

This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

SEPTEMBER 1997 – Citizens with access to the Internet are invited to visit the new Town of Vienna Web site. The site contains online versions of the current newsletter and recreation brochure, calendar of events, Town Council agenda, employment announcements, budget, and much more. Recreation class registration, job application, vehicle registration, and other forms are available for downloading and printing. In addition, citizens can send e-mail to Town Council members and department heads.

SEPTEMBER 1987 – At its September 14 meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to control dangerous dogs. The ordinance defines a dangerous dog and would make keeping such a dog illegal unless the owner complies with the requirements of a special permit, including confining the dog while on the owner's property, muzzling it when off the property, and posting warning signs.

SEPTEMBER 1977 – The Department of Parks and Recreation is in the process of improving the program provided for senior citizens. One step in this direction will be the official opening of a senior lounge on September 19. It is hoped that the lounge will become a focal point for senior citizens to gather, socialize and have information provided from a central source regarding pensions, friends, trips, nutrition and other matters of interest.

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

www.viennava.gov

Recycle Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Batteries

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries is Saturday, September 8, 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). 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.

Dispose of waste products properly and never dump anything down a storm drain!

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TOWN
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 VIENNA

NEWSLETTER

September 2007

Holiday Schedule

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 3, 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

The Town of Vienna's sixth annual "A Day to Remember" community commemoration of the 2001 terrorist attacks on the U.S. will be held on Tuesday, September 11. The public is invited to remember those who lost their lives and to show support for those engaged in the ongoing fight against terrorism. The ceremony will be held on the grounds of the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., beginning with the ringing of church bells at 9:45 a.m. Guest speaker will be retired Navy Capt. John Reichl. "A Day to Remember" is sponsored by Vienna's American Legion Post 180 in cooperation with the Town of Vienna. For more information, contact Post 180 at 703-938-9535.

Special Pickup Deadline Nears

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. See page 4 for details.

"Vienna at Your Service" Showcases Town Departments

Join Mayor Jane Seeman at the new "Vienna at Your Service" series of public meetings, designed to give citizens the opportunity to learn more about the operations of Town departments. "Better informed citizens are beneficial to both themselves and the Town staff," the Mayor said in announcing the new program.

Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of September, November, January, March and May from 7:30 to 9 p.m. and will include visits to Town Hall, Police Headquarters, Community Center and Northside Property Yard.

Citizens are asked to register with the Parks and Recreation Department for each session they wish to attend. For more information, see the fall recreation brochure or call 703-255-6360. The "Vienna at Your Service" schedule is shown below.

VIENNA AT YOUR SERVICE

September 11 — Planning and Zoning Department

Director Greg Hembree will talk about the department's functions and responsibilities. This meeting will provide an overview of the department with handouts available.

November 13 — Police Department

Chief Bob Carlisle will present an update on crime trends in Vienna and the surrounding area and conduct a tour of the police station.

January 8 — Parks & Recreation Department

Director Cathy Salgado and her staff will talk about what goes on at the Community Center and also the care and maintenance of the Town's parks.

March 11 — Public Works Department

Director Holly Chu will discuss the many duties and functions of the department and give a tour of the Northside Property Yard.

May 13 — Town Council

The Mayor and Council members will discuss how meeting agendas are set, elections, the Town Clerk's responsibilities, and the Town's Boards and Commissions. In addition, the Information Technology Administrator will talk about the Town Web site.

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.



Mayor Seeman, Town Council members, and Town/Business Liaison Committee (T/BLC) members welcomed software and training company 3Soft USA to Vienna at a ribbon-cutting ceremony in July. Offices are located at 301 Maple Ave., W. This was the first ribbon-cutting ceremony sponsored by the T/BLC for new town businesses, and more photos are posted at www.viennava.gov. Vienna residents are encouraged to apply for appointment to the T/BLC (see article at right).

