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## This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

APRIL 2000 - The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area has chosen Vienna as the first community in Virginia to participate in a pilot project for voters called Democracy Network or DNet, a nationwide interactive online network of electoral information. DNet will give Town Council candidates a Web site where they can share their positions with voters and respond to questions on the Internet.

APRIL 1990 - The "Just Say No to Drugs" march and rally, sponsored by the local Lions and Optimist Clubs, will be held April 14. Frank Murphy of WAVA radio and representatives of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's regional office will be the principal participants in the day's events. Celebrities expected to be present include former Washington Redskin Roy Jefferson, the Hogettes and McGruff the Crime Prevention Dog.

APRIL 1980 - An incentive program to beautify Vienna's commercial areas and to clean up the trash and litter that detract from its attractiveness will begin April 1. The Town Council has endorsed the program, which was developed by a business beautification committee composed of members of the Vienna Chamber of Commerce and Town Hall staff. Under the direction of the committee, competitions will be held to determine Vienna's best-looking businesses.

APRIL 1970 - The Town Council has voted that the new street lights that will be installed on Maple Avenue from Follin Lane to the corporate limits of town will have underground wiring. Council will also study the feasibility of installing all wiring underground when Park Street is widened, thus moving toward the time when overhead wires will be completely eliminated.

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maintain a high standard of water quality of the fire hydrants. Flushing may result in some discoloration and the presence of sediment in the water reaching your home or business, but it should be of short duration. If discoloration or sedimentation does occur, please run your hose and/or water faucets to clear the lines. You may choose to run the hot water until it runs out to clear washing machine to clear those lines. For Customer Service Office at 703-255-6385.

Spring street sweeping continues this month. The town has been divided into eight sections for cleaning, and residents are requested not to park on the street during the scheduled time for their section to allow the street sweeper to do a thorough job. As the time for each section approaches, signs will be placed on streets as a reminder, and residents can also call 703-255-6381 or visit www.viennava.gov for information.

### Water Main Flushing

Water mains are flushed each spring to and to ensure proper and efficient operation your water heater and run one cycle of your more information, call the Water and Sewer

## Street Sweeping

**APRIL 2010** 



# Town<sub>of</sub>Vienna ewsletter

### **Budget Schedule**

Copies of the proposed Town budget for fiscal year 2010-11 will be available for public review beginning Monday, April 5, in the Administrative Services Office at Town Hall and at Patrick Henry Library. A "Budget in Brief" summary may be obtained free of charge, and the entire budget document may be purchased or viewed online at www.viennava.gov. For more information, call 703-255-6350.

Town Council budget work sessions are scheduled at Town Hall on Monday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 17, at 9 a.m.; and Monday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m. (if necessary). Work sessions are open for the public to attend. A public hearing on the proposed budget is scheduled for the May 10 Council meeting and a hearing on the proposed tax rate June 7.

#### **Tax Relief Forms** Due April 1

Both the Town of Vienna and Fairfax County offer real estate tax relief for lowincome homeowners who are 65 years old and over, or permanently and totally disabled. Total household income and total combined assets requirements must be met, and both Town and County applications must be filed.

Applications for 2010 for all programs are due April 1. This date may be extended to December 31 of next year for first-time filers or if hardship conditions exist which, through no fault of the applicant, prohibit applying by April 1. For more information about the Town program, call 703-255-6325; for County information, call 703-222-8234.

## Vienna Green Expo

Thursday, April 22, 7 - 9 p.m. Vienna Community Center

Presenting practical information & demonstrations to save you money & help the environment! For information, call 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov Exhibitors include:

- Town of Vienna
- · Green Northern Virginia
- The Sierra Club
- Spokes
- · bikes@vienna
- Fairfax County
- Trail Voice
- · Green Flooring Solutions
- Whole Foods
- CROGS
- Edge Energy
- The Window Man
- Arbour Realty

- Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling
- Home Performance Solutions
- Vienna Paint & Decorating Co.
- Green Building Institute
- Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project
- · Greenswitch, Green Solutions
- Dominion Power
- Soil & Water Conservation District
- Madison Environmental Club
- Encompass Green Remodeling
- Community Enhancement Commission
- The Business Bank, Sustainable & Responsible Investing

ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING AT 6 P.M.!

## **Town Council to Consider Reinstating Vehicle License Tax**

At its April 5 meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on a proposal to reinstate provisions of the Town Code relating to the vehicle license tax. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall, and all interested citizens are encouraged to attend and speak at the hearing.

Two years ago Council approved the abolition of the Town's vehicle license tax and terminated the requirement for residents to display a Town sticker on their vehicles. Now, in response to the economic downturn, Fairfax County has proposed a County vehicle license tax at the rate of \$33 per vehicle. (See page 3 for information on the County budget process.) If the Town of Vienna does not reinstate its own tax, Vienna residents will still be required to pay the tax, but Fairfax County, not the Town of Vienna, will receive the tax proceeds.

