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## This Month in History

*from the Vienna Newsletter archives*

MAY 1998 – At its May 18 meeting, the Town Council awarded the contract for construction of the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project. The project will encompass Maple Avenue from Lawyers Road to Park Street and provide brick sidewalks, new curb and gutter, brick crosswalks, new asphalt pavement surface, increased turning radii at intersections and driveway entrances, improved street lighting with ornamental poles and fixtures, elimination of utility poles on the north side of Maple Avenue, planter areas for shrubbery and trees, trash receptacles, benches, and new bus shelters.

MAY 1988 – Senior class parents from James Madison High School are soliciting Vienna residents and businesses this spring for money and prize donations for “Class Act ’88,” an all-night, substance-free graduation party at the Vienna Community Center. A similar event was held by South Lakes High School in 1987, and the idea for this type of party has been spreading throughout the U.S.

MAY 1978 – A Spring Cleanup Day for the Vienna business community is planned for May 11, sponsored by the Town, the Vienna Chamber of Commerce, and James Madison and Oakton High Schools. Although not as large in scale, the cleanup will be similar to the “Earth Day” of 1970, when 1,500 Vienna high school students removed 21 truckloads of litter and debris from the town’s roadways and parking lots.

**INFORMATION 24 HOURS A DAY:  
Vienna Newline — 703-255-6333  
To Order a Special Pickup — 703-255-5727  
[www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov)**

## Recycle Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Batteries

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries is Saturday, June 7, 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.

## Snow Removal Awards Presented

Vienna resident John Katchmer and Town employee Elizabeth King have received Snow Removal Awards for the winter of 2007-08.

Each winter the Town/Business Liaison Committee invites citizens to nominate for a Snow Removal Award any town businesses or residents that have done an excellent job in removing snow from their driveways and/or sidewalks, or helped others in removing snow.

## ★Memorial Day★

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, May 26, 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.

## 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 22, 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.

## TOWN ELECTION TUESDAY, MAY 6

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

**FOR MAYOR**  
M. Jane Seeman

**FOR TOWN COUNCIL**  
Laurie Genevro Cole  
Edythe Frankel Kelleher  
Michael J. Polychrones

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

## Traffic-calming Report Submitted to Town Council

The final report of a townwide traffic-calming study has been submitted to the Town Council. The report gives recommendations for specific areas throughout Vienna, including traffic-calming measures, cut-through traffic, speeding, and the Town’s traffic-calming guidelines. Council plans to hold a work session to discuss the report before scheduling it for consideration at a regular meeting later this year.

The firm of ATCS, P.L.C., was contracted by the Town Council last year to conduct the traffic-calming study.

The Transportation Safety Commission reviewed the study at its last three meetings, and comments received from the commissioners and the public have been incorporated into the final report. Copies are available for review in the Public Works Department at Town Hall, and the report may also be viewed at [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov).

# TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

## MARCH 3, 2008

- Conducted a closed session to discuss pending litigation.
- Conducted a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Town Code concerning the keeping of wild, exotic, or vicious animals as pets.
- Accepted into the Town's maintenance system the public improvements for John Marshall Estates subdivision at 602, 604 and 606 Beulah Rd., N.E., and 507, 509, 511 and 513 John Marshall Dr., N.E.
- Awarded a bid in the amount of \$26,495 to BFPE International of Hanover, MD, for the fire suppression system at the Nutley Street Property Yard records storage building.
- Approved supplemental salary payments to the Town Manager while he is receiving workers' compensation benefits.

## MARCH 10, 2008

- Conducted a closed session to discuss pending litigation.

## MARCH 17, 2008

- Conducted a public hearing on proposed amendments to the noise ordinance.
- Conducted a public hearing on a proposed increase in rental rates for the Vienna Community Center.
- Approved a "memorandum of understanding" between the Town and the Vienna-Tyson's Regional Chamber of Commerce to conduct an Oktoberfest/Taste of the Town event this October.
- Released the maintenance bond for the Sekas Homes subdivision at 1003 Cottage St., S.W., and 300 and 302 Kingsley Rd., S.W.
- Approved an analysis of the capacity of the storm water culvert at Nutley

Street and Marshall Road, S.W., at a cost of \$12,926.

- Approved an analysis of hydraulic conditions affecting the storm water inlet on Meadow Lane, S.W., at a cost of \$12,138.
- Approved the purchase of diesel fuel at a cost of \$90,000 and the purchase of gasoline at a cost of \$160,000 from Mansfield Oil Co. of Gainesville, GA.
- Approved an additional \$46,018 for asphalt repair by Mount Vernon Asphalt & Paving of Woodbridge.
- Approved a contribution of \$10,800 from the Police Department's Federal Asset Forfeiture Account to the Washington Metropolitan Area Task Force to partially offset its budget shortfall.
- Approved an engineering needs assessment for a supplemental HVAC system in the Police Department's server room at a cost not to exceed \$12,000.