Town/Business Liaison Committee: A Great Way to Serve Vienna

Vienna's Town/Business Liaison Committee (T/BLC) advises the Town Council on matters of importance to businesses in Vienna. The also committee promotes the business community in many ways, including:

- Business Community Service Awards
- Profiles of award nominees in the Town newsletter
- Ribbon-cutting ceremonies to welcome new businesses into town
- "Dining & Lodging Guide" with maps and descriptions of dozens of eateries
- "Retail Guide" with maps and descriptions of more than 200 shops
- Coffees for local business owners to meet informally with elected and appointed Town officials
- Exploring ways to incorporate local businesses into activities at the Town Green

The T/BLC meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Meetings usually last about an hour. The committee includes both business representatives and citizen members appointed by the Town Council. Application forms are available in the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall and also at the Town Web site, www.viennava.gov/Town_Government/standardapplication.pdf.

For more information, call T/BLC Chairman Bill Harrison at 703-255-5820.

Banner Applications Available Oct. 1

Application forms to display banners across Maple Avenue in 2008 will be available in the Public Works Department at Town Hall beginning Monday, October 1. 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.

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TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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Send news to *Vienna Newsletter* c/o Town Hall.
FAX 703-255-5722 e-mail pio@viennava.gov
Deadline for October issue is September 15.

September

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30					

2007

All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise

Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week

Labor Day
Town Hall closed

Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.

"Vienna at Your Service" Planning & Zoning 7:30-9 p.m.

Town/Business Liaison Committee 7 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown

Board of Zoning Appeals

Board of Architectural Review

Community Enhancement Commission 7:30 p.m.

Transportation Safety Commission

Town Council work session

Town Council

Yom Kippur begins at sundown

Drop off used motor oil, antifreeze & batteries at Northside Property Yard, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Full steam ahead: Update on the Louise Archer Elementary School PTA Safe Routes To School Program

By John Sweeney
Legislative Committee Chairman
Safe Routes To School Program Manager
Louise Archer Elementary School

Last year, our Safe Routes To School (SRTS) program was in its infancy. Throughout 2007, the program has matured quite a bit.

This year, we have:

- Been approved for a Safe Routes To School grant from the State of Virginia;
- Made a presentation on Safe Routes To School at the National PTA Convention; and
- Prepared a detailed schedule for our Summer/Fall 2007 Safe Routes To School efforts.

In April of this year, we were approved for an SRTS program grant from the State of Virginia. This grant provides us with the funding necessary to purchase SRTS and general safety education material, to continue our SRTS public awareness campaign, to hold events designed to encourage more walking and bicycling to school, and to cover general administrative expenses and supplies.

In June, I made a presentation on SRTS at the National PTA Convention. As part of a workshop entitled "Promising Practices that Support Health and Wellness in Schools and Communities," I discussed our SRTS efforts to date.

We created a detailed schedule for our upcoming SRTS program activities. These education and encouragement activities include:

September

- Bicycle and pedestrian safety seminars (after school hours, for parents and the public)
- In-class SRTS and general safety education (for students)

October

- Walk To School Week (WTSW) for students
- Frequent Walker and Bicyclist Challenge

At least two other Vienna area schools have expressed interest in implementing an SRTS program. We hope to coordinate our SRTS activities with those schools, and any other schools that express interest.

We are hard at work preparing for our fall 2007 activities. If you would like more information, please feel free to contact me, Jsweeney21@cox.net, visit the SRTS Web site, www.saferoutespartnership.org, or contact Virginia Safe Routes To School Coordinator Jakob Helmboldt, jakob.helmboldt@vdot.virginia.gov.

Safe Routes to School is a national and international movement to create safe, convenient, and fun opportunities for children to bicycle and walk to school. Safe Routes to School provides a variety of important benefits to kids and their communities, including improved health, reduced traffic congestion, better air quality, and enhanced neighborhood safety. Finally, this movement is part of the solution for the alarming nationwide trend toward child obesity and inactivity.

In 1969, approximately 50% of children walked or biked to school, and 87% of children living within one mile of school did. Today, fewer than 15% of schoolchildren walk or bike to school. As a result, kids today are less active, less independent, and less healthy.

