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There will be a public hearing on the proposed changes to the Town's noise ordinance on March 7, at 8 p.m. See page 7 for more information.

VIENNA GREEN SEMINARS

The Town of Vienna's Employee Green Team and the Community Enhancement Commission will host three Green Seminars during March and April at the Vienna Community Center from 7 - 8:30 p.m. All seminars are free and preregistration is encouraged. These seminars will provide information on how to be green and conserve energy both at home and work and topics include geothermal energy solutions, tree preservation and energy audits. See page 6 for more information and how to register.

3RD ANNUAL VIENNA GREEN EXPO MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

When: Thursday, April 21 Time: 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Where: Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, SE

Presenting practical information & demonstrations
to help you make green choices!

Great ideas that can save you money & help the environment!

Featuring energy efficiency tips, purchasing local organic products, creating green gardens, recycling options, and much more!

The Vienna Green Expo is seeking vendors. Visit www.viennava.gov or call 703-255-6360 for a Vendor Information Sheet. Applications due by March 18.

POTOMAC RIVER WATERSHED CLEANUP

Saturday, April 9 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Meeting Location: 588 Glyndon St., NE Coordinator Contact: Rick Ayers 703-989-3221 or rayers@esri.com

For more information: www.fergusonfoundation.org

Seeking Volunteers!

Join in the Alice Ferguson Foundation's 23rd Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup and help make the Potomac trash-free by 2013!

NORTHSIDE PARK INVASIVE REMOVAL AND NATIVE REPLANTING DAY

Saturday, April 30 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. **Contact:** Cathy Salgado 703-255-6356 or csalgado@viennava.gov

Seeking Volunteers!

Northside Park, Glyndon Street, NE Entrance No registration required. Rain or Shine. Bring gloves, shovel and/or wheel barrow. 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.

December 20, 2010

- Endorsed a Wildlife Sanctuary Designation application for Northside Park to the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia.
- Awarded a design contract for Lewis Street NW roadway and drainage improvements to Wiley|Wilson for no more than \$96,000.
- Awarded a contract for the purchase of road deicing salt to International Salt, LLC for an estimated cost of \$33,918.
- Approved riding a contract for the purchase of pickup trucks under the Town's

- Vehicle Replacement Program for \$107,418.34.
- Approved waiving purchasing procedures and purchased, as a sole source, one Vacuum Leaf Loader.
- Adopted proposed amendments to Chapter 10, Article 5, Offenses Against the Peace, Division 1, Generally, Section 10-44, Noise.
- Approved the appropriation of purchase order rollforwards from FYE 2010.

January 3, 2011

 Continued a public hearing on the Town's Noise Ordinance to February 7.

- Set a public hearing on proposed amendment to Chapter 18- Lot Grading and Building Height- for February 28.
- Approved the release of a 2-year maintenance bond in the amount \$3,668.40 for the Blair Road Subdivision.
- Approved an RFP to History Tech, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$7,250 to prepare a National Historic Designation Application for the Freeman House, Also approved that Historic Vienna, Inc reimburse the Town in an amount not to exceed \$3,625.

TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

These businesses received business licenses during the month of January.

113 Park Salon & Day Spa Beauty Salon 113 Park St., NE 703-980-8279

Virgin Gems Enterprise, LLC Jewelry Repairs & Sales 103-A Park St., SE 703-928-0672

Vienna Home Stagers

Home Staging 394 Park St., SE 703-268-9956

Smoothies 431-A Maple Ave., W 240-715-2660

Red Mango

Tyler B. Simon

Painting & Wallcovering 1016 Moorefield Hill Pl., SW

Liberty Tax Service Tax Preparation 301-A Maple Ave., W

703-242-3703

703-281-4072

Stonehouse Realty

Real Estate 316 Locyst St., SE 703-242-6705

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 11

Monday, April 11, is the last day to register to vote in the May 3 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 www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

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 Fairfax County's Office of Elections at 703-222-0776.

BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWAL DEADLINE: MARCH 1

Town businesses are reminded that March 1 is the deadline for payment of the annual business, professional, and occupational license (BPOL) tax. All businesses in the Town of Vienna, including home occupations, must renew their business licenses each year.

The amount of the tax is based on gross receipts, and the rate varies according to the type of business. The gross receipts threshold is \$50,000, below which the tax does not apply. Businesses with gross receipts of \$50,000 or less pay only the minimum license fee of \$30 per year.

License tax renewal forms were mailed at the end of January, and forms are also available in the Finance Department at Town Hall and online at www.viennava.gov. For more information or assistance in figuring license taxes, call 703-255-6321.

ERROR ON BPOL RENEWAL TAX FORM

If you received the 2011 Business, Professional and/ or Occupational License (BPOL) renewal tax form by mail, please note that lines a and b, which are used to calculate the tax, refer to line 6 of the worksheet and should instead refer to line 12. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth King, Business License Officer at 703-255-6321 or lking@viennava.gov.

VIENNA COMMUNITY ALERTS: REGISTER TODAY!

Don't forget to self register to receive Town information via e-mail or text message by signing up for Vienna Community Alerts. Registrants can choose to receive information from ten categories including:

VIENNA

COMMUNITY

ALERTS

- 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 must enter a Vienna address to complete registration.

HUNTERMILLDISTRICTCOMMUNITY BUDGET MEETINGS IN MARCH

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will consider the County Executive's FY 2012 Proposed Budget on Tuesday, February 22. Details on the proposed budget plan will be made available on the County's website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Supervisor Cathy Hudgins will host the Hunter Mill District Community Meetings on:

- Saturday, March 19, 10 a.m. 12 noon, Vienna Community Center
- Saturday, March 26, 10 a.m. 12 noon, Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods

Hunter Mill District School Board representative Stu Gibson, Hunter Mill Citizen Budget Committee members and County budget staff will be attending these sessions.

Interested persons are invited to attend and share their input.

SPRING STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE

The Public Works Department's spring street sweeping program begins this month. The town has been divided into eight sections to be covered according to the schedule below. 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 the Public Works Department at 703-255-6381 to obtain a more definitive date of when the street sweeper will be on their block. The schedule is subject to change in case of inclement weather.

SECTION I

MARCH 28-APRIL 1

West of Lawyers Rd. to town limit & north of Maple Ave. to town limit

SECTION II

APRIL 4-8

East of Lawyers Rd. to Beulah Rd. & north of Maple Ave. to town limit

SECTION III

APRIL 11-15

East of Beulah Rd. to eastern town limit & north of Maple Ave. to northern town limit

SECTION IV

APRIL 18-22

East of Glyndon St. & east of W&OD Trail to western town line & south of Maple Ave.

SECTION V

APRIL 25-29

East of Center St. & east of Lullaby Ln. to Glyndon St. & W&OD Trail & south of Maple Ave. to southern town limit

SECTION VI

MAY 2-6

South of Kingsley Rd. to Cedar Ln. & southern town limit

SECTION VII

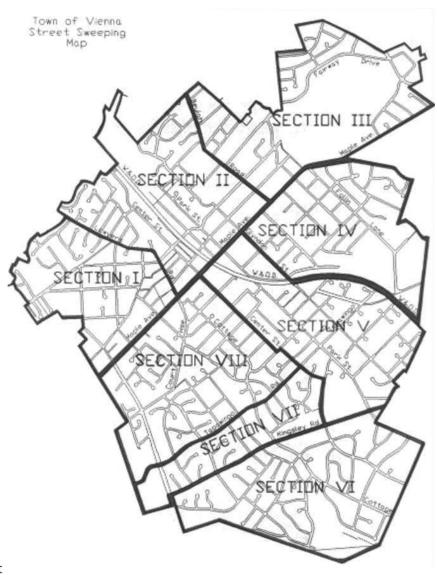
MAY 9-13

North of Kingsley Rd., west of Lullaby Ln., south of Tapawingo Rd. & east of town limit

SECTION VIII

MAY 16-20

North of Tapawingo Rd., west of Center St., south of Maple Ave. & east of town limit



WATER MAINS FLUSHED IN SPRING

Each spring the Town of Vienna flushes the water mains in its distribution system in order to maintain a high standard of water quality and to ensure proper and efficient operation of the fire hydrants. The preventive maintenance program begins in early April, and flushing usually occurs between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.; however, some flushing will be performed during nighttime hours due to the hydrants location or not to interrupt traffic flow on major roadways.