• Adopted an ordinance concerning the keeping of wild, exotic, or vicious animals as pets.

• Approved the purchase of 15,000 "Town of Vienna, Virginia" car window decals at a cost of \$1,500. (Approved 4-3, Dellinger, Kelleher and Polychrones voting nay.)

• Approved a proclamation for Business Appreciation Week May 11-17.

Minutes & Agendas  
for Town Council  
and Boards & Commissions  
Are Available at [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov)

*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.*

## TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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### VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

M. Jane Seeman, Mayor

Laurie Genevro Cole  
Daniel M. Dellinger  
Edythe Frankel Kelleher

George E. Lovelace  
Michael J. Polychrones  
Maud F. Robinson

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Send news to Vienna Newsletter c/o Town Hall.  
FAX 703-255-5722      e-mail [pio@viennava.gov](mailto:pio@viennava.gov)  
Deadline for June issue is May 15.

# May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise	Town Council	Town election Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.	Town/Business Liaison Committee 7 p.m.	Town/Business Liaison Committee 7 p.m.	Town/Business Liaison Committee 7 p.m.	Town/Business Liaison Committee 7 p.m.
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week	Town Council	Mayor's Advisory Committee series on town government 7:30-9 p.m.	Mayor's Advisory Committee series on town government 7:30-9 p.m.	Mayor's Advisory Committee series on town government 7:30-9 p.m.	Mayor's Advisory Committee series on town government 7:30-9 p.m.	Mayor's Advisory Committee series on town government 7:30-9 p.m.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Armed Forces Day	Town Council (includes public hearing on FY 2009 budget)	Town Council budget work session 7:30 p.m. (if needed)	Town Council budget work session 7:30 p.m. (if needed)	Board of Zoning Appeals	Board of Architectural Review	Board of Architectural Review
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Viva! Vienna! Town festival on historic Church St. through May 26	Memorial Day Town Hall closed	Memorial Day Town Hall closed	Transportation Safety Commission	Board of Zoning Appeals	Community Enhancement Commission 7:30 p.m.	Community Enhancement Commission 7:30 p.m.
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sturdy plastic bags at the usual location on the last Tuesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Be sure to remove mailing labels from magazines.) First-time donors may call 703-281-2498 for information.

**Bingo at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department**, 400 Center St., S., is held every Sunday with all proceeds benefiting the fire department. Sales begin at 5 p.m. and games begin at 7 p.m. Minimum purchase is a \$10 game pack (20 games). Every regular game pays \$100 plus a \$1,000 jackpot. For more information, visit [www.vvfd.org](http://www.vvfd.org).

**“Great Strides” walk for cystic fibrosis** will begin at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 18, at the caboose on Church Street to raise awareness of this life-threatening genetic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system. The three-mile stroll along the W&OD Trail will be followed by food, music, and family activities. For more information, call 703-255-3985 or visit [www.cff.org/Chapters/metrodc/GREATSTRIDES](http://www.cff.org/Chapters/metrodc/GREATSTRIDES).

**Book collection is underway** for Historic Vienna, Inc.’s annual sale June 14 and 15 at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. Please, no magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias, 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 or e-mail [admin@historicviennainc.org](mailto:admin@historicviennainc.org).

**Adult co-ed summer golf league** is forming. Play at Penderbrook Golf Club in Fairfax on Thursday evenings beginning in June, then meet for drinks and prizes at the “19th hole.” The cost is \$25 per session. For more information, call Pat at 703-242-1530 or e-mail [patisproperous@gmail.com](mailto:patisproperous@gmail.com).

**Let the Vienna Host Lions Club** drive away your used but still well-running car and you can deduct its market value at tax time. Your old car will be refurbished and sold, with the Lions using the profits for worthwhile community projects. For more information, call Frank Vigezzi at 703-938-4514.

## Vienna Names in the News

**Historic Vienna, Inc.**, has presented its 2008 Heritage Preservation Award to the **Optimist Club of Vienna** and **Richard C. Ordeman**, the club’s Caboose Chairman, for their efforts to keep history alive, particularly for the many children who visit the caboose. Vienna’s red caboose, located in Centennial Park across from the Freeman House and near the old railroad station, provides an important focal point and symbol of the town’s early development.

**Shirley Damon**, town resident and owner of **Damon Galleries** at 220 Maple Ave., W., has received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the national Professional Picture Framers Association. She also received the association’s Service Award in 1993, and is the only member ever to have been awarded both honors.

