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HOLIDAY CLOSING

Town offices will be closed on Monday, February 21, in observance of Presidents' Day. Garbage will be collected as normal on Monday. The Community Center will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; no classes will be held.

There will be a public hearing on the proposed changes to the Town's noise ordinance on February 7, at 8 p.m. Read more about it on page 6.

VIENNA COMMUNITY ALERTS: REGISTER TODAY!

The Town of Vienna is pleased to announce that residents and interested persons can now self register to receive Town information via e-mail or text messaging. Registrants can choose to receive information from ten categories including:

- Council Agenda Items
- Council Meeting Minutes
- Public Safety Information
- Town Meeting Reminders
- Important Town Information
- Town Services Announcements
- Road Closures
- Town Newsletter
- Water and Sewer Emergency Repairs
- Parks and Recreation Brochures

Sign up today by visiting https://viennava.onthealert.com or by visiting www.viennava.gov and clicking on the icon in the "Stay Connected" section on the front page. Registrants will begin receiving information from the Town in their selected areas of interest beginning February 1, 2011. Registrants must enter a Vienna address to complete registration.

The Vienna Community Alert system was made possible through the Department of Justice's Technology Grant, funded by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, acquired by the Vienna Police Department.

Residents do not have to sign up for Vienna Community Alerts to receive Geocast phone notices. Residents will continue to receive phone notices for area-wide emergencies as normal.

150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CIVIL WAR

Help Vienna plan activities to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War at the next Sesquicentennial Committee meeting on February 22, at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall. Questions? Contact stunzag@aol.com or 703-994-9054.



All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

Town Council minutes, agendas and meeting videos are available online at www.viennava.gov/Town_Government/council_meeting_video_plus.htm.

OCTOBER 18, 2010

- Adopted an ordinance amending Chapter 9, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article 1 of the Town Code that prohibits the parking of watercraft, boat trailers, motor homes, camping trailers, and other restricted vehicles on any public street or highway in the Town of Vienna.
- Approved the Maple
 Avenue Photo Renderings
 Project to be completed by
 Wiley|Wilson for the amount
 of \$52,700.
- Approved riding a VITA contract for the purchase of the NetMotion software to

- support the virtual private network for the Police Department's in-car laptop computers for \$14,058.23.
- Approved the purchase of two Ford Crown Victoria Interceptor Vehicles at a total cost of \$53,338.60 for the Police Department.
- Awarded a contract for curb and sidewalk maintenance to Arthur Construction, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$198,788.

OCTOBER 25, 2010

 Held a public hearing on the proposed 2011 Legislative Priorities. Approved submittal of comments to the Fairfax County Department of Transportation by October 29, regarding the Tysons Circulator Study RFP.

NOVEMBER 1, 2010

- Approved the purchase of a Chevrolet Tahoe Special Service SUV for the Police Department at a total cost of \$30,645.42.
- Recommended Mr. Bill Harrison to the Circuit Court for appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

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VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

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Send news to Vienna Newsletter c/o Town Hall FAX 703-255-5722 • e-mail pio@viennava.gov Deadline for the March issue is February 15.

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

These businesses received business licenses during the month of December.

Vienna Well Natural Healing and Health Center

Chiropractor 301 Maple Avenue, W, Ste. AC 703-463-8889

Pro Feed International, Inc.

Franchise Development 234 Maple Avenue, E 703-820-3888

Carlie Ross, LLC

Psychotherapist 120 Beulah Road, NE Ste. 201 703-599-6808

Tunay's Tailoring

Tailoring/Alterations 421 Church Street, NE, Ste. H 703-242-2818

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2012 BUDGET UNDERWAY

Preparation of Vienna's budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 has begun. Citizens who have suggestions about what items should be given priority for funding are encouraged to express their views in writing to Town Manager John H. Schoeberlein by Friday, February 4. Citizens will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed budget at a public hearing during the May 9 Town Council meeting.

