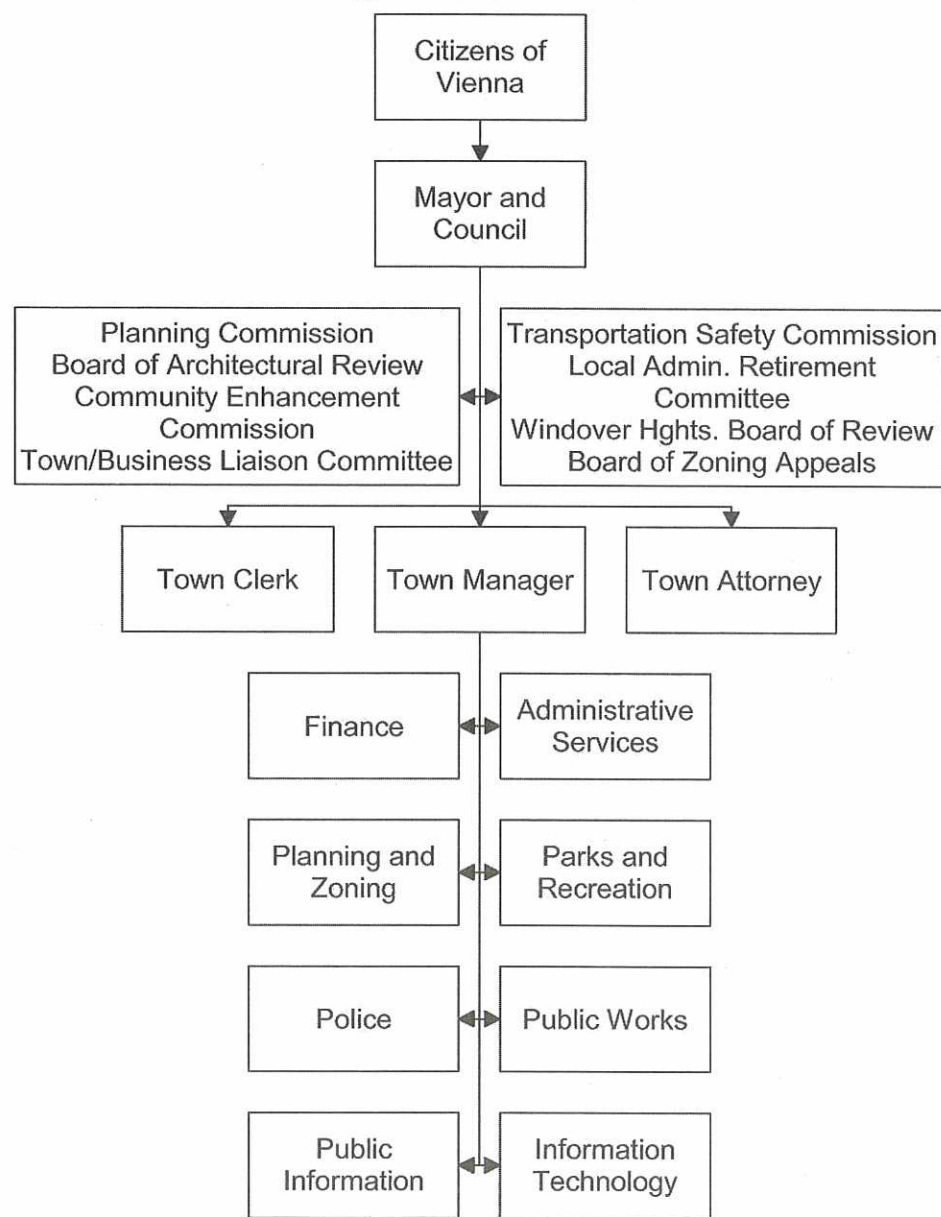
**First Place** – Alexandra Sandlin, Wolftrap Elementary; Liz Coceano, James Madison High School; Samantha Worley, James Madison High School; Nikki Kelliher, James Madison High School; Andrew White, James Madison High School; Ben Gilman, McLean High School

**Second Place** – Will Eginton, Langley High School; Natasha Yousuf, McLean High School; Chantal Cough-Schulze, George Mason High School

**Third Place** – Meyra Carroll, Keller School

Vienna Parks and Recreation thanks photo show judges Wayne Wolfersberger, NVPS, and Erwin Siegal, NVPS, and also thanks the Vienna Photographic Society for assisting with the show.