The **National Wildlife Federation** has formally recognized the courtyard at **Louise Archer Elementary School** as a Certified School Yard Habitat. The courtyard features an original English boxwood that was planted by former principal **Louise Archer** and is over 70 years old. Louise Archer is one of about 3,000 schools certified nationwide and the second Vienna area school to earn the designation.

The **Vienna Police Department** and **Vienna Youth, Inc.**, **Football** recently honored the efforts of several Police Department volunteers: Auxiliary Police Officers **Tom Cook, Ken Plumb, John Wooden, David DelVecchio and Mac Elliott; Philene Ware-Dunn**, who assists the department with information maintenance and record keeping; and **Emily Bikofsky, Terra Cooke, Janet Stiegler, Amy Thurman and Jessica Moore**, instructors in the R.A.D. women’s self-defense classes. For information on becoming a Vienna Police Department volunteer, contact Master Police Officer Bill Murray at [wmurray@viennava.gov](mailto:wmurray@viennava.gov).

The **Vienna-Falls Chorus**, a women’s four-part harmony, a capella chorus, won the first place medal at the Blue Ridge Region competition of Sweet Adelines International held in March. The group’s **Easy Street** quartet also placed first in the quartet contest. Entrants are judged in the categories of music, sound, showmanship, and expression. Both the chorus and quartet are now eligible to compete at the international level. For more information about the Vienna-Falls Chorus, call 703-242-SING.

**Mayor Jane Seeman** was honored by the Fairfax County Public Library for reaching a milestone 3,000 hours of volunteer service to Vienna’s Patrick Henry Library. **Cindy Shropshire** was recognized for 1,000 hours of volunteer service, and **Timothy Foley** received an award for exceptional service.

**Northern Virginia Model Railroaders** will host a special ViVa! Vienna! open house at the Vienna Railroad Station, corner of Dominion Road and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E., May 24 and 25 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).

**Breakfast buffet** at American Legion Post 180, 330 Center St., N., 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. The cost is \$6

for adults and \$3 for children under age 12. Breakfast is served daily and lunch on weekdays. For information, call 703-938-9535.

**Historic “Little Library,”** located on the grounds of the Freeman House, 131 Church Street, N.E., is open the first Sunday of the month from 1 to 4 p.m. A children’s hour is held the second Saturday of each month from 10 to 11 a.m. featuring stories and songs for ages 4-12 accompanied by a parent. For more information, call 703-938-5187 or e-mail [admin@historicviennainc.org](mailto:admin@historicviennainc.org).

## “Vienna At Your Service” Features Town Council

The next “Vienna at Your Service” meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 13, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Town Hall. The Mayor and Town Council 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.

Vienna at Your Service was designed to give citizens the opportunity to learn more about the operations of Town departments. Citizens are asked to register in advance with the Parks and Recreation Department; call 703-255-6360.

## Town Association Notes First Success

The Town Association of Northern Virginia, formed in 2007 to bring towns together to discuss common interests and promote shared issues, successfully represented its viewpoint to the 2008 Virginia General Assembly, resulting in passage of HB451, naming a non-voting, rotating town representative to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority.

The group also weighed in on continued allocation of full funding for the 599 program, which contributes significant funding to local police operations, as well as in opposition to a proposal that would have moved all local elections to November, in direct competition with federal and state elections.

## Be Kind to Walkers; Don’t Block the Sidewalk

Now that many people are out enjoying the spring weather and blooming colors, residents are reminded that the Town Code prohibits the blocking of public sidewalks. Please make sure that vehicles parked in your driveway do not extend out onto the sidewalk. All the walkers and bicyclists in your neighborhood will appreciate it!

GENERAL CONTRIBUTORS 2008: Historic Vienna, Inc. • Patrick Henry Library • Vienna Fire Department • Vienna Parks and Recreation • Vienna Police Department • Marshall High School Library/Media Center • George E. Blier Memorial School • ...

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**Vienna’s Memorial Day Weekend TOWN FESTIVAL**  
 Along Vienna’s Historic Church Street  
**May 24 - 26, 2008**

**SATURDAY, May 24**  
 Food, Amusements & Entertainment  
**10am - 11pm**

**SUNDAY, May 25**  
 Food, Entertainment & Vendors  
 (Amusements begin at Noon)  
**10am - 10pm**

**MONDAY, May 26**  
 Food, Amusements, Entertainment & Vendors  
**10am - 6pm**

**FREE SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE**  
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**For more information visit [www.vivaviennava.org](http://www.vivaviennava.org) or call 703-255-4742**

## Vienna Police Test “The Rumbler”

The Vienna Police Department is testing a new attention-getting device in one of its cruisers. “The Rumbler,” manufactured by Federal Signal Corporation, produces low-frequency sound waves that rumble in a fashion similar to a home theater subwoofer.