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## TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise

#### **JANUARY 25, 2010**

- Conducted a closed session to interview candidates for appointment to Town boards and commissions.
- Reappointed John Brunow to the Planning Commission for a two-year term.
- Following a public hearing, approved an Access Channel Agreement with CoxCom, Inc.
- Conducted a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Community Enhancement ordinance.
- Reapppointed D.H. Scarborough to the Administrative Committee of the Retirement Plan for Law Enforcement Employees for a two-year term.
- Approved a sidewalk on the south side of Courthouse Road, S.W., between Nutley and Ware Streets, and awarded a contract for the project, not to exceed

\$60,000, to Arthur Construction. (*Approved 5-2, Lovelace and Polychrones voting nay.*)

- Approved an additional \$3,230 in funding for E.E. Lyons Construction Co. for water main construction.
- Approved a contract with Double H Locates in the amount of \$41,000 for sewer mark-off services.
- Approved continuation of the contract with Mansfield Oil Co. for the purchase of diesel fuel.
- Approved additional services from Sabra, Wang and Associates in the amount of \$827 to participate in an interview panel for the position of Traffic Signal Technician. (Approved 6-1, Lovelace voting nay.)
- Retained the firm of Hunton & Williams as bond counsel for the proposed 2010 general obligation debt issue at a cost not to exceed \$18,000.

• Approved supplemental appropriations to the fiscal year 2010 budget in the amount of \$96,926.

#### **FEBRUARY 1, 2010**

- Conducted a closed session to interview candidates for appointment to Town boards and commissions.
- Appointed David Thies to the Transportation Safety Commission for a two-year term.
- Authorized the expenditure of \$1,654,385 in federal and state funds, and matching local funds in an amount not to exceed \$635,250 for design and engineering services by Bowman Consulting for the next phase of the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project.
- Appointed Councilwoman Cole as the Town's representative to the Planning Coordination Advisory Committee of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority.
- Following a closed session, Council determined that, based on the ongoing litigation affecting Fall Church City's water system, it is in the best interest of the Town to end its agreement regarding a joint valuation of the Town's water system and instead pursue an independent study. The Town Attorney was directed to communicate this decision to the City of Falls Church, and the Town staff was directed to begin the process for the independent study. Council's decision is not a reflection of its assessment of the City's ability to deliver water to the Town, but is intended solely to address the concerns raised by the litigation.

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24 10 Town Council budget work session Saturday 16 N 0 Good Friday Friday 15 00 Town/Business Liaison Committee 7 p.m. Bicycle Advisory Committee Board of Architectural Revi Police Chief's Advisory Committee 7:30 p.m. Community Enhancement Commission 7:30 p.m. Thursday Planning Commission 21 Planning Commission Board of Zoning Appeals Wednesday pickup first collection day, recycling second collection day each week Mayor's Advisory Committee volunteer recognition reception 20 9 27 Transportation Safety Commission Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m. TuesdayTown Council budget work session 7:30 p.m. S Town Council idget work session 7:30 p.m. Proposed FY 2011 budget available Town Council Fown Council Monday (if nec budget 7 Il meetings are held Vienna Town Hall at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise Sunday All at V

## Congressional Gold Medal Awarded to Town Resident

In a ceremony at the U.S. Capitol on March 10, over 200 former members of the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal. Among the recipients was Vienna resident Gayle Reed. She was a WASP ferry pilot who flew various aircraft, including the single-seat fighter P-51 Mustang, from the aircraft factory to Army Airforce bases.

More than 1,100 WASP served from 1942 to 1944, the first women in history trained to fly American military aircraft. They received little recognition and were not granted veteran status until 1977, but through their actions, the WASP eventually were the catalyst for revolutionary reform in the integration of women pilots into the Armed Services.

#### 2009 Police Statistics Available

The Vienna Police Department has compiled its annual report for 2009. This comprehensive report encompasses not only criminal incidents but calls for service, enforcement activities, and crash (accident) statistics. The report also discusses significant improvements or changes made relative to equipment, grant purchases, and other items of interest.

The report may be viewed online at *www.viennava.gov*. Click on "Police Media Releases" in the Popular Links menu, then click on "Vienna Police Department's 2009 Year End Summary." For more information contact Master Police Officer Bill Murray at 703-255-6396 or *wmurray@viennava.gov*.

#### **Summer Jobs Available**

The Town of Vienna has a number of openings in the Public Works and the Parks and Recreation Departments for temporary summer workers beginning in May. Hours are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The starting salary is \$9 per hour.