February 4 is also the deadline for non-profit Vienna organizations to apply for donations of Town funds in FY 2012. For information on how to apply, call the Administrative Services Office at 703-255-6350.

FY 2011-2012 BUDGET CALENDAR

Monday, April 4	Distribution of proposed budget to public
Saturday, April 9	Budget work session, 9 a.m.
Monday, April 11	Budget work session, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 19	Budget work session, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, May 9	Public hearing on proposed budget, 8 p.m.
Monday, May 16	Budget work session, 8 p.m.
Monday, June 6	Public hearing on proposed tax rate, 8 p.m.
Monday, June 20	Budget adoption & appropriation of funds

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMISSION RECOGNIZES MAPLE AVENUE MARKET AND PEAR TREE COTTAGE

The Community Enhancement Commission recognized two businesses in Town for Town awards. The first, Pear Tree Cottage, received a Beauty Award for the exterior landscaping and façade improvements that were recently completed. New awnings were added along with the window boxes and planters. These improvements have visually improved the store front.

Second, Maple Avenue Market received the Sustainability Award for providing customers with local and organically grown products. In addition, the store provides customers with information on the benefits of buying local.

The Beauty Award recognizes commercial and residential properties whose exterior is well maintained and presentable or the owners have made improvements. The Sustainability Award is presented to residents and businesses who operate a business or make improvements to their property that are compatible with recognizable sustainability practices.

If you would like to nominate a resident or business for one of these awards, contact Cathy Salgado at csalgado@viennava.gov or at 703-255-6356. The Community Enhancement Commission will review all nominations and vote on whether or not to recognize the property with an award. Presentations of the awards are made at Town Council meetings.



In an effort to promote a healthier lifestyle for Town of Vienna employees, the Town's Wellness Committee kicked-off the Town's own version of Biggest Loser on January 5. Thirtynine employees have signed up and paid \$15 each into a pot that will be split at the end of the competition on May 4, with 70% being awarded to the 1st place winner, 20% to the 2nd place winner and 10% being held for future Wellness Committee activities. The winners are determined based on body percentage lost, not total pounds lost.

Each week, participants do their weekly weighins at Evolution Fitness on Dominion Road in Vienna. The staff at Evolution conducts the weigh-ins and provides group personal training classes for Vienna's Biggest Losers twice a month throughout the duration of the program.

Just in the first week, participants lost a combined total of 120 pounds! Stay tuned to upcoming newsletters to see the Town's progress.

How you can help.

In conjunction with our own version of the Biggest Loser Challenge, the Town of Vienna is participating in the *Pound for Pound Challenge*. For every pound that we pledge to lose, 11 cents, which equals 1 pound of groceries, will be donated to our local Feeding America Food Bank. The challenge ends in June 2011.

You can help us stock shelves of our local food bank while losing weight by joining the Town's team. Simply visit www.pfpchallenge.com and create an account and pledge your pounds. Once you've made your pledge, search for our team: Town of Vienna and join!

SPECIAL PICKUPS RESUME (See Guidelines on Page 8)

Vienna's Special Pickup program resumes this month. To dispose of furniture, building materials, brush and other debris not included in the regular trash collection, residents can order a Special Pickup. Place discards at the curbside, then call the Special Pickup recording at 703-255-5727 and be prepared to leave the following information: your name, address, daytime phone number, amount of debris, and type of debris. Special Pickups can also be arranged online at www.viennava.gov/Town_Services/trash.htm #pickups.

Please call the Special Pickup number as soon as debris is placed at the curbside. Piles of trash that go uncollected for weeks on end because of residents' failure to call for a Special Pickup are an eyesore and a

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

Each residence is allowed two free Special Pickup loads each year. Additional pickups may be arranged at a charge of \$75 per load for all items except brush; additional loads of brush will be charged at \$25 each. Each Special Pickup is limited to one single-axle dump truck load (about the size of a Volkswagen "beetle").