**TOWN OF VIENNA, VIRGINIA  
Organizational Chart**



**Vienna Receives Budget Award**

For the 13th consecutive year, the Town of Vienna has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. This award is the highest form of recognition for governmental budgeting. In order to receive the award, a jurisdiction must satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well a government's budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device. Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all of these categories to receive the award.

**Town Has Top Bond Rating**

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

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

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

The Town of Vienna borrows money by issuing tax-free general obligation bonds to finance major capital projects. The \$4.95 million in new debt issued at the end of fiscal year 2006 is being used to fund the Town Green, sidewalk construction, and other public improvement projects throughout the town.

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

**VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL**

**Mayor**  
**M. Jane Seeman**

**Town Council Members**  
**Laurie Genevro Cole**  
**Daniel M. Dellinger**  
**Edythe Frankel Kelleher**  
**George E. Lovelace**  
**Michael J. Polychrones**  
**Maud F. Robinson**



**Town of Vienna, Virginia  
A Look at the Proposed Budget  
For Fiscal Year 2007-2008**

**MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER**

The Town staff spent countless hours developing the 2007-08 fiscal year budget with the understanding that revenues would be limited yet knowing that we would have to maintain existing service levels. Our citizens have come to expect and deserve a high level of services, and to reduce any of these services at this time solely to make a cosmetic reduction in the tax rate would be counterproductive. Departments were instructed to keep their expenditure requests in line given that the Town would be funding a significant change to our employee classification and compensation plan that will give the Town one of the important tools it needs to attract and retain top-quality employees in all departments.

The General Assembly has offered no new avenues for localities to raise funds and continues to make efforts each year to remove or reduce existing sources of revenue. We anticipate little in the way of any significant increase in overall state funding for FY 2007-08 and may actually see revenue collections from the telecommunications industry fall as the state is now responsible for all collections and disbursements to localities after taking an administrative fee.

The double-digit increase in residential assessments ground to a halt in 2007, and we find that the assessments of residential properties in Vienna actually declined by 0.66% from January 1, 2006, to January 1, 2007. On the other hand, commercial property assessments increased by 10.02% for the same period. We are pleased to see that once again the increase in commercial property assessments has outpaced the increase in residential assessments and hope that this is a trend that will continue and at some point in the future will equalize the tax burden in our community.

For the FY 2006-07 budget the Town of Vienna reduced the real estate property tax rate by 3.38¢ in an effort to mitigate a large tax increase because of rapidly rising assessment levels. Overall, the average property tax bill in Vienna increased by \$16.97 or 1.76%. The conservative approach we use to estimate revenues for the coming year along with realistic projections for expenditures allows us to assemble a budget that fairly represents departmental needs balanced against the desire to keep the tax burden at a reasonable level. The proposed FY 2007-08 budget has been prepared using these guidelines and represents an effort by all our departments to continue our high service standards at a reasonable cost to our taxpayers. The FY 2007-08 budget is based on a real estate property tax rate of 20.22¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation, which represents an increase of 1.60¢ from the FY 2006-07 tax rate. This budget also includes the elimination of the vehicle decal, which will save each residence at least \$20 per vehicle per year. Revenue lost through the elimination of the vehicle decal will be realized through an adjustment to the property tax rate.

There are no large projects like the Waters Field turf installation or Town Green construction in the works for fiscal year 2007-08, but the Town will be constructing sidewalks, building a storage facility and other less visible improvements along with ongoing infrastructure maintenance so we will continue to move forward. Even with a slowdown in property assessments, we continue to see increasing investment in our community both in the residential and in the commercial neighborhoods ensuring the vitality of the town for years to come. Vienna is a sought-after location both for homeowners and businesses, and it is our desire to keep Vienna in that position.

I invite you to read the entire budget message and proposed budget. The budget is available for public review at Town Hall and Patrick Henry Library, and a "Budget in Brief" is available at [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov). Citizens are also encouraged to attend the public hearing on the budget, scheduled for the Town Council meeting on Monday, May 7, beginning at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall.