Public Works laborers assist Town crews in maintaining and repairing curbs, gutters and sidewalks, or in the daily operations of the Water and Sewer division. Parks Maintenance workers assist in maintaining ball fields, mowing grass, and cleaning park sites, while the summer landscaper position assists the Town's horticulturist with the watering program and landscaping tasks.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old, be able to perform heavy manual labor, and have a valid driver's license. *THOSE HIRED WILL BE EXPECTED TO WORK FOR AT LEAST SIX WEEKS*. For an application and more information, call the Administrative Services Office at 703-255-6350 or go to *www.viennava.gov* and click on the "Employment" link.

#### **Enhancement Commission Springs Forward**

Recent changes have been made to Vienna's Community Enhancement Commission that refocus the group toward issues relating to recycling, the environment, and energy conservation. Members educate the public, develop and promote programs, and respond to requests for policy review. Applicants should be willing to volunteer at events, write articles for the Town newsletter, comment on Town issues, and work with community organizations. If you are interested in being a member, complete the online application at <a href="https://www.viennava.gov/Town\_Government/standardapplication.pdf">www.viennava.gov/Town\_Government/standardapplication.pdf</a>

## Welcome New Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in February:

Nordic Lite consultant 927 Fairway Dr., N.E. 703-851-8320

Lee S. Heffelfinger, CPA tax preparation 202 James Dr., S.W. 571-214-9787

SHOP IN VIENNA
Support Our Hometown Merchants

Some Vienna businesses celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2010 include: *30 years* – D.S. Patterson Co.; *20 years* – Japan Focus, JAS Roofing Co.; *10 years* – Cathy's Crystals, China Consultant, Dahn Meditation.

## Help CHO Help the Needy

The Committee for Helping Others (CHO) needs volunteer drivers for its furniture truck. A commercial driver's license (CDL) is required. The time commitment is one Saturday morning a month, about four hours. Contact Dan Larkins at 703-281-7847 if you are interested in participating in this valuable community service.

Since 1969, CHO has been helping needy families and individuals in the Vienna area obtain food, shelter, clothing, fuel, transportation, furniture, financial aid and other necessities. Learn more about CHO at www.cho-va.com.

## DID YOU KNOW? Styrofoam is NOT recyclable & should be put in the trash.

#### **REMINDER:**

Cardboard boxes should be flattened before recycling.

## County Budget Hearings Set

Public hearings on Fairfax County's fiscal year 2010-11 budget have been set for 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, and Wednesday and Thursday, April 7 and 8, at 3 p.m. Those wishing to speak should contact the Office of the Clerk to the Board at 703-324-3151 or sign up online at <a href="https://www.fairfax.county.gov/bosclerk/speaker\_bos.htm">www.fairfax.county.gov/bosclerk/speaker\_bos.htm</a>. In addition, the public is encouraged to share their thoughts on the budget online or through the budget hotline, 703-324-9400.

Fairfax County Executive Anthony Griffin has proposed a General Fund budget of \$3,294,107,674 for FY 2011, a decrease of \$133.3 million or 3.9% from this year. The proposed budget increases the real estate tax rate from \$1.04 to \$1.09 per \$100 of assessed value, but because of an overall decline in assessments this year, the taxes paid by the average residential taxpayer will be \$48.55 less than the FY 2010 tax bill.

In order to eliminate a projected deficit of \$257.2 million, the County Executive's proposed budget includes expenditure reductions totaling \$103.3 million, eliminates many regular employee positions, freezes salaries, and reduces services currently provided to residents.

The County Executive has also recommended a \$33 vehicle registration fee that would generate an additional \$27 million. This fee would apply to all County residents, including Vienna residents. Should this measure be approved, the Town of Vienna would consider reinstating its own vehicle registration fee to ensure these revenues would come to the Town.

For more information, contact the County Department of Management and Budget at 703-324-2391 or access the budget online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb.

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.

### 2010 Census Workers to Be in Vienna

By Master Police Officer Bill Murray, Community Services Officer

In April of 2010 the United States will again begin conducting a decennial census. This will involve many workers traveling in and around Vienna gathering necessary information. These census workers do not fall into the category of unlawful solicitors under the Town Code and are fully screened and fingerprinted workers. Their actions are very closely monitored and they will only gather the necessary information as written on the census form.

Unfortunately, it is possible that some criminals may try and pose as census workers to attempt to gather personal and confidential information. It is always important to check identification badges to make sure that you are providing information to a trusted source. Census workers are no exception.

The census worker will only ask you ten very basic questions. The survey should take approximately 10 minutes. Here are the questions that will be asked as shown on the census Web site:

- How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2010?
- Were there any additional people staying here April 1, 2010, that you did not include in Ouestion 1?
- Is this house, apartment, or mobile home: owned with mortgage, owned without mortgage, rented, occupied without rent?
  - What is your telephone number?
- Please provide information for each person living here. Start with a person here who owns or rents this house, apartment, or mobile home. If the owner or renter lives somewhere else, start with any adult living here. This will be Person 1. What is Person 1's name?
  - What is Person 1's sex?
  - What is Person 1's age and date of birth?
  - Is Person 1 of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin?
  - What is Person 1's race?
  - Does Person 1 sometimes live or stay somewhere else?