Water mains are flushed by opening the fire hydrants and allowing the water to flow freely for a short period of time. The flushing cleans out sediment that normally accumulates during the summer and winter, and enables the Town to test and perform routine maintenance on the 800+ fire hydrants within its service area.

Flushing may result in some discoloration and the presence of sediment in the water reaching your home or business. These conditions are not harmful and should be of short duration. If you encounter discolored water in your home, run the faucet until the water is clear. The Town appreciates your tolerance of this inconvenience. If you need more information, please call the Water and Sewer Customer Service Office at 703-255-6385.

FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION AND ASSISTANCE

AARP Tax-Aide is the nation's largest free, volunteer run tax preparation service available to tax payers with low and middle income, with special attention to those 60 and older. AARP Tax-Aide program operates between February 1 and April 16, this year. The majority of the sites operate on a walk-in basis, with appointments required at some. For more information, visit www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp taxaide.

AARP Tax-Aide Site in Vienna

Sun Trust Bank of Vienna 515 Maple Avenue Operating: Monday-Fridays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

TAX RELIEF OFFERED TO SENIOR AND DISABLED LOW-INCOME HOMEOWNERS

Both the Town of Vienna and Fairfax County offer real estate tax relief for low-income homeowners who are 65 years old and over, or permanently and totally disabled. To qualify, the following requirements must be met:

- Total household income of \$72,000 or less. This amount excludes \$6,500 of income of relatives, other than the spouse, who reside in the household. Also excluded is \$7,500 of any income received by the disabled homeowner. One-hundred percent tax relief is given for total combined income of \$52,000 or less, 50% tax relief between \$52,001 and \$62,000 and 25% tax relief between \$62,001 and \$72,000.
- Total combined assets of no more than \$340,000. This amount excludes the value of the residence, up to one acre of land and household furnishings.
- Disabled persons applying for the first time must show evidence of disability.

In addition to real estate tax relief, Fairfax County provides rental grants and relief from personal property tax for one automobile per household.

Applications for 2011 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 and to obtain Town application forms, call 703-255-6325.

For County applications, call 703-222-8234. Applications and information can also be found at www.viennava.gov and www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

GARDENING WITH NATIVES

By Maureen Alonso

Vienna Community Enhancement Commission

We hear much talk about gardening with natives. What precisely is the logic behind this gardening philosophy? Why grow native plants?

Native plants are essential to the ecological balance developed here over thousands of years, giving survival for all creatures. In Doug Tallamy's book "Bringing Nature Home" he explains to us that native plants provide the right food source for local insects that in turn provide the right food source for local wildlife such as songbirds, box turtles etc.

Traditionally we gardeners have chosen to grow many nonnative plant species. We refer to these types of plants as pest free. There is a reason for that as local insect populations have not developed taste buds for these newly introduced plants yet and may not for a very long time.

In addition, using natives requires less "input" such as irrigation, fertilizers and toxic pesticides, which equates to a lower maintenance landscape. Growing plants that require less water is a big bonus with an ever increasing population and the need to reduce our water use in the landscape becomes ever more important. Natives also attract wildlife such as birds and butterflies to our garden providing us with a wonderful nature show!