Officers using the device are providing feedback to commanders about its usefulness in increasing safety for both the officers and the public.

Sometimes people don’t notice the approach of an emergency vehicle because of the noise volume inside their cars, cell phone use, and other distractions. When The Rumbler is used in conjunction with flashing lights and sirens, individuals operating vehicles or standing nearby will actually feel a vibrating sensation. This should cause them to look around and notice the approaching emergency vehicle.

The Rumbler sells for approximately \$350 and can be installed by Town of Vienna mechanics. The unit is available for demonstration by appointment for those interested in experiencing the effectiveness of the system. Please contact Master Police Officer Bill Murray at [wmurray@viennava.gov](mailto:wmurray@viennava.gov) to schedule a date and time.

# 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

**Writing Your Personal History Symposium** is scheduled for Thursday, May 1, 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 \$20 per person, and advance registration is required. Lunch may be ordered for an additional \$6.

**Final performances** of the Vienna Theatre Company production of "Father of the Bride" will be May 2 and 3 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$9 for students and senior citizens (65 and older).

**Enjoy a favorite family movie** outdoors at Glyndon Park on Friday, May 23, beginning at dusk (around 8 p.m.). Admission is free. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Parents are required to stay with their children during the movie. For information on which G-rated film will be shown, call 703-255-7842 after noon on May 21 and for weather information on the day of the show.

## SPORTS & HEALTH

**Men's adult basketball league** registration is underway. Games begin June 16 through August 8. Two 10-team divisions will play a round-robin schedule, with the top teams competing in a championship tournament. The fee is \$550 per team (plus \$20 for each non-county player).

**Supermarket tour** at Vienna's Giant Food store will be given May 7 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Registered dietitian Denise Feil will help you develop a personalized nutrition plan and teach you how to read food labels and analyze ingredients to determine which products are the best for your dietary needs. \$40 for town residents.

**Resting metabolic rate testing** will be offered May 7 and June 11 from noon to 1 p.m. A registered dietician will determine your daily caloric needs to help you achieve your weight loss goals. Participants will be scheduled at 20-minute intervals. \$50 for town residents.

## MANAGING YOUR MONEY & YOUR ESTATE

**The 5-step Estate Plan** will be presented on Monday, May 12, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Attorney David Hoffman will discuss wills, trusts, taxes and probate in easy-to-understand terms. Free of charge; no advance registration required.

## AT THE TEEN CENTER

**Learn how to make great snacks** on Thursday, May 8, from 4 to 6 p.m. Free of charge. Everyone can make tasty, healthy snacks that are quick and easy. Parents are welcome to participate.

**Football challenge** will be held on Friday, May 23, from 4 to 6 p.m. Free of

charge. Show off your skills in a flag football tournament and a kicking and throwing contest. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

## BUS TRIP

**See "Grease" on Broadway** on Saturday, May 31. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 8 a.m. and return around midnight. The cost of \$125 for town residents includes transportation and ticket to the 2 p.m. show at the Brooks Atkinson Theatre. There will be time after the show to enjoy the Big Apple. For ages 8 and up.

## POTPOURRI

**Personal Safety for Women** will be held in four parts – May 5, 7, 12 and 14 – from 7 to 10 p.m. Vienna Police Officer Trent Nelson will teach basic crime prevention and risk reduction measures plus physical self-defense techniques to help women be more confident in an attack situation. The fee is \$5 for town residents plus a \$15 materials fee.

## May on the Town Green

Presented by the Town of Vienna and the Friends of the Town Green  
All performances are free of charge

### Sundays at 6:30 p.m.

May 4 – Mill Run Dulcimer Band  
Sponsored by Summit Christian Academy  
May 11 – Difficult Run Jazz Band  
May 18 – Blaskapelle "Atle" Band  
(German band)

### Saturday, May 17

Sponsored by Mayor Jane Seeman  
Noon – Madison High School Jazz Band  
2 p.m. – Northern Virginia Country Western  
Dance Association Country Steppers

### Tuesday, May 20

10:30 a.m. – Tuesday Tales  
Presented by Patrick Henry Library

### Fridays at 6:30 p.m.

May 9 – Mystic Warriors  
(Andean music Bolivia/Peru)  
May 16 – Eclectic Coalition Band  
(Swing, Latin, Ballroom)  
May 30 – Orlando Phillips Caribbean

### Monday, May 12

2 p.m. – Peter McCory One Man Band

### Painting in the Park

by the Vienna Arts Society  
6 p.m. May 11 – Pauline Lorfano,  
Mark Issacs, Harris Miller  
Noon May 17 – Harris Miller, Bev  
Nickens, Margaret Johnson  
6 p.m. May 18 – Marni Lawson

# HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

**Recycle your personal computers,** printers, phones, faxes, laptops, and related devices and accessories free of charge on Sunday, May 25, and Monday, May 26, from noon to 6 p.m. in the James Madison High School parking lot. The recycling protocol involves shredding any data-containing component, not just "wiping drives," to keep your personal information secure. Thanks to Navy Federal Credit Union for sponsoring this community service.