AN ESTIMATED 164,843 STUDENTS WILL BEGIN THE 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, IN FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, THE NATION'S 13TH LARGEST SCHOOL SYSTEM. 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.



Comment from the Council Table

Recycling Rate Continues to Climb

By Laurie Genevro Cole
Vienna Town Councilwoman

A small item in the June issue of this Newsletter noted a big achievement: For the third year in a row, the Town had a recycling rate of over 50%. In 2006, the rate was 55.1%. That is well over the state-mandated rate of 25%. Great job, Vienna!

This is good environmental news and also good economic news. Over the past several years, the cost to dispose of "regular trash" at Fairfax County's West Ox Road Transfer Station has risen from \$41.95 per ton in 2003 to \$51.45 in 2007. By comparison, we pay \$15.00 per ton to dispose of "commingled" recycling (that's glass, cans and plastic bottles) from our curbside pickup. Paper recycling costs are variable; depending on the market, we may receive payment from the recycler, or have to pay a modest amount for the processing.

What it comes down to is this: The more we can reduce the amount of household trash we put into the waste stream, the less we have to spend on getting rid of it, and the less we add to bulging landfills. A classic "win-win" situation.

So where do we go from 55.1%? "Up" is a good direction. The percentage can increase as we all do our best to make sure recyclable materials aren't being discarded with regular trash. Around town, that will be helped by the recent addition of recycling containers for bottles and cans at Waters Field and the Town Green, following citizen requests for these. More containers will be placed in other Town parks in the coming months.

At home, taking an extra step or two will make maximizing recycling easier. For paper (which includes newspapers, junk mail, office paper and phone books), try having a recycling bag or box right next to where you open your mail, so that the discards can go straight in there instead of the wastebasket. (Just make sure to remove any plastic from the mail first, please!) For cans, glass and plastic bottles, having a separate bag or bin under the sink makes it handy to put rinsed recyclables there instead of the trash can.

In addition to increasing our recycling, we can go the other direction and

decrease the amount of trash we generate overall. Again, small steps are easy and effective. Here are two ideas: As convenient as those single serving water bottles are, producing and disposing of them chews up a lot of energy. When you are on the go, reusable sport bottles are a great alternative. For bringing home groceries, most of the major chains are offering reusable grocery totes for a modest price. The new designs are easy to load and carry, and you won't end up with dozens of plastic bags that need to be carted back to the store to be recycled or, worse yet, end up in the trash.

No one will be one hundred percent perfect at recycling one hundred percent of the time, and that includes me. (Please remember that when you see me at the grocery store having *yet again* forgotten my grocery totes at home!) But every effort



Councilwoman Cole

helps to make a difference. Thanks for getting us to 55.1%, and let's take it from there!

For more information on recycling requirements, the Town's Department of Public Works offers a pamphlet on **Solid Waste Regulations**, distributed each year with the Newsletter. If you would like an additional copy, contact Town Hall.

Recycling Fun Facts

from Fairfax County's recycling program for kids

- Americans throw away enough aluminum in three months to rebuild all of our commercial airplanes!
- Every year, Americans throw away enough office and writing paper to build a wall 12 feet high, stretching from Los Angeles to New York City!
- Recycling one ton of paper saves one acre of trees!
- More than 30 million trees are cut down to create one year's worth of newspapers!
- Paper makes up the largest single item in the trash, accounting for 37%!
- If all the glass bottles and jars collected through recycling in the U.S. in one year were laid end to end, they would reach the moon and half way back to the earth!
- Glass can be recycled an infinite number of times!
- The energy saved from recycling one glass bottle will light a 100-watt bulb for four hours!
- Used plastic soda and juice bottles are used to make carpets, insulating materials in clothes and sleeping bags, strapping, scouring pads, auto parts, paint brushes, bottles, and other things such as tennis balls!
- We can recycle plastic milk, water and detergent bottles to make new detergent and engine oil bottles, trash cans, flower pots, recycling bins, drainage pipes, park benches, playground equipment, traffic barrier cones, kitchen drain boards and combs!
- The post-consumer plastics recycling industry provides jobs for more than 52,000 American workers.