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

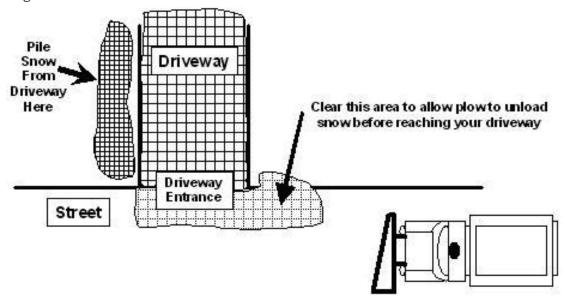
Special Pickups are for the sole use of the property where the trash has been generated and cannot be transferred to another property in the town. All items must be placed at the curb or edge of pavement in front of your property. Discards should not be placed so that they block the sidewalk or street, are under power lines or trees, or are close to shrubs, walls, or vehicles. Place all piles in an open area accessible to a crane truck.

CLARIFICATION: TIPS ON SHOVELING YOUR DRIVEWAY

After the January Town of Vienna Newsletter was distributed, Town residents had some questions about the Tips on Shoveling Your Driveway article provided by the Department of Public Works (DPW). To clarify:

Elderly or handicapped people who would like to request assistance with snow removal from their driveway entrances should call the DPW Administration office at 703-255-6380 during or after every snow event. (We can also be contacted through e-mail at dpw@viennava.gov.) The driveway entrance is defined as the area where the street and driveway meet; this area is also known as the driveway apron. For further information or if you have any questions please contact the DPW Administration office at the number above.

See revised diagram below:



NORTHSIDE PARK DESIGNATED AS WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Northside Park, the Town's first park protected by a Park Conservation Zone, was recently recognized as a Wildlife Sanctuary by the Northern Virginia Audubon Society. Volunteers and staff completed a wildlife inventory of the park and compiled the required ten native species for the application.

The designation of the park is the first in the Town. It is hoped that the volunteers who gathered the information on the abundance of wildlife in the park will continue to track, document and photograph species within the park. Native species observed in the park include birds, amphibians, butterflies, insects, mammals and reptiles. We believe that, through this program, the park will remain a haven for native species and that in the future increased native plantings will provide an even better wildlife habitat. The Town wishes to thank the Community Enhancement Commission and the volunteers who completed the wildlife survey.

The Town is always looking for additional photographic documentation of wildlife in Northside Park. Photos can be e-mailed to csalgado@viennava.gov.

BETTER HEART HEALTH IS JUST A CLICK AWAY

During the Month of February- National Heart Month- participants in '28 Days of Heart Health' will receive a daily e-mail containing a helpful tip on how to fit heart-healthy habits into your life. Participants will receive 28 messages from Inova Heart and Vascular Institute heart doctors including:

- Week 1: Heart Health Tests and Exams
- Week 2: Heart Specialists and What They Do
- Week 3: Heart Healthy Foods and Exercise
- Week 4: What's New In Heart Care

Subscribe to 28 Days of Heart Health at www.MyHeartMonth.com.

Presented by Inova Heart and Vascular Institute.



ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AVAILABLE

The Town of Vienna's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, is now available for review online at www.viennava.gov/Town_Departments/Financial_reports.html. It is also available for review in the Finance Department at Town Hall or can be purchased for \$5 per copy.

The report summarizes the Town's financial position and results of operations of the various funds and account groups. It also includes the Auditor's Report on FYE 2010, information on internal controls for managing and safeguarding Town assets, and selected financial and demographic information from the last ten years.

According to the report, the Town ended last fiscal year in stable financial condition. General and Debt Service funds had combined revenues of \$20,817,918, an increase of \$40,865, or .2 percent, over the previous fiscal year. Property taxes accounted for all of the increase, rising by \$145,329, or 1.7 percent, over the preceding year. The change was due to new construction and an increase in the tax rate.

Total expenditures of the General and Debt Service funds declined by \$328,145 or 1.4 percent from the year before. The decrease was primarily due to lower debt service costs resulting from declining outstanding debt balances.