**First Annual Softball Slam,** a Virginia Business Appreciation Week 2008 event sponsored by the Town of Vienna and the Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 15, at Waters Field. A reception and trophy presentation will follow at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. Free of charge. For more information, call Tom Hanton, 703-788-3223, or Mark Uhron, 703-766-2025 ext. 102.

**Vienna Farmers' Market** is open each Saturday through November 1 from 8 a.m. to noon (with the exception of May 24, which is Viva! Vienna! weekend). The market is located in the caboose parking lot at the corner of Church Street and Dominion Road, N.E. Come and enjoy the taste of locally grown produce. For more information, call 703-200-7806 or visit [www.viennafarmersmarket.com](http://www.viennafarmersmarket.com).

**Variety sale** to benefit Friends of Homeless Animals will be held on Saturday, May 10, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. Sale items include books, designer clothing, toys, collectibles, and much more. Donate tax-deductible items at the Community Center between 1 and 9 p.m. Friday, May 9. For questions about the sale, or to volunteer, e-mail [cmgwashingtondc@aol.com](mailto:cmgwashingtondc@aol.com).

**Sports physicals** will be offered in the large gym at James Madison High School on Tuesday, June 3, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. The cost is \$40 per student, and all proceeds benefit the Madison Warhawk athletic training program. For an appointment and more information, call 703-319-2371 or e-mail [karen.tosti@fcp.edu](mailto:karen.tosti@fcp.edu).

**Remembrances of a Dancing Career** will be presented by former prima ballerina Paula Tennyson and her husband, Ralph Hoffman, former dancer and now manager of the Kirov Ballet in Washington, at Patrick Henry Library at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 22. Free of charge. To register, call the library at 703-938-0405.

**Community blood drive** will be held at Louise Archer Elementary School on Wednesday, May 14, from 1 to 7 p.m. To make an appointment and for more information, contact [kfoley@cox.net](mailto:kfoley@cox.net), 703-242-0258, or [mvirkaitis@yahoo.com](mailto:mvirkaitis@yahoo.com).

**Try a free workout** at Anytime Fitness, 111 Church St., N.W., May 16-18 during the International Health Racquet & Sportclub Association's "Get Active America" event. To make an appointment, call 703-255-5035 or e-mail [viennava@anytimefitness.com](mailto:viennava@anytimefitness.com).

**Beyond Affairs Network (BAN)** provides support for people dealing with a spouse's extramarital affair, whether or not the marriage survived. At BAN meetings participants share personal experiences and helpful resources with guaranteed anonymity. For more information about this new non-profit volunteer group, e-mail [viennaban@gmail.com](mailto:viennaban@gmail.com).

**Vienna Wireless Society (VWS),** established in 1963 to foster and advance amateur radio in Vienna and the Washington metropolitan area, will meet at 7:30 p.m. May 9 and 23 at Vienna Elementary School, 128 Center St., S. You do not have to be a licensed ham radio operator to be a member. For more information, visit [www.viennawireless.org](http://www.viennawireless.org) or contact VWS president Jim Parsons at 703-392-0150 or [W4JTP@parsonage.net](mailto:W4JTP@parsonage.net).

**Vienna Arts Society (VAS) Gallery** in the Village Green Shopping Center is open Tuesday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The current show through May 24 is "Just a Moment" featuring watercolors by Carol Milton. For information, visit [www.viennaartsociety.org](http://www.viennaartsociety.org) or call 703-319-3220. VAS members' Spring Show continues through May 24 at the Vienna

Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., N.W. Hours are Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit the Web site or call 703-319-3971.

**Vienna Toastmasters** will meet at the Vienna Community Center the second and fourth Wednesdays in May 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 or visit <http://viennatmc.freetoasthost.ws>.

**Northeast Vienna Citizens Association (NEVCA)** will meet on Thursday, May 22, from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. Mark Zetts of the McLean Citizens Association and Charlie Hall of the Providence District Council will discuss the Greater Tysons Citizens Coalition's efforts concerning the development of Tysons Corner. For more information, call Dan Mulville at 703-938-1791 or visit [www.nevca.org](http://www.nevca.org).