Special Pickup Deadline Oct. 1

Monday, 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 pick-ups 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 include the following items: wood, broken concrete, bricks or block, fences, drywall, and paneling. Each residence is 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. Hazardous materials such as fuel, 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 Rd. (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, large toaster 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 not collected as part of the Special Pickup program. White goods include stoves, dishwashers, refrigerators, window air conditioners, whole house air conditioners, microwave ovens, large toaster ovens, hot water heaters, garbage disposals, washing machines, dryers, cook-tops, 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.

No Contractor Debris In Special Pickups

If you employ contractors for home renovations or other services, they must take any waste away with them. The Town's Special Pickup program is meant to aid residents in disposing of bulky materials after performing the work themselves. Contractor-generated waste material will not be picked up.

will include ChampionChip timing for serious runners, post-race refreshments, and raffle prizes. Proceeds will benefit CHO (Committee for Helping Others). To register and for more information, visit www.runwashington.com or call Julia McNaney at 703-206-4362.

"History Is Relative," a new exhibit at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., traces the histories of five families who have lived in the Vienna area since the antebellum period. A grand opening of the exhibit will be held on Thursday, October 4, from 5 to 7 p.m. Regular hours are noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 703-938-5187 or e-mail sj@historiciennainc.org.

"Breast Cancer Cookout," sponsored by the Vienna Safeway, will be held at the store, 225 Maple Ave., E., on Saturday, September 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Vienna Host Lions Club will be grilling the hotdogs and accepting donations for breast cancer research. The Vienna Host Lions meet the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of the month at American Legion Post 180, 330 Center St., N. For information, contact Mike Mead at 703-938-5235 or mikemead@aol.com.

Crafters and vendors are needed for the Vienna Woman's Club 47th annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 10, at the Vienna Community Center. For information and an application, call 703-938-7716 or e-mail jvolpe@cox.net. Proceeds from the bazaar help local elementary schools and fund scholarships for local high school students. Congratulations to this year's scholarship winners, Jessica Clark of James Madison High School and Elizabeth Borders of Oakton High School.

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, September 25, 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.

Newcomers Club will hold a luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, September 13, at Marco Polo Restaurant. For reservations and more information, call Anne Mellick, 703-938-1077. The club sponsors a bridge group, book exchange, bowling league, day trips and tours.

The Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce recently presented a check for \$4,134 to PRS, a non-profit organization providing Northern Virginia with community-based training and support services for men and women recovering from mental illness. Funds were raised through the Chamber's annual golf tournament.

Vienna Toastmasters meets at the Vienna Community Center the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. Are you afraid to get up and speak in front of others? You are not alone, but Toastmasters can help you overcome your fears in a fun and friendly atmosphere. For more information, call Nicola at 703-268-5001.

Scrapbooking fundraiser to benefit the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, will be held at the fire station, 400 Center St., S., on Friday, September 28, from 6 p.m. to midnight and Saturday, September 29, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Bring your materials or purchase supplies and get expert advice from on-site vendors. The registration fee of \$50 (\$55 after September 15) includes lunch on Saturday, snacks, and a goody bag filled with products and coupons. Dinner will be sold both nights. For information and a registration form, visit www.vvfd.org or call 703-281-5797.

James Madison High School Class of 1977 30-year reunion will be held on Saturday, October 6, from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Tysons Corner Sheraton Inn, and other activities are planned during the weekend. For more information, call Kathy (Zettle-moyer) Swagerty, 408-342-9357, or Karen Lloyd, 803-462-3698, or visit www.capitalreunions.com.

International Children's Festival will be held at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts Saturday and Sunday, September 22 and 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The festival will feature more than 80 children from Bolivia, Nepal, and

Spain; TAP KIDS, eight of the nation's most talented young tap dancers; and local artists, storytellers, and musicians. 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, call the Arts Council of Fairfax County, 703-642-0862, or visit www.artsfairfax.org.