Last year's Water and Sewer operating revenues were up slightly by \$86,328, or 1.5 percent, to end the year at \$5,839,658. The increase reflected weather-related rise in water usage late in the year. Operating expenses ended the year at \$5,762,210, an increase of \$457,504, or 8.6 percent, that was due primarily to higher water purchase, sewage treatment and maintenance costs, the latter reflecting more emphasis on systematic inspection and repairs of the infrastructure.

\$1,926,667 worth of 1996, 1998, 1999, 2002 and 2006 general obligation debt was retired last year, bringing total outstanding debt down to \$8,816,669 at the end of last year. The balance is the equivalent of about 4/10ths of a percent of the Town's 2009 taxable assessed values, well below the constitutional limit of ten percent and well within the Town's debt retirement capacity.

The Town's cash was invested in the Commonwealth of Virginia Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) and interest-bearing deposit and cash accounts during the year. Interest income for the year declined by \$349,347, or 83.4 percent, to end the year at \$69,437, reflecting market yields that for the year averaged .3 percent as compared to 1.72 percent the year before.

PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWN NOISE ORDINANCE: FEBRUARY 7

Town Council will continue a public hearing on February 7, at 8 p.m. on proposed changes to the Town Code Section 10, Article 3, Section 10-20.1, Nuisances- Noise. The proposed changes will permit contractors to work on Sundays and Federal Holidays and will move the time that both residents and contractors can start working on those days from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Interested residents are invited to attend and provide their input on this topic at the public hearing.

Visit www.viennava.gov to view the proposed changes.

TOWN ELECTION FILING DEADLINE

Tuesday, March 1, is the filing deadline for candidates in the May 3 Town election. This year, voters will elect three Town Council members for two-year terms beginning July 1.

Candidates must be qualified to vote for and hold the office sought, a resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia for one year immediately preceding the election, and a resident, by the time of filing, of the Town of Vienna.

Candidates for office are required to file specific documents in order to appear on the ballot. The information packet for candidates is available at the State Board of Election's Web site, www.sbe.virginia.gov, or call toll-free 1-800-552-9745 and ask for the Election Services Division.

VEHICLE LICENSE BILLING

On February 1, 2011, bills will be sent out for new move-ins and other cars new to Town. These bills are due February 28, 2011. Payment can be made by check through our lockbox (located in Baltimore, an arm of our local bank processor) as noted on the bill, or by cash or check at the Town Hall Finance counter from 8:00 am to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Payments will also be accepted by credit card at the finance counter or online at www.viennava.gov, "Online Payments". A \$1.25 convenience fee applies to all credit card payments. No portion of this convenience fee goes to the Town of Vienna.

The Town plans to send out delinquent bills for all unpaid Vehicle License fees in April, 2011. Failure to pay the bill can ultimately result in a DMV stop being placed on the driver's account. For more information, please call the Vehicle License hotline at 703-255-5735.

BUSINESS LICENSE DEADLINE

Business, professional and occupational license (BPOL) tax forms were mailed out at the end of January. Forms are also available in the Finance Department at Town Hall and online at www.viennava.gov. All businesses in the Town of Vienna, including home occupations, must renew their business licenses by March 1 each year.

The amount of the tax is based on gross receipts, and the rate varies according to the type of business. For more information or assistance in calculating license taxes, call 703-255-6321.

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER MULCH!

February 28, is the last day to order a free delivery of ground leaf mulch from the Public Works Department. To place your order, call 703-255-6388 and leave your name, address, daytime phone number and the number of loads to be delivered. One load is estimated to be 2.5 cubic yards (about the size of a VW Beetle). Half loads are also available.

Please note the following important conditions:

- All mulch deliveries are based on availability of mulch.
- Mulch deliveries will be placed only in the driveway at the end closest to the house.
- Once mulch is delivered, it becomes the property of the homeowner and the Town will not remove any excess mulch ordered.