Town of Vienna residents should be vigilant and adhere to answering only the ten questions asked on the survey. Please notify the Police Department regarding anyone who is soliciting further information or information that is not included in the actual form, or anyone who appears or acts suspiciously.

### **Dog Owners Must Clean Up After Pets**

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

Tip: The plastic sleeves used on newspapers make excellent pooper scoopers!

Any substance that goes into a storm drain eventually makes its way into the Chesapeake Bay. Dumped into a storm drain or left on the ground to run off with the next rain, animal waste contains bacteria that are harmful to the environment.

Signs are posted in several Town parks to remind pet owners that dogs are not allowed on athletic fields, tennis and basketball courts, playgrounds, and picnic areas because of the nuisance and potential health hazard to park users. The Town Animal Warden is authorized to fine pet owners found in violation of the law.

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Town Council candidates appear on these two pages.

Please take the time to vote on May 4.

## **Town Council Election May 4**

Vienna's annual Town election will be held on Tuesday, May 4. All voting will take place at the Vienna Community Center from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

This year, Vienna voters will elect the Mayor and three Town Council members, who will begin new two-year terms July 1.

For election results, call the Vienna Newsline, 703-255-6333, one to two hours after the polls close on May 4, or visit the Town's Web site at www.viennava.gov.

## **Absentee Voting**

If you will be out of town on election day or are unable to go to the polls because of illness or disability, you may vote by absentee ballot in person or by mail. In-person absentee voting will be conducted at the Fairfax County Government Center on weekdays beginning April 2 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, May 1, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 1 is the last day to vote absentee in person.

The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot by mail is April 27 at 5 p.m., and ballots must be received in the Office of Elections by 7 p.m. on election day in order to be counted.

For more information, call 703-222-0776 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/absen tee.htm.

## **Voter Registration Deadline**

Tuesday, April 13, at 6 p.m. is the deadline to register to vote in the May 4 Town election. You are eligible to register if you are a Vienna resident, at least 18 years old by election day, and a U.S. citizen.

You may register in person in the Fairfax County General Registrar's Office at the County Government Center or by mail. Application forms are available in the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall, all public libraries and other locations around the county, and at <a href="https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov">www.fairfaxcounty.gov</a>.

If you are already a registered voter, no additional registration is required for the Town election; however, you should check your voter registration card to be sure it lists your current name and address.

For more information, call the Registrar's Office at 703-222-0776.

#### **Meet the Candidates**

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Chapter 1116 invites all Vienna voters to a candidates' forum for the upcoming town election on Tuesday, April 13, at the Vienna Community Center. The forum will be part of the regular NARFE meeting, which begins at 1:30 p.m. For more information, call chapter president Shirley Keyes at 703-698-1838.



#### M. JANE SEEMAN

"Vienna is about community and the people in our community. More and more I realize how fortunate we are to live in Vienna. The snows of 2009-2010 forced us to sit back and take time to appreciate our Town, families and neighbors. Vienna is a friendly and caring Town. It is this characteristic of Vienna that I pledge to promote and foster.

"Vienna faces many challenges with the redevelopment of Tysons Corner and the increased traffic that will ensue. I am active in monitoring and speaking out for Vienna residents in asking County planners to incorporate triggers so that development and density do not overwhelm the infrastructure. The redevelopment must keep pace with new road systems, water and sewer needs, schools, parks and recreational facilities.

"Another challenge is the ongoing slowdown of the economy. We are always looking at cost-cutting methods to meet the needs of our citizens without diminishing the services we all enjoy.

"The Town has been successful in securing grants for new sidewalks. Walking to Town Hall, Patrick Henry Library, Freeman Store, the Town Green and to the shops in Vienna gives us all a chance to connect with each other and help our local merchants as well as promote a healthier lifestyle.

"I will continue to provide leadership needed at all levels of government on these many issues and challenges. Vienna's interests are foremost on my agenda.

"Vienna's strength lies in our community and our community is made up of all our citizens. It is that strength that is so important in maintaining our quality of life." Vienna Wireless Society, established in 1963 to foster and advance amateur radio in the Northern Virginia area, will meet in the lecture hall at Oakton High School April 8 and 22 at 7:30 p.m. (Enter through Door 2.) You do not have to be a licensed ham radio operator to attend or participate in club activities. For more information, visit www.viennawireless.org or contact VWS president Jim Parsons at 703-392-0150 or W4JTP@parsonage.net.