American Association of University Women, Vienna Area Branch, will hold an open house on Saturday, September 8, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon at Patrick Henry Library. Stop by for coffee, bagels, and conversation about upcoming branch programs and special interest groups. For more information, call 703-255-3020.

Entertainment coupon books offer up to 50% discounts on restaurants, hotels, shops, and much more. Books cost \$25 each and are available from Vienna Chapter 1116, NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association), which donates all profits to Alzheimer's research. To order, call Shirley Martin at 703-938-6580. Delivery is available.

Philadelphia pianist Alex Ramirez will perform a free concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, September 30, at Oakton Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Rd. The performance launches a concert series celebrating the 300th anniversary of the founding of the Church of the Brethren. For more information, call 703-281-4411, or visit www.oaktonbrethren.org.

NARFE Chapter 1116 (National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association) will meet at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 11, at the Vienna Community Center. Amit Kaim of Homeland Mortgage Services will discuss the benefits of reverse mortgages. For information, call 703-205-9041.

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 227, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 20, at Neighbor's Restaurant in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center. Jon Morfworthy, founder of Sanctuary, will speak on this retreat center that provides counseling on a wide range of combat-induced health conditions. For information, call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or visit www.geocities.com/vva227.

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Historic "Little Library," located on the grounds of the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., will be open the first Sunday of every month from 1 to 4 p.m. beginning September 2. Members of Historic Vienna, Inc., will provide a history of the building and its role as Vienna's first library. Built in 1897, by 1969 it was the oldest continuously used library building in Fairfax County. For more information, call 703-938-1791.

Fall Carnival at Nottoway Park September 6-9 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-Tyson Regional Chamber of Commerce; for information, call 703-281-1333.

Walk for Growing Hope, sponsored by the Optimist Club of Vienna, will be held on Saturday, October 6, 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, a non-profit Northern Virginia organization providing supportive care for children with cancer and their families, and the Optimist International Fund for Childhood Cancer Research. For information on how you can participate, call Bob McCormick at 703-242-0564 or visit www.viennaoptimist.org.

Karaoke night at American Legion Post 180, 330 Center St., N., happens the second Saturday of the month from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. The breakfast buffet, sponsored by Auxiliary Unit 180 and the Sons of the Legion, is open the third Sunday of the month from 8 a.m. to noon, \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under age 12. Breakfast is served daily and lunch on weekdays. For information, call 703-938-9535.

The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna will hold an open house and registration for the fall session of its "Adven-

tures in Learning" program on Thursday, September 13, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Unitarian-Universalist Church, 2709 Hunter Mill Rd., Oakton. Classes will be held on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and include Tai Chi, bridge, NASA's space exploration, world affairs, and more. The fee of \$35 covers all classes for the eight-week session. For more information, call 703-281-0538 or visit www.scov.org.

Vienna AARP Chapter 754 will meet at the Vienna Community Center for a potluck luncheon and bingo at 12:30 p.m. Monday, September 10. A business meeting and entertainment will be held at 1 p.m. September 17.

Used book sale, sponsored by the McLean Branch of the American Association of University Women, will be held September 14-16 at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave. Hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 12 noon-4 p.m. Sunday. Proceeds fund scholarships for women. Hardbacks, paperbacks, rare books, CDs, tapes and videos will be available, with a special Sunday price of \$7 for a bagful. For more information, call 703-726-6470 or visit www.mcleanaauw.org.

Photography exhibit by members of the Vienna Photographic Society is at the Fairfax County Government Center through September 22. The exhibit is hung on the third floor, and all photos are for sale. Directions to the Government Center can be found at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/maps/locatMap.htm.

Vienna Arts Society Gallery in the Village Green Shopping Center is open Tuesday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The current show through September 15 is "Brazilian Nature," featuring the work of Sajonara Melo. For information, visit www.viennaartssociety.org or call 703-319-3220. "Mix It Up!" a mixed media show, continues through September 29 at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., N.W. Hours are Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, visit the Web site or call 703-319-3971.