Residents may pick up mulch themselves in any amount between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (except holidays) through March 30. The mulch is stored on Town-owned property off Beulah Road near Glyndon Park. Look for the sign, "Free Leaf Mulch."

HOME HEATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Crisis Assistance program helps households with emergency situations such as lack of heat, imminent utility cut off and inoperable or unsafe heating equipment. To be eligible for Crisis Assistance, there must be a heating emergency and certain income and citizenship criteria must be met. For more information, visit the Virginia Department of Social Services website at www.dss.virginia.gov/benefit/ea/index.cgi.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS TO BE HONORED

Mayor M. Jane Seeman invites you to nominate an outstanding volunteer in recognition of his/her service to the Town of Vienna. Mayor Seeman plans to honor these volunteers at the Mayor's Advisory Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 12. Please fill out and return this form to Mayor Seeman at the address provided below. Nominations must be submitted before March 1, 2011.

NOMINATION FORM FOR OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS

Name of Nominee:		 	
Address:		 	
	E-mail:		
and why you feel he/sl	ture of the volunteer work perfone deserves special recognition:		
	erson or organization:		
Phone:	E-mail:		

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BEFORE MARCH 1, 2011, TO:

MAYOR M. JANE SEEMAN

CHARLES A. ROBINSON, JR., TOWN HALL

127 CENTER STREET, SOUTH

VIENNA, VA 22180

PLEASE REVIEW THESE GUIDELINES BEFORE CALLING FOR YOUR SPECIAL PICKUP

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

- 1. Discarded furniture (except plastic), swing sets, and playground equipment (except plastic).
- 2. Sod and brush. Brush must be separated from other Special Pickup materials.
- 3. 300 pounds of scrap metal, small automobile parts such as engine blocks, transmissions, and tires. All tires must be removed from the rim.
- 4. Trees and limbs of a diameter greater than 1½ inches and less than 6 inches, and no more than 8 feet in length.
- 5. Building materials (not generated by contractor), which include the following items: wood, broken concrete, bricks or block, fences, drywall, and paneling. Each residence is limited to 300 pounds (approximately two wheelbarrow loads) of masonry items such as concrete, brick, block, stone, rock, etc. per pickup. If you employ contractors for home renovations or other services, they must take any waste away with them. The Town's Special Pickup program is meant to aid residents in disposing of bulky materials after performing the work themselves. Contractor-generated waste material will not be picked up.

All sharp items such as box cutters, razors, saw blades, and large panes of glass should be wrapped in several layers of newspaper. In the interest of safety, parents should caution their children not to play in or around debris placed at the curb for a Special Pickup.

The Public Works Department will not pick up the following items:

1. Gas tanks.

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

PLASTIC ITEMS AND CARDBOARD ARE RECYCLABLE AND SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN A SPECIAL PICKUP. PLEASE PLACE RECYCLABLES OUT ON YOUR RECYCLING DAY.

NO WHITE GOODS IN SPECIAL PICKUPS

White goods are not collected as part of the Special Pickup program. White goods include stoves, dishwashers, refrigerators, window air conditioners, whole house air conditioners, microwave ovens, large toaster ovens, hot water heaters, garbage disposals, washing machines, dryers, cook-tops, dehumidifiers, and furnaces.

RECYCLING AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Recycle your keys, rechargeable batteries and cell phones at the Community Center. Please make sure your keys are metal and unadorned, i.e. no paint, plastic or other attachments. The recycle boxes are located in the lobby.

Drop off your old prescription glasses and hearing aids at the Community Center. The (Host) Lions Club collects these items to be distributed to others in need.



NEWS FROM VIENNA PARKS & RECREATION

All classes are held at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, SE, unless otherwise specified.

The Spring 2011 Parks and Recreation Brochure is now available online at

www.viennava.gov and at the Community Center.

Registration for in-town residents begins February 8; out-of-town residents begins February 14.