Welcome Club of Northern Virginia will present its annual fashion show on Thursday, April 1, in Reston. For reservations and information, visit www.welcome clubnvirginia.com. Club activities include golf, bridge, book group, day trips, crafts/projects group, tea group and more.

The Golden Girls of Northern Virginia, a senior women's softball league, is looking for players. Anyone over the age of 40 is encouraged to join. All skill levels are welcome. Games are played in the Vienna area on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. For more information, call Donna at 703-938-0387 or visit www. goldengirls.org.

Western Fairfax Youth Forum (for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans-gender, or questioning youth in grades 7-12) and the Western Fairfax PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) support groups will meet on Tuesday, April 6, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Rd. in Oakton. For more information, e-mail Carol Lewis at *pople wis@hotmail.com*.

Book collection begins April 1 for Historic Vienna Inc.'s annual June sale at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. Please, no magazines, newspapers, *National Geographic*, textbooks, encyclopedias, or *Reader's Digest* condensed books. Receipts for tax purposes may be obtained during regular 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 more information or to volunteer to help with the sale, call 703-938-5187.

Vienna Choral Society will present "Pictures of Earth," featuring music, dance and visual art. GroundWorks Dance Ensemble will join with the chorus, and the

### 36th Annual Walk on the Hill

in the Windover Heights Historic District Sunday, April 25, 2-5 p.m. (rain date May 2) Free admission

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Using self-guided walking tour maps, visitors may browse through lawns and gardens of homes marked with special "welcome" signs.

The afternoon will also include a concert by the Vienna Community Band at 3 p.m.

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In conjunction with the Walk on the Hill, the Ayr Hill Garden Club will host a spring flower show entitled "Let the Games Begin" at 307 Windover Ave., N.W. The show will be held rain or shine

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Sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc., and historic district residents. Parking available at Green Hedges School, 415 Windover Ave., N.W. For more information, call 703-938-5187.

Vienna Arts Society will co-sponsor a gallery of art from local elementary schools. The art show will open at 6:30 p.m. followed by the concert at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 17, at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park Street, N.E. Tickets are available at <a href="https://www.viennachoralsociety.org">www.viennachoralsociety.org</a> or 703-255-5508, adults \$18, seniors and students \$14, and families \$25.

This month at Patrick Henry Library – The Film Odyssey series will feature a romantic drama about time travel at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, and the Great Decisions roundtable discussion at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, will be about China's national security strategy. To register for these free programs and for more information, visit the library or call 703-938-0405.

Epiphany Preschool, 1014 Country Club Dr., N.E., is registering new students for the 2010-2011 school year. To schedule an appointment, call the school office at 703-938-2391 or e-mail epiphanypre school@vacoxmail.com.

**Historic Vienna Inc.** will hold its spring membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, at Town Hall. World

War II veteran Roger B. Neighborgall will discuss his experiences as a member of the 5th Ranger Battalion, which fought behind enemy lines in Germany. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, call 703-938-5187.

Southwest Vienna Neighborhood Association (SWVNA) will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, at Marshall Road Elementary School. Topics will include a grant the group recently received from Fairfax County's Neighborhood Enhancement Partnership Program. For more information, visit www.swvna.org or call Anne Rutherford at 703-281-6178.

Falcon 5k, Fun Run and Fair will be held on Saturday, May 1, at Flint Hill Elementary School. The Fun Run begins at 9 a.m. and the 5k race at 9:20 a.m. The Fun Fair from 10 a.m.to 1 p.m. will feature games, prizes, a cake walk, moon bounce, dunking booth, face painting, and food. Proceeds will support school programs. For more information, or to make a donation or volunteer, contact Joann Meginley at *jjod.meg@verizon.net* or Jennifer Lippman at *lippmaninva@yahoo.com*.

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## HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

"Vienna Remembers World War II" exhibit at the historic Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., will close on April 30. This is your last opportunity to visit this tribute to the Vienna area veterans, their families, and the many generous residents who shared their stories and memorabilia. The Freeman House is open Wednesday-Saturday from 12 noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 703-938-5187.

Vienna Elementary PTA Run for Fun, 5K race and 1-mile fun run/walk, will be held on Sunday, April 25, at the school, 128 Center St., S. Proceeds support the PTA's educational enrichment programs. Over 500 runners/walkers participated in last year's event, so early registration is encouraged. To register and for more information, visit www.vienna5krun. org.

Used book sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Patrick Henry Library, will be held at the library on Saturday, April 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, April 18, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Prices are \$2 for hardbacks, \$1 for trade paperbacks,

and 50¢ for pocket paperbacks. Fill a bag with books on Sunday for \$5! CDs and movies are also available. Cash only; proceeds benefit our community library. For more information, e-mail *FPHL@cox.net* or call the library at 703-938-0405.