Vienna Farmers' Market, located on Church Street in the parking lot next to the red caboos, is open rain or shine each Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. Merchandise includes jams, coffees, free-range pork products, prepared salad greens, fresh fruits and vegetables, baked goods, kettle corn, cut flowers, crepes and doughnuts, free gardening advice and more. For information, call Karyn at 703-861-7784.

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 15, 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.

Vienna/Oakton Vision Impaired Resource Group, sponsored by the Fairfax County Access Services Library, will meet at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, September 20, at Patrick Henry Library. Access Services Library Branch Manager Starr Smith will discuss the transfer of the Library of Congress Talking Book Program to a digital format, and the library's Outreach Manager, Kenneth Plummer, will answer questions about books by mail and deposit collection services. For information or transportation, call Rhoda Stevens, 703-281-9679, or Steve Sedgwick, 703-255-0515.

Patrick Henry Library programs this month will include a discussion of American history in films by George Mason University Professor Emeritus Martin Cohen at 7 p.m. September 19, and a visit from three-time spacewalker Tom Jones, author of *Sky Walking: an Astronaut's Memoir*, at 7 p.m. September 27. To register for these free programs and for more information, call 703-938-0405.

5K run/walk, sponsored by Navy Federal Credit Union, will be held on Saturday, September 22, at Navy Federal's headquarters, 820 Follin Lane, S.E. Check-in time is from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., and the race begins at 9 a.m. The event

Halloween Parade Entry Deadline

Friday, September 28, is the entry deadline for the 61st annual Vienna Halloween Parade. This year's parade theme is "Jamestown – Celebrating 400 Years of History." Grand Marshal Woody Bentley, a member of the Rotary Club of Vienna and Chairman of ViVa! Vienna!, is a descendent of American Indian princess Pocahontas, who befriended the Englishmen landing in the New World in 1607.

The parade will step off at 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 24, on Maple Avenue. Participants are encouraged to focus on 400 years of Virginia history. 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 at 703-255-6360. Because space is limited to the first 90 approved applicants, the parade may fill before the entry deadline. Completed applications do not guarantee entrance.

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 5 Town Council meeting.

Become a Parade Sponsor

Invest in a memory! Become a sponsor for the 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. For information, call Rebecca Diamond at 703-463-4241 or e-mail rdiamond@tysonsdodgejeep.com.

Police Rely on Alert Citizens To Report Suspicious Activities

On Saturday, July 28, at approximately 2:50 a.m., Master Police Officers Maurice Williams and Art Sylmar were dispatched to the 200 block of Locust Street, S.E., in response to a report of a larceny in progress. Witnesses residing in the neighborhood were enjoying a late night on the patio of their home when they observed two men pushing a cart containing a gas grill. They became suspicious and noted a detailed description of the men. Their suspicions were confirmed when the men returned moments later pushing another grill.

The witnesses notified the police and continued to observe the two men. Realizing they had been seen, the men ran off, but the witnesses were able to provide arriving officers with their description and the location where they were last seen. The officers searched the area and located the two suspects and three stolen grills. Investigation revealed the grills were taken from the rear of Stalcup Hardware at 229 Maple Ave., E. Due largely to the observant actions of the neighbors and a prompt police response, arrests were made.

Crimes large and small are solved or prevented every day in Vienna thanks to alert citizens who are willing to call the police with their concerns. Please never hesitate to report anything that seems suspicious as soon as it occurs. An officer can be on the scene to investigate often within a matter of seconds.

Neighborhood Watch groups have been organized throughout town and have been successful in reducing crime. Signs posted on neighborhood streets and citizen patrols provide highly visible warnings to lawbreakers. In addition, individual citizens in these areas become more aware of and more willing to report suspicious activities. The active involvement of citizens in safeguarding their homes "hardens" an area against crime and causes burglars and other criminals to seek easier targets elsewhere.

Citizen/police partnership is a major factor in successful law enforcement in Vienna. To report suspicious activities, call the Police Department's non-emergency number, 703-255-6366.