SPORTS AND FITNESS

Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction Overview will be held on February 20, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Participants will view a DVD presentation describing the MBSR program and answer questions regarding the spring MBSR class offered at the Community Center. Advanced Registration is required; contact 703-255-7801. Free.

Don't miss Morning Fitness Wakeup, a group personal training class for adults run by certified personal trainers. The program runs continuously throughout the year and is designed to promote long lasting healthy habits and reduce the effects of aging in adults. The class is held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6 to 7 a.m. Call 703-255-6360 for more information or to register.

Softball The Vienna Men's League starts up this spring and registration ends Friday, February 25. A temporary roster non-refundable a \$100 deposit is required at the time of registration. League play will begin Monday, April 12, and games will be played at Southside Park. For a league package, contact eguzman@viennava.gov or 703-255-6352.

The Vienna Parks and Recreation

Department is now accepting registration for the Spring Coed Softball League. A temporary roster and a \$550 team fee is required at registration. Games will be played at Southside Park, at 10 a.m. on Sundays, beginning April 17. For a league package, contact eguzman@viennava.gov or 703-255-6352.

TRIPS

Visit the **2011 Philadelphia International Flower Show** on March 2, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. The cost is \$70 for residents and \$87.50 for out-of-town participants. Fee includes transportation and admission to show with all-day reentry privileges. Bus will depart the Community Center at 8 a.m.

JUST FOR TEENS

The Teen Center will be closed on February 20, April 18-22, and May 30.

Don't miss the Super Bowl Party at the Teen Center on February 4, at 3:30 p.m. There will be fun football games, food, arts and crafts and more! Come dressed in your favorite player's jersey and win a prize.

Come dressed in red or pink to the Teen Center for a **Valentine's Day Party** on February 14, at 3:30 p.m. Enjoy a DJ, food and fun while we celebrate the sweetest holiday of

the year.

POTPOURRI

The **Photography Amateur** Contest and Exhibit is open to all metropolitan area amateur photographers. Entries accepted March 17, 5 to 8:30 p.m. and March 18, 12 to 3:45 p.m. Exhibit dates are March 19, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and March 20, 12 to 3:30 p.m. Entry fee of \$10 per person (limit of 4 photos.) Ribbons will be awarded in eight categories: animals, architecture, nature, pictorial, scenic, photojournalism, portraiture, and digitally enhanced. Assisted by the Vienna Photographic Society.

Join us for **Open Mic Nights** on February 26, and March 26. Show starts at 7 p.m.; you must preregister to perform. Contact Jim Dowell at jimdowell@cox.net to register; limit of nine performers per show.

Don't miss Impending Disaster: The New Law of Wills and Trusts, a 90-minute presentation on what you need to know, what you need to do, and when you need to do it regarding estate taxes, on February 14, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Free blood pressure checks on February 9, 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. No registration required; simply drop in for a check-up.

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

The Western Fairfax PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) support group will meet on February 1, 7:30-9 p.m., and on February 20, 3-4:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax. For more information, e-mail wf.pflag@gmail.com.

FLY (Fairfax Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning Youth), a support group for youth in grades 7 through 12, will meet on February 1, 7:30- 9 p.m., and on February 20, 3-4:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation Fairfax. FLY is celebrating its first anniversary as a support group with a dance on Saturday, February 5, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax. youth in grades 7-12 are welcome. A donation of \$5 is suggested. For more information, e-mail wf.pflag@gmail.com.

Free Community Heart Lecture on February 2, 6 to 7 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. Dr. Friehling, an expert in heart care, will explain how your heart beats, discuss treatment options and cures and will be available to answer your questions. To register, visit inova.org/heart or call 1-855-MY-INOVA.

Car crashes are the leading cause of injury and death for teens. Attend Reality Check with your teenager to help keep them from becoming another statistic on February 5, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Inova Fairfax Hospital. The cost is \$35 and includes one teen

and two parents/guardians. To register, call 703-776-3259 or e-mail ashley.elzein@inova.org.