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

## Budget Preparation And Adoption

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

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

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

The Town Manager then prepares and submits to the Town Council his proposed budget, and copies are made available to the public. This year, budget work sessions were scheduled for April 14, 16 and 21. The public hearing on the proposed budget will be held at the Town Council meeting on May 7, which begins at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. If Council considers it necessary, a final budget work session to discuss comments made at the public hearing will be held on May 14. Adoption of the budget is scheduled for the June 4 Council meeting.

## PROPOSED FY 2007-2008 BUDGET IN BRIEF

### GENERAL FUND

REVENUES	
Property Tax	\$ 7,921,249
<i>(20.22¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation)</i>	
Other Local Taxes	6,251,900
Permits, Fees & Licenses	66,500
Fines & Forfeitures	267,500
Use of Money & Property	604,000
Park & Recreation Fees	690,000
Special Services Fees	10,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	72,100
Non-categorical Aid	17,354
Categorical Aid	1,893,864
Interfund Transfers	962,000
Use of Prior Year Reserves	950,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,706,467</b>

### WATER & SEWER FUND

REVENUES	
Use of Money	\$ 112,500
Water & Sewer Charges	6,366,871
Miscellaneous Revenues	53,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,532,371</b>

### DEBT SERVICE FUND

REVENUES	
Other Local Taxes	\$2,343,800
Use of Money	180,150
Interfund Transfers	327,422
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,851,372</b>

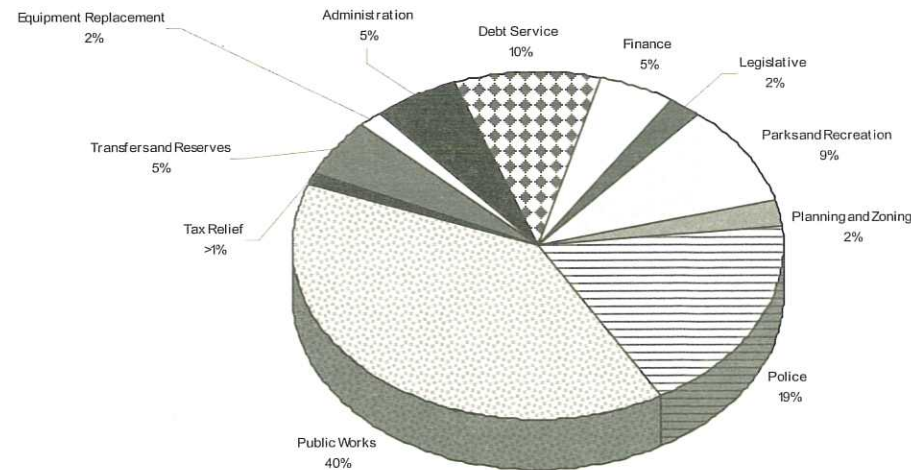
EXPENDITURES	
Legislative	\$ 671,823
Administration	1,576,704
Finance Department	1,276,121
Police Department	5,289,009
Public Works Department	6,399,032
Tax Relief	284,676
Parks & Recreation Department	2,709,710
Planning & Zoning Department	700,343
Reserves & Transfers	265,089
PC Replacement	109,000
Equipment Replacement	424,960
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,706,467</b>

EXPENDITURES	
Operations & Maintenance	\$4,557,280
Meter Maintenance & Reading	432,087
Billing/Customer Service	170,486
Transfers	1,289,422
Equipment Replacement	83,096
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,532,371</b>

EXPENDITURES	
Administrative Costs	\$ 700
Debt Service	2,511,911
Reserves	338,761
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,851,372</b>