Welcome New Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in July:

IWearBaby
online retail
408 Kramer Dr., S.E.
703-994-5927

New ownership:
Kapalua Bay Tanning Salon
424 Maple Ave., E.
703-319-0119

Congratulations to the following businesses, both commercial and home occupations, celebrating milestone anniversaries in August: *20 years* – Endocrine & Diabetes Center, WLB Painting; *10 years* – Anthony Appraisers, Michaels, Mondo Tondo Travel, New Vantage Partners, Vienna Ballroom Dance Academy.

Support Our Hometown Merchants

The disruption caused by the Beulah Road and Branch Road reconstruction projects is being felt by the businesses located within the construction areas. Town residents are urged to continue to patronize these shops, restaurants and other businesses during the coming months and to be patient with any inconvenience in reaching them.

Police Inspect Child Safety Seats

Did you know? Your Vienna Police Department provides free child safety seat inspections for town residents. Hours are flexible, but on Tuesdays from noon to 4 p.m. technicians are usually available to check the seats on a walk-in basis. Since only certified technicians can inspect a car seat, it is recommended that you call the Police Department's non-emergency number, 703-255-6366, and ask for a safety seat technician to assist you with scheduling an appointment.

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. All activities are held at the Vienna Community Center unless stated otherwise.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Music on the Town Green — These free performances are presented by the Town of Vienna and the Friends of the Town Green: Celtic Music on the Lawn, 12 noon Wednesday, September 19; The Splinters, 6:30 p.m. Friday, September 21, sponsored by JP Brehony Homes, Commonwealth Housing Corp.; U.S. Navy Band Country Current, 12 noon Saturday, September 29.

AT THE TEEN CENTER

After-school program for students in grades 6-8 begins September 4. Hours are 12:30-6:30 p.m. Monday and 2:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Kids can get help with homework or enjoy cooking classes, book clubs, sports and fitness activities, and more. Club Phoenix also offers pool and ping pong tables, a dance floor, foosball, and video games. Free of charge.

Open house for parents will be held at Club Phoenix on Wednesday, September 12, from 5 to 6 p.m. View the facility, learn about after-school activities and special events, meet the staff, complete the required registration form, discuss issues and concerns, or become a volunteer.

BUS TRIPS

See the Baltimore Orioles play the Boston Red Sox at Camden Yards on Saturday, September 8. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 2:30 p.m., giving participants time to visit Baltimore's Inner Harbor before the 7:05 p.m. game time. The cost of \$65 for town residents includes transportation and game ticket in the lower reserve outfield seating.

Visit Mount Vernon on Wednesday, September 19. Leave the Community Center at 9 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. The cost of \$55 for town residents includes transportation, entrance fee, guided tour, and lunch with "Martha Washington."

Atlantic City Overnighter October 18 and 19. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 11 a.m. Thursday and return around 9 p.m. Friday. The cost for town residents of \$192 per person single occupancy, \$140 double occupancy and \$133 triple occupancy includes transportation, casino package, buffet breakfast, and overnight accommodations at Bally's Atlantic City. Registration deadline September 16.

SPORTS & HEALTH

Adult fall tennis league begins September 15. 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 7.

Adult fall co-ed softball league begins the week of September 10. Games will be played at Southside Park weeknights starting at 6:30 p.m. The registration fee of \$400 per team includes 10 regular season double-header games, umpire fees, softballs, a post-season tournament, and awards.

Allergies are nothing to sneeze at! On Tuesday, September 18, from 7 to

9 p.m. Dr. Kathryn Thomas will discuss the underlying causes of allergies and what you can do to treat them without drugs or shots. Free of charge, but registration required.

MANAGING YOUR MONEY & YOUR ESTATE

The new Virginia trust law will be discussed on Monday, September 10, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Attorney David Hoffman will explain the new law, your options under it, and the consequences of ignoring it. Free of charge; no registration required.

PERSONAL HISTORY

Vienna Parks & Recreation offers a variety of activities to help you document your life story. For details, see the fall recreation brochure or visit www.viennava.gov.