The Vienna Theatre Company is holding auditions for "Nunsense", a musical comedy, on February 7 and 8, at 7:30 p.m. They will be casting five women of various ages. Questions? Contact vtcshows@yahoo.com.

George Mason University Professor Dr. Anita Taylor will present "Feminism at the Crossroads", which will examine questions about the future of the equity movements of the early 21st century, on February 8, at 7 p.m. at the Patrick Henry Library. Free. 703-321-7499.

The Vienna Multiple Sclerosis support group will meet on February 9, at 7 p.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church. This group is for anyone with Multiple Sclerosis and/or their family and friends. For more information call 703-768-4841.

Enjoy a free concert at the Vienna Community Center on February 13, at 1:30 p.m. featuring Annapolis Bluegrass.

The Vienna (Host) Lions Club will be holding its 48th Annual Band Contest on February 19, at 1 p.m. at the Assembly of God Church. Contestants must be Virginia residents attending any public, private, parochial or home-school at any grade level. For more information or an application, 703-938-7716 e-mail n.volpe8@verizon.net.

Chapter 227, Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.'s chapter meeting is on February 20, at 7:30 p.m. at Neighbor's Restaurant. Eugene Toni will discuss life as a sniper team leader and a long range reconnaissance patrol member in the 101st Airborne Division during the Vietnam War in 1970. The general public and all veterans are invited. Admission is free. For information, visit contact 703-255-0353 or www.vva227.org.

The Ayr Hill Garden Club will host a program on health tips for gardeners on February 28, at 12:45 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Dr. Brandon Lemuel, owner of Palmercare Chiropractic, will present practical techniques to keep you doing what you love to do and stay as healthy as possible. Free. For more information, e-mail plhweiss@yahoo.com.

An afternoon of stories in song for adults and children alike. Come play with the **Vienna Choral Society** as we tell the stories of the Tortoise and the Hare, the North Wind and the Sun, the mysterious Forest of Loo and that crazy Kookaburra and many more on March 5, at 4 p.m. at the Vienna Baptist Church. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors, and \$35 for a family of four. Purchase tickets online at www.viennachoralsociety.org or by calling 703-255-5508.

The Vienna Women's Club will again award \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors who live within the Vienna zip codes 22180-22183.

Deadline is April 6. Information and applications are available from local high school career centers. For more information, call 703-698-1237.

The following workshops will be held at The Women's Center, 127 Park Street, N.E., Vienna, during the month of February. For more information or to register go to www.thewomenscenter.org or call 703-281-2657. (The cost for each course is \$35/ \$25 for members, unless noted otherwise.)

- February 3: You're Hired!
 Interview Skills to Get the Job
 7:00 9:00 p.m.
- February 5: How Sweet it is to be Clutterfree!
 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- February 8: Avoiding Divorce
 Court How to Negotiate or
 Mediate a Property Settlement
 Agreement; 7:00 9:30 p.m.;
 \$45 Registration Fee / \$35
 (Members)
- February 9: Beating the Sugar 7:00 9:00 p.m.
- February 12: Living Fully in our Relationships - 2-PART COURSE 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.; \$60 Registration Fee / \$50 (Members)
- February 17: Re-entering the Workforce
 - 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
- February 17: Reclaiming Your Financial Future: Financial Planning During Separation & Divorce; 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.; \$50 Registration Fee / \$40 (Members)
- February 17: Finding Emotional Strength During Separation &

Divorce - 6 WEEK COURSE; 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.; \$185 Registration Fee / \$165 (Members)

- February 24: Successful Resume Essentials 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
- February 28: Match Your Head to Your Heart 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Epiphany Preschool, an outreach of Epiphany United Methodist Church, is now registering new students for the 2011/2012 school year. To schedule a tour or for more information, please contact 703-938-2391 or epiphanypreschool@vacoxmail.com.