A few natives I recommend for our area are:

Trees:

- Red, White and Willow Oak (Quercus species)
- Red Maple (Acer rubrum)
- Blackgum (Nyssa sylvatica)
- Serviceberry (Amelcanchier canadensis)
- American dogwood (Cornus florida)
- American redbud (Cersis canadensis)

Shrubs:

- Sparkleberry holly (Ilex verticillata)
- Beautyberry (Aronia arbutifolia "Brilliant")
- Summersweet (Clethra alnifolia)
- Virginia sweetspire (Itea virginica 'Henry's Garnet')

Perennials:

- Aster 'October Skies'
- Echinacea 'Magnus'
- Helenium autumnale
- Lobelia cardinalis
- Nepeta "Walker's Low"
- Agastache 'firebird'
- Agastache 'Blue Fortune'.

Visit the Virginia Native Plant society website at http://vnps.org for a lengthy list of native plants for our area.

VIENNA GREEN SEMINARS SCHEDULE

All seminars are held at the Community Center. Call 703-255-6360 or use WebTrac at www.viennava.gov to preregister.

Thursday, March 10, 7 - 8:30 p.m. Geothermal Energy Solutions Presented by Steve Nugent

Class Code: 439300-A1

Learn about Geothermal Energy solutions for your home or business. Steve will present information on how geothermal works, it's home application and the potential for long term energy savings.

Monday, March 28, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Tree Preservation

Presented by Patrick DeCoste, The Arborist, Inc.

Class Code: 439300-B1

Learn how to preserve trees through the construction process, tree pruning, tree installation, tree maintenance and company selection. Patrick T. DeCoste is a Board Certified Master Arborist that has had a practice in the Washington metropolitan area for the past 15 years. He will be presenting material on tree biology, the importance of trees, general care, construction implications and the variety of choices available to the consumer.

Monday, April 25, 7 - 8:30 p.m. Energy Audits

Presented by Troy Tanner, The Home Energy Detective,

Class Code: 439300-C1

Troy will speak about the benefits of home energy efficiency audit which include reducing home energy bills and expenses and improving home energy efficiency.

VIENNA RECYCLES!

Recycling events around town in March.

Saturday, March 5

8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Drop off used motor oil, antifreeze and batteries at Northside Property Yard.

Saturday, March 26

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Household Hazardous Waste Event South County Governmental Center, 8350 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria

Sunday, March 27

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Recycle televisions, computers and fluorescent lights at the I-66 Transfer Station

PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK INITIATIVE

In conjunction with the United States Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and state and local law enforcement agencies, the Vienna Police Department will again participate in a one-day initiative to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from area homes.

On April 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., individuals can drop off old, expired, unused or unwanted medications at the Vienna Police Department Headquarters, 215 Center Street, South. All prescription medications, controlled or non-controlled substances, and over the counter drugs may be turned in anonymously.

Participants may dispose of medication in its original container or by removing it and disposing of it directly into the collection box. If an original container is used, the individual should remove any identifying information from the label. Liquid products should remain sealed in their original container to prevent leakage. Intravenous solutions, injectables and syringes will not be accepted due to associated hazards.

For more information, contact MPO Bill Murray at 571-251-0770 or wmurray@viennava.gov.

FIRST MONDAYS WITH SUPERVISOR HUDGINS

Next First Monday:

March 7, 1-3 p.m., Patrick Henry Library

Supervisor Catherine Hudgins holds "First Monday" each month to hear from residents. Every month, alternating between the Reston Library and the Patrick Henry Library in Vienna, residents are invited to come and share concerns or issues with Supervisor Hudgins.

First Monday hours are from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome, or residents can schedule an appointment by calling the Hunter Mill District Office at 703-478-0283.

New Format for March

The March First Monday session at Patrick Henry Library will feature bus, bike and walking options to reach the planned new Tysons Metro Stations. Come at 1 p.m. to learn more about the options and bring your questions and comments.

SUPERVISOR HUDGINS ELECTED CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR WMATA

On January 27, Supervisor Catherine M. Hudgins was elected to chair the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). The WMATA Board oversees Metrorail, Metrobus, and Metro Access services throughout the Washington