Antiques appraisal will be held at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., on Saturday, April 17, from 12:30 to 4 p.m. To schedule an appraisal, call 703-938-5187. Due to the popularity of this event, appointments are required and there is a strict limit of two items per person. The cost is \$8.50 per item for Historic Vienna Inc. (HVI) members and \$12 for non-members. Proceeds support the programs of HVI.

Vietnam Veterans of America.

Chapter 227, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at Neighbor's Restaurant in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center. CIA veteran Linda McCarthy, founding curator of the CIA museum, will speak about espionage gadgets used by the U.S. and foreign governments. For more information, call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or visit www.vva227.org.

## **Volunteer Recognition Day**

Mayor Jane Seeman has proclaimed Tuesday, April 13, as Volunteer Recognition Day in the Town of Vienna to celebrate and promote volunteerism in the community. A special meeting of the Mayor's Advisory Committee will be held at 8 p.m. April 13 in the Flame Room of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St., S., to recognize the individuals nominated as outstanding volunteers for 2010. The public is invited to attend.

Those who will be honored on Volunteer Recognition Day include Mary Jane Altmiller, Florence Andrews, Holly Bell, John Bogue, Peggy Brumsted, Wendy Cardany, Nancy Christmus, Shawn Dilles, Jim Dowell, Barbara Franklin, John Eric Franklin, Jeff Frederick, Beth Gourley, Marianne Hanton, the Hartt family – Kristin, Duncan, Bethany and Olivia, Anne Kelleher, Paul Kim, Jeff and Michelle Meyer, Jean Moore, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Chief John Morrison, Mike Paruti, Linda Phipps, Joan Rich, Glenn Richard, Dirk Salverian, Jean Schafer, Paul Schmitt, Burt Sharp, Mark Smith, Ted and Cindy Speck, Heather Stevenson, the Tim Strike family, Jack Tarr, Jane Towle, Sophie and Colin Whelpley, and the ladies in the back room of Pennywise Thrift Shop – Martha Clark, Muriel Heermans, Claire Hill, Helen Ide, Helen McGee, Shirley O'Meara, Anna Marie Rector, Chris Spencer, Mary Williams and Mary Wood.

In her proclamation Mayor Seeman states, "Volunteering of one's time and resources is a fundamental part of the tradition of our country and is essential to its spirit. The people of our community benefit from the deeds of these selfless and dedicated individuals and organizations."

Electric Sunday, Fairfax County's free e-waste recycling program, will be held on April 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Rd. in Fairfax. Recycle old TVs, computers and peripheral electronic devices, and dispose of household hazardous waste and fluorescent bulbs. For more information, call the Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Office at 703-324-5230 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/recycling.

Community yard sale will be held on Saturday, April 24, from 8 a.m. to noon at Wesley United Methodist Preschool, 711 Spring St., S.E. (rain date May 1). The sale will feature children's toys, clothes, household items, and baked goods. To rent a space, contact Alison at adlockard@verizon.net.

Northern Virginia Senior Softball invites men 50+ and women 40+ to play slow-pitch softball on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, April 13-August 12, on Fairfax County fields. Players are assigned to a team at their skill level by a skill assessment, not a try-out. Everyone bats! To play, call Dave, 703-524-5576, or Paul, 703-323-7878, or visit www.nvss.org.

Northeast Vienna Citizens Association (NEVCA) will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, at the Vienna Community Center. The group will hold its annual election and present its new project to plant native plants at Northside Park. In addition, the Town Council candidates have been invited to the meeting. For more information, call Dan Mulville at 703-850-9053 or visit www.nevca.org.

Relay for Life of Vienna-2010 will be held at James Madison High School June 19-20. Visit www.viennarelay.org for registration and details. Activities include survivors reception/victory laps, luminaria ceremony, midnight marathon, and family activities. The next team captain meeting is Thursday, April 29, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. For more information, contact Florida Broussard, fbroussard1@cox.net or 703-938-8627, or Tony Santore, tsantore@zaiinc.com or 703-405-0365.



#### LAURIE GENEVRO COLE

"One of my main activities as a Council member has been building relationships with neighboring communities to promote and protect Vienna's interests in the wake of the proposed massive redevelopment of Tysons Corner. I've also become Council's liaison to the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, renewing our Board-level connection to pursue common goals within the Town.

"Some specific changes I've initiated include:

- A pilot program to use fuel-efficient hybrid vehicles in the Town fleet;
- Giving residents the *option* to use reusable bins for recycling;
- Regulation of temporary storage containers (e.g. 'PODS'), to reconcile their use with our controls over permanent structures;
- The 'Code Adam' missing child protocol at the Community Center, with our Police available to train local businesses in the program;
- •Expanding the range of existing sites available for wireless antennas, to increase service to our residents without adding unsightly structures.