Northern Virginia Senior Softball (NVSS) seeks players for fun, fitness and fellowship, playing 2 slow-pitched 7-inning softball games Tuesday and Thursday mornings on Fairfax County fields, April 12, through August 11. Get into softball playing shape in the NVSS Indoor

Conditioning Program February 15, through April 8. For more information, call 703-524-5576 or 703-323-7878 or visit www.nnvss.org.

On-line registration for the spring season of the Vienna Girls Softball League is available at www.vgsl.org. Girls ages 5-18 in Vienna and surrounding areas are invited to sign up for all levels of play from T-ball to competitive fast-pitch softball. Clinics for softball basics are now being held. Teams will be formed and practices will be held in March with league play running from April through early June.

Church of the Holy Comforter will host a day of preventative health screenings for local residents on February 25. Life Line Screening will offer five screenings that scan for potential health problems. Screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Call 1-800-324-1851 (Code HSC3549) to pre-register.

FEBRUARY TOWN MEETINGS

Meetings are at 8 p.m. at Town Hall, unless otherwise noted.

Tuesday, 1st: Windover Heights Board of Review

Thursday, 3rd: Police Chief's Advisory Committee, 7 p.m.

Monday, 7th: Town Council

Wednesday, 9th: Planning Commission Meeting

Thursday, 10th: Town/Business Liaison Committee

Monday, 14th: Town Council Work Session

Wednesday, 16th: Board of Zoning Appeals

Thursday, 17th: Board of Architectural Review

Wednesday, 23rd: Planning Commission

Thursday, 24th: Community Enhancement Commission, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, 28th: Town Council

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This document will be made available in large print or on audio cassette upon request. Call 703-255-6330, TTY 711.



THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

From the Vienna Newsletter Archives

February 2001: Vienna's Community Enhancement Commission was created by the Town Council to enhance volunteer efforts to improve the appearance of all areas of town. The Commission acts as the focal point for community beautification, including presentation of awards to town residents and businesses for improvements to their property, sponsorship of an "Adopta-Spot" program, tree seedling giveaways, and the annual Vienna Beautification Day, when residents and organizations are invited to pitch in for a town-wide litter pickup.

February 1991: Money and King Funeral Home, two houses in the Windover Heights Historic District, and eight Town-owned properties are the first to be approved by the Town Council for Vienna's register of historic structures and sites. Any property owner may apply to be included in the register. Applications are evaluated on the basis of age, historic significance and special features.

February 1981: The preliminary report by the Vienna Metro Station Planning Task Force indicates that with proper planning the net impact of the station can be "very positive for the community as a whole." According to the Task Force report, most of the anticipated problems associated with the advent of metro relate to the expected major increase in traffic, and there may also be efforts to rezone the land around the Metro station for high-density development. The station is scheduled to open in 1987.

February 1971: The Town Council has endorsed the European tour this summer planned by the James Madison High School Madrigals at the invitation of the Institute of European Studies in Vienna, Austria. Concerts are planned in Luxembourg, Munich, Salzburg, Vienna, Innsbruck, Venice, Florence, Rome and Paris, bringing honor and prestige not only to themselves but to their town and community.

CHO NEEDS HELP

The Committee for Helping Others (CHO) is itself in need. Specifically, most of CHO's furniture operations have had to be suspended because of a shortage of volunteers. The furniture program collects donated items in the Vienna-Oakton area and distributes them to people in need. Most of its work- driving the truck, or helping to lug sofas, beds and dressers, frequently up and down stairs- is done on Saturdays between 9 a.m. and noon, and most (but by no means all) of the volunteers are male.

Last year, the program managed to recycle about 1,400 items. That's 1,400 pieces of furniture that did NOT wind up in a landfill and 1,400 pieces of furniture that DID help some of the poorest people in our area. This year, that number may be close to zero unless new volunteers are forthcoming.

If you think you might like to volunteer you can get more information about the program by calling 703-281-7847 or e-mailing danlarkins@verizon.net.