### TOTAL BUDGET FOR ALL FUNDS \$29,090,210

### TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES



## Your Tax Dollars at Work – Budget Highlights

### PERSONNEL

The proposed General Fund budget for fiscal year 2007-08 is \$19,706,467, an increase of \$1,139,234 or 6.14%. As usual, personnel costs (salary and fringe benefits) are responsible for the largest part of the increase at \$757,546 or 65% of the total increase. Most of the increase in the personnel related costs is due to implementation of the new pay and classification plan slated to go into effect on July 1, 2007. As salary costs increase, related fringe benefits such as retirement plan contributions also increase. Retirement related costs are anticipated to increase by \$164,340 in fiscal year 2007-08. Overall, total retirement related costs for the upcoming fiscal year are anticipated to be \$2,637,867 in addition to life insurance premiums of \$127,033 payable to the Virginia Retirement System. In the Risk Management budget, premium increases are anticipated in several insurance lines including Worker's Compensation. The only employee changes proposed in this budget are changing a temporary part-time Inspector in the Public Works Administration budget to a permanent part-time position and upgrading a current part-time clerk in the Finance Department budget to full-time status as a Finance Technician.

### FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The proposed budget includes funding for initiation of credit card acceptance for water bills, licenses and other payments at Town Hall. The department was also able to reduce certain expenditures as a result of the elimination of the vehicle license tax.

### POLICE

Significant increases in this budget include increased funding for polygraph examinations to aid in faster recruit processing, additional supply costs associated with the purchase of LED light bars for new cruisers, and instituting a program of signing bonuses in an attempt to improve Police Officer recruiting.

### PUBLIC WORKS

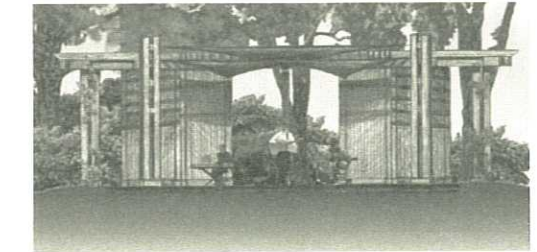


Funding has been increased for asphalt overlay in order to cover higher asphalt costs attributable to the increase in oil prices. Specific funds have been earmarked for speed hump installation and increased funding for brick repair on Maple Avenue and Church Street. Fuel costs have also increased substantially along with vehicle parts, and those specific areas have been addressed by increasing proposed expenditures for landfill fees in the Special Pickup budget due to increased costs and tonnage delivered for disposal. In the Traffic Engineering budget funds have been increased for emergency traffic signal repairs.

### TAX RELIEF

Based on experience and projections for fiscal year 2007-08 it is necessary to increase this budget by \$54,061 or 23.44%. Eliminated from this budget were costs associated with vehicle license tax relief.

### PARKS AND RECREATION



The budgeted amount for credit card processing has been increased due to greater than anticipated use, especially with online registration. Additional

funds have been budgeted to allow for more summer programs, spring camps and special events, including programs at the Town Green. Funds are included for the replacement of damaged holiday decorations and the purchase of new ones for the Town Green and to replace the groomer for the dirt ball fields. At the Community Center, replacement of four boilers, the entrance doors to the building, partial roof replacement and replacement of the HVAC air handler are proposed, and the Teen Center budget includes increased funding for additional part-time help for the After-School Program.

### GENERAL FUND REVENUES

Total General Fund revenues are projected at \$19,706,467, an increase of \$1,139,234 or 6.14% over fiscal year 2006-07. Revenue from real estate taxes is budgeted at \$7,921,249 based on a tax rate of 20.22¢, an increase from the FY 06-07 rate of 18.62¢. Of that increase, .61¢ is the amount necessary to offset the revenues lost through the elimination of the vehicle license tax. Investment earnings are projected to increase by \$170,000 because of more favorable investment rates now available in the marketplace.

### WATER AND SEWER FUND

It will be necessary to adjust both the water and sewer rates for fiscal year 2007-08 as the fund has experienced a reduction in unrestricted assets (fund balance), and a rate adjustment will ensure that this does not affect the ratings of the Town's outstanding bonds. The fiscal year 2007-08 budget is based on a 55¢ rate increase for water, from \$3.44 to \$3.99 for town residents and from \$3.82 to \$4.37 for out-of-town customers, and a 23¢ increase in the sewer rate, from \$4.54 to \$4.77 for all customers. Overall, a town resident can expect to pay an additional \$59.28 per year for water and sewer service based on a quarterly average usage of 19,000 gallons. This represents an increase of 9.77% over existing rates.