"I regret our lack of progress on the Maple Avenue revision. This, and the continuing work on Tysons, are major challenges for the next two years. My strong belief is that it is not enough to want to be a Town Council member – you should want to do the work of a Council member. And there remains work I would like to do on your behalf. Please support me with your vote on May 4."



#### EDYTHE FRANKEL KELLEHER

"As a Town Council member, I have endeavored to provide the quality services that residents expect, while maintaining fiscal responsibility. I enjoy working to maintain and enhance Vienna's small-town feeling and child- and pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods, as well as programs and facilities for young and old.

"Citizen participation in Town government is essential. For instance, with the state cutting funds for local police officers and road maintenance, it is vital that residents and businesses contribute to the Town's budget decisions.

"Public input is needed on the future of our water and sewer system, whether to move the Town election to November or modify it in May, and redeveloping Maple Avenue to retain Vienna's identity amidst redevelopment in Tysons and Merrifield. Also in progress is enhancing Vienna's ability to communicate with residents via email, texting and social networking.

"My efforts to limit taxpayer burdens and yet provide expanded community events have been successful with the Friends of the Vienna Town Green and Vienna's Green Expo. The Friends solicit funds and provide volunteers for the popular "Summer on the Green" concerts. The Green Expo (April 22 this year) features exhibits to help residents conserve energy and money.

"Thank you for your support and the opportunity to continue working for our community. I pledge to listen to all positions on issues, and to work with you to resolve your concerns."



MICHAEL J. POLYCHRONES

"Working together we have accomplished many important goals to enhance our Town's unique character. The current economy, however, presents some daunting challenges in the effort to provide Town services. The density proposed in the Tysons Corner redevelopment plan and all of the related issues that go along with increased commercial density have forced us to come to terms with our central business core and the need to put in place measures to ensure our Town's economic viability. The Town's ability to provide water and sewer services at reasonable costs is also on the horizon. These issues are all important and will require long and thoughtful answers.

"Just as you make decisions in austere times with regard to your own finances, we as a Town need to do the same. Hard decisions will have to made in the next few budget cycles in order to maintain services without adding significant financial burdens on taxpayers. Also we will need to look at programs and services that are not fully utilized and make the appropriate adjustments. We will need to focus, more than ever, on all Town spending and the effect it will have on all citizens.

"The issues before us must be met with knowledge and experience to ensure a successful result. I pledge to bring all of my experience and knowledge to meet these challenges and continue to make Vienna a great place to live, work and do business. I ask for your continued support and vote on May 4 in order to keep working for our community."

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## **NEWS FROM VIENNA PARKS & REC**

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

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

The Green Building Institute, established to foster sustainable building practices, will present a series of seminars to help residents "go green." Seminars will be held on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and the cost for each session is \$40 with advance registration required.

- April 7 Intro to Going Green.
- April 21 Home Energy Audit.
- May 5 Green Tax Benefit.
- May 19 Rain Barrels & Rain Gardens.

Family Skate Night will be held on Fridays, April 16-June 11, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. (no skating April 30 and May 7). Admission is \$1 per person. Bring your own roller skates or in-line skates and safety equipment. Parents are required to stay with their children and are welcome to participate.

**Open Mic Night** is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Admission is free. If you are interested in performing, e-mail *csalgado@viennava*. *gov* or *sollom@cox.net*. Six performers are scheduled for each show.

Writing Your Personal History Symposium is scheduled for Thursday, May 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Four workshops will feature presentations by novelists, journalists, oral storytellers and others along with audience discussion and writing exercises. The cost for the symposium is \$20 per person, and advance registration is required. A box lunch may be ordered for an additional \$6.50.

#### **SPORTS & FITNESS**

Ice skating classes for all ages begin in April at Fairfax Ice Arena. The fee of \$116 includes seven weekly 30-minute lessons, seven free admissions to public skating sessions, free skate rental for lessons and practice, and free use of a helmet.

**Spring coed softball league** games will be played at Southside Park on Sunday mornings beginning April 18. The team fee of \$450 includes 10 regular sea-

son double-header games, umpires, soft-balls, post-season play, and awards. For information, contact Enrique Guzman at 703-255-6352 or eguzman@viennava.gov.

#### **BUS TRIP**

Tour the Workhouse Art Center in Lorton on Wednesday, April 21. Leave the Community Center at 10 a.m. and return at 4:30 p.m. The cost of \$45 for town residents includes two docent-led tours of the former prison site, a visit to the movement studio and lunch in the gallery space. There will be time to talk with artists in their studios and to visit the gift shop.

#### <u>MANAGING YOUR MONEY</u> & YOUR ESTATE

10 Things Every Executor Should Know is scheduled for Monday, April 12, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Attorney David Hoffman will discuss preparing probate papers, filing tax returns, prudent investing, taking a commission, basic fiduciary accounting, and more. Free of charge; no advance registration required.