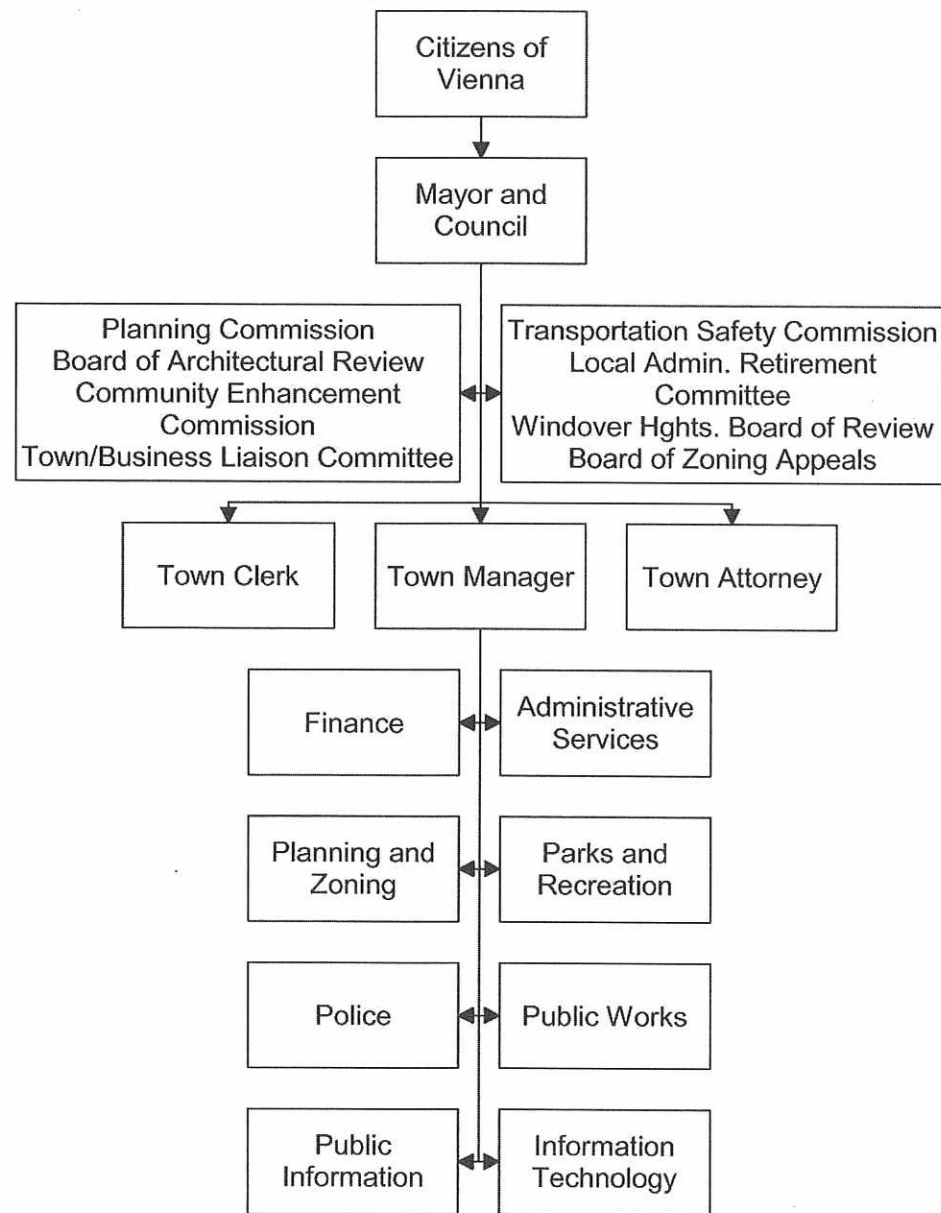
**League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area** will meet at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, May 13. The topic for discussion is "Should the Commonwealth of Virginia permit ex-felons to register to vote?" For meeting location and more information, call Lorraine at 703-759-3651.

**1-mile Fun Run and Festival** will be held on Saturday, May 3, at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Rd., S.W. The run will begin at 9 a.m. (8 a.m. registration) with prizes awarded in all age categories. The festival will continue until noon featuring moon bounces, face painting, obstacle courses, games, and food. For more information, call the church at 703-281-2021.

**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

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**TOWN OF VIENNA, VIRGINIA  
Organizational Chart**



**Vienna Receives Budget Award**

For the 14th 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 "AA" by Standard and Poor's. 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.

Standard and Poor'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 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.

To protect its excellent credit rating, the Town Council has consistently adhered to a policy of keeping a low ratio of net debt to market value of taxable property, and a ratio of debt service to general fund disbursements below 10%.