Writing Your Personal History September 6-March 27, Thursdays from 10:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. Free of charge; a donation of \$5 will be used to provide coffee and tea at each class.

Foundations of Writing: The Memoir September 20-December 13, Thursdays from 8:45 to 10:30 a.m. The fee is \$79 for town residents.

Create your own cookbook September 28-November 9, Fridays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. The fee of \$50 for town residents includes a take-home cookbook of recipe favorites shared by class members.

Join home DVD guru Steve Lemon on Monday, September 24, from 1 to 2 p.m. to explore how you could create a family DVD in a future course. The cost for this introductory session is \$8 for town residents.

POTPOURRI

See "Tootsie," starring Dustin Hoffman, in the Community Center auditorium on Thursday, September 20. Doors open at 1 p.m. with showtime at 1:10 p.m. Free of charge; no registration required.

Tickets go on sale September 20 for the Vienna Theatre Company's fall production of the comedy/drama "Taking Leave." Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$9 for students and senior citizens.



Mary Wilkerson (center) receives a plaque upon retirement from the Community Enhancement Commission after ten years of service. With Mary are Cathy Salgado (left) and Nancy Riddel (right) from the Parks and Recreation Department.

Coyotes in Vienna – They're Here!

by Janet Beatey, Community Enhancement Commission

Many months ago I saw what I thought was a coyote but I couldn't believe my eyes and thought I must have been mistaken. Then this summer I saw another on Park Street near Cedar Lane about 11 at night and was positive. Since then I have talked with several other residents who have spotted them here in town.

The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries has an excellent article called "Living with the Coyote in Virginia." You can find it at <http://www.dgif.state.va.us/habitat/landowners/infosheets/coyote.pdf>.

The main points listed include encouraging the coyote to avoid humans, keeping small pets inside, and not leaving pet food outside. There is also a good description of the coyote, its distribution, habits and management.

It said there are very few recorded instances of coyotes attacking people, but they are territorial and do not tolerate dogs trespassing on "their" territory. *Washington post.com* reported that coyotes were spotted two years ago in Falls Church and an incident of a coyote attacking a small dog being walked by its owner at the West Falls Church Metro station. It also said the City's animal control office has received reports of coyote sightings almost every day.

They eat almost anything nutritious – vegetables, fruits, insects, and killed or scavenged wildlife, including cats. A coyote will not pass up a free meal and will scavenge exposed garbage or other refuse, so if you feed pets in your yard or on your porch, feed only enough food that can be completely consumed by your pet in a short amount of time, and secure garbage cans and lids in order to prevent coyotes from overturning the can for an easy meal.

Coyotes in the eastern U.S. are larger than those in the west. Females weigh 30-40 lbs. and males can weigh as much as 60 lbs. They have a variety of colors – blond, tan, grayish black, and black with a white blaze in the center of the chest. Keep your eyes open for them, mostly from dusk to dawn, and you may spot one.

FALL FAMILY DAY ON THE TOWN GREEN SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

The Wildlife Center of Virginia presents
an Environmental Education Program
WILDLIFE OF THE NEW WORLD – 12 noon
Sponsored by Vienna Pet Spaw

Discover Virginia wildlife through the eyes of the Jamestown settlers
and their Native American neighbors.

A VIEW FROM THE TOP – 2 p.m.

Sponsored by Oakton-Vienna Veterinary Hospital

What makes birds of prey such successful hunters?

Learn about the fantastic tools these magnificent predators have
and discover what they can teach us about the world they inhabit.

Come meet the birds of prey.

FACE PAINTING, ROVING MAGICIAN – 1-3 p.m.

SUSAN SAVIA – 4 p.m.

Local singer/songwriter and finger-style guitarist Susan Savia
returns to her hometown to perform enchanting music,
filled with poetic depth appealing to all ages.

Featuring music from the Post-Romantic era (1880-1915)
and originals from her debut CD, "Cosmic Summer Sojourn,"
she brings rare beauty to the listener through her lovely,
often ethereal voice and intricate guitar arrangements.

In case of rain these events will be moved indoors
at the Vienna Community Center.