#### TEEN PROGRAMS

Spring break 3-on-3 basketball tournament for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders will be held on Thursday, April 1, from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Teams can be all boys, all girls, or co-ed. The fee of \$10 per team includes beverages and prizes for the tournament winners.

The Trachtenberg Speed System of Math for ages 11-15 will be presented on Wednesdays, April 7-28, from 7 to 8 p.m. Volunteer instructor Avinash Patwardhan will entertain and educate. Multiply the number 376854321196532418 by 11 in ten seconds. Sounds impossible? Come play with numbers and fall in love with math. Free of charge.

**Babysitters training** for boys and girls age 12 and older will be offered on Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A certified American Red Cross instructor

will teach basic child care, safety, first aid, and what to do in emergency situations. The fee is \$70 for town residents.

Mindfulness for Middle Schoolers for ages 11-15, an introduction to mindfulness meditation designed to address the unique issues facing middle schoolers, will be held on Wednesdays, April 14-May 19, from 4 to 5 p.m. Students will learn and practice meditation, mindful walking and

The following activities are free of charge for students in grades 6-8:

**Spaghetti bar** will be open on Thursday, April 15, beginning at 4 p.m. Sample your favorite sauces as well as some new ones.

Mad Scientist Day begins at 3:45 p.m. Thursday, April 22. Take part in scientific experiments using everyday items such as milk, baking soda and more.

#### **POTPOURRI**

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Acting workshops for kids, tweens and teens begin this month. The CARE (Creative Awareness Responsive Education) program is designed to encourage a sense of community and civic engagement in ages 5-17. Students will learn scene study, monologue study, improvisational acting, and sketch writing as they simultaneously learn about the environment, health and nutrition, culture and diversity. For details, see the spring program brochure or visit www.viennava.gov.

AARP mature driver safety program, for motorists age 50 and older, will be held April 15 and 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The course covers the effects of aging and medications on driving, basic driving rules, license renewal, local traffic hazards, adverse road conditions, and accident prevention measures. Graduates may be eligible for a discount on their car insurance. The fee is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Both classes must be attended, and advance registration is required.



The Vienna Theatre Company (VTC) will present the musical revue "A Grand Night for Singing" at the Vienna Community Center April 23, 24 and 30, and May 1, 7 and 8 at 8 p.m. and May 2 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$14 general admission and \$12 for students and senior citizens age 65 and older. Above, the cast rehearses for this Rodgers and Hammerstein review featuring hit songs from their popular Broadway musicals. Musical director Larry Zimmerman works with (left to right) front row: Janet Valdes-Dapena, Maria Benzie, and Angela Ramacci; back row: Peter Halverson, Ron Sweeney, Roberta Chaves, and Keith Flores. The company is pleased to have Adriana Hardy as the director for this review, which celebrates the 35th anniversary of VTC's first musical production, "Applause," sponsored by the Town of Vienna Department of Parks and Recreation in 1975. Photo by Harold Bonacquist

## SKATE PARK ON WHEELS

for ages 6-adult Saturday April 3, 2 – 5 p.m. Vienna Volunteer Fire Dept. Parking Lot

Skateboarding ramps, rails and jumps!
Beginners and first timers are welcome.
Helmets REQUIRED for everyone.
Wrist guards, elbow pads and knee pads REQUIRED for anyone under the age of 16.

Sponsored by Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins, American Inline, Vienna Parks & Recreation and Club Phoenix Call the Vienna Community Center for more details, 703–255-6360.



Vienna residents and organizations are invited to join in the 22nd annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup on Saturday, April 10, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Since 1989, more than 50,000 volunteers have teamed with 375 partner organizations to tug over 3 million tons of trash from the watershed's streams, rivers and bays. Last year's haul of over 290 tons included more than 27 tons of recyclables, 41,122 plastic bags, 2,095 tires, 17 bicycles, 16 shopping carts, 9 metal and plastic barrels, 5 TVs and 5 refrigerators!

The cleanup takes place at sites in the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia – all part of the lands, or watershed, that drain into the Potomac. This year local efforts will focus on Piney Branch Creek near Northside Park and the Northside Property Yard. Vienna volunteers are invited to meet at 588 Glyndon St., N.E. For information, contact Rick Ayers at *rayers@esri.com* or 703-989-3221.



## Plant Native Species at Northside Park

In conjunction with the Potomac Watershed Cleanup Day, the Northeast Vienna Citizens Association (NEVCA) is asking for volunteers to participate in planting native plant species at Northside Park on Saturday, April 10, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. NEVCA members are working with the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department to identify and remove invasive plants within the park and plant Virginia native trees and shrubs.

Meet off the W&OD Trail at the Richard Black Bridge and bring gloves and shovels, and wear appropriate clothing. For more information, call Dan Mulville at 703-850-9053 or visit www.nevca.org.

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