**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 2008-2009**

**MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER**

During the past year the generally poor economy in the country and slowdown in the Washington, D. C., area created concerns for all local governments in terms of realizing revenue projections and meeting out-of-control commodity prices. We approached the fiscal year 2008-09 budget process with the goal of moderating any spending and tax increases without jeopardizing our AA bond rating. Balancing tax rates with the need for increased funding to keep pace with the rising costs of fuel and other commodities and services necessary to maintain our infrastructure and service delivery levels required us to closely examine our spending patterns and future needs.

As happens every year, local governments have had to keep close watch on the actions of the Virginia General Assembly as there have been numerous bills introduced that would negatively affect certain revenues received and counted on by the Town. Each year local governments are forced to fight to retain revenues that rightfully belong with local government while, on the other hand, the General Assembly offers no assistance in the way of providing new sources of funding. All too often local governments that have acted responsibly when preparing their annual budgets have been, in fact, penalized when the Commonwealth chooses to reduce local funding to balance its budget.

We continue to experience a weakening in the rate of increase in assessments, and our community is not unique when compared to others throughout the country. Existing residential assessments did increase, albeit by only .22% from January of 2007 to January 2008. Commercial property increased by 7.17% for the same period, but that increase is lower than the corresponding increase experienced last year. Overall, our total existing property tax base increased by only 1.84% as our tax base is heavily residential. Commercial property now accounts for 23% of the total assessed valuation in Town. It is evident that while assessments have moderated considerably from past increases, the base economy of the town is still strong and that strength is evidenced by the number of building permits issued. The increase in the number of permits, especially for single-family homes, provides strong evidence that Vienna continues to be one of the most desirable places in which to live in the metropolitan area even though the general economy is ailing.

While the real estate market in our area has cooled from previous levels, the situation in Vienna is better than that found in many jurisdictions in Northern Virginia. Our revenue forecasting last year, which was on the conservative side, has resulted in less pressure being placed on our budget preparation for FY 2008-09. Slow, steady growth in Vienna versus a high growth/fast slowdown economy allows us to maintain our steady progress. We have continued our past practices of using realistic projections along with direction to each department to keep increases in proposed expenditures to moderate levels. The FY 2008-09 budget is based on a real estate tax rate of 20.9079¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation, which represents an increase of 0.9479¢ from the FY 2007-08 tax rate.

Based on our revenue projections, it will not be necessary to adjust either the water or sewer service charges for FY 2008-09. The Town is currently pursuing the feasibility of agreements with Fairfax Water to take over the Town water system and Fairfax County to do the same for our sewer system, or to negotiate a new water service contract.

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 19, 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 12, 14 and 22. The public hearing on the proposed budget will be held at the Town Council meeting on May 19, 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 20. A separate hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on June 2. Adoption of the budget is scheduled for the June 16 Council meeting.

## PROPOSED FY 2008-2009 BUDGET IN BRIEF

### GENERAL FUND

REVENUES	
Property Tax	\$ 8,475,302
<i>(20.9¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation)</i>	
Other Local Taxes	6,458,400
Permits, Fees & Licenses	98,240
Fines & Forfeitures	229,200
Use of Money & Property	562,000
Parks & Recreation Fees	795,000
Special Services Fees	10,120
Miscellaneous Revenues	69,260
Non-categorical Aid	17,354
Categorical Aid	1,872,237
Interfund Transfers	962,000
Use of Prior Year Reserves	963,786
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,512,899</b>

### WATER & SEWER FUND

REVENUES	
Use of Money	\$ 62,274
Water & Sewer Charges	6,442,791
Miscellaneous Revenues	44,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,549,065</b>

### DEBT SERVICE FUND

REVENUES	
Other Local Taxes	\$1,769,250
Use of Money	175,000
Interfund Transfers	315,519
Use of Prior Year Surplus	167,406
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,427,175</b>

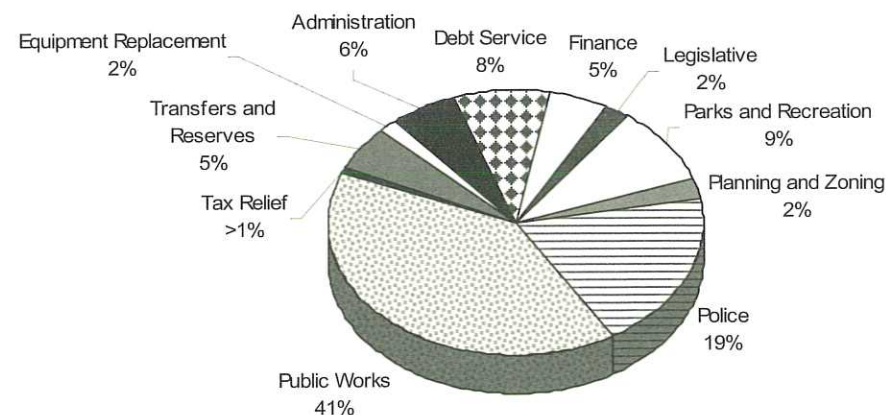
EXPENDITURES	
Legislative	\$ 681,898
Administration	1,697,640
Finance Department	1,337,355
Police Department	5,603,041
Public Works Department	6,587,974
Tax Relief	290,521
Parks & Recreation Department	2,781,426
Planning & Zoning Department	731,146
Transfers & Reserves	237,000
PC Replacement	109,000
Equipment Replacement	455,898
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,512,899</b>

EXPENDITURES	
Operations & Maintenance	\$4,599,195
Meter Maintenance & Reading	444,616
Billing/ Customer Service	172,928
Transfers	1,277,519
Equipment Replacement	54,807
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,549,065</b>

EXPENDITURES	
Administrative Costs	\$ 700
Debt Service	2,426,475
Reserves	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,427,175</b>

**TOTAL BUDGET FOR ALL FUNDS \$29,489,139**

### TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES



## Your Tax Dollars at Work – Budget Highlights

### POLICE

Supplemental air conditioning for the Police Department's information technology (IT) equipment is planned in order to support the equipment in the event of a power failure or problems with the



existing HVAC system. Of critical importance is the server that provides the 911 call interface; to lose this communication capability would jeopardize the Police Department's ability to provide emergency services. A solar powered panel for the Police Department's radar trailer will be operational within a few months, which will allow the trailer to remain in use for extended periods of time without the limitations of a battery. The duties of the Community Services Officer have been significantly expanded to include serving as the official Public Information Officer for the Department.

### FINANCE DEPARTMENT

An automated solution has been developed to produce real estate bills and reports in-house, saving the cost of an outside contractor. Finance Department employees have also participated in several financial system demonstrations as part of developing a request for proposals (RFP) to be issued this year. An increasing number of real estate tax payments from mortgage companies are being processed by wire, improving cash flow. Additionally, the staff has researched options to implement "swipe" credit card transactions at the Finance Department counter.

### PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works Department has budgeted an additional \$20,000 for FY 2008-09 to cover the rising cost of gasoline and other fuels.



In 2007 the Town purchased a Ford Escape hybrid sport utility vehicle (SUV). It is too soon to determine whether the overall cost of operating this vehicle justifies purchasing additional hybrids; however, the Town's Vehicle Replacement Program is due to be evaluated and costs leveled for FY 2010, and at that time a decision will be made as to whether more hybrids should be purchased.

The Public Works Department has proposed additional funding for the installation and maintenance of speed humps and other traffic-calming devices and to continue the contract with the Town's traffic consultant to update traffic-calming standards and provide support to the Transportation Safety Commission.

### PARKS AND RECREATION

The first season of the Town Green was met with wide community support. The Friends of the Town Green was established as a volunteer group to seek financial and operating support for the ongoing performance series.



Over 40 performances are scheduled in 2008. The introduction of WebTrac has dramatically changed the way citizens register for programs. Over 60% of all registrations are now completed online with credit cards. In addition, approximately 50% of the walk-in and mail-in registrations are now paid by credit card. The Parks and Recreation Department has included funding in its budget for a laser light show at this year's July 4th celebration. Continued partnerships with local community organizations and Fairfax County agencies help offset the cost of the Club Phoenix Teen Center after-school program.

### GENERAL FUND

The proposed General Fund budget for fiscal year 2008-09 totals \$20,512,899 an increase of \$806,432 or 4.09%. Personnel related expenditures account for \$600,807 or 74.5% of the increase. In addition to normal step increases, funds have been included for a 1½% market adjustment for all employees. Expenditures in non-personnel related accounts have increased by \$205,625 or 3.58% over FY 2007-08 levels. The new records storage building at the Nutley Street Property Yard will be completed during FY 2008-09, saving an estimated \$23,000 in storage rental costs per year.

### DEBT SERVICE FUND

By June 30, 2008, the total outstanding general obligation debt of the Town, including that related to the Water and Sewer Fund, will be \$12,370,003. The total outstanding balance at year end represents 0.031 of 1% of the Town's 2008 property tax values, well under the 10% limit set by Commonwealth law. The Debt Service Fund budget continues to be supported by receipts from the meals and lodging tax, which are expected to decrease with the reduction of the rate from 4% to 3% on July 1. Sufficient revenues will be available for payments on existing debt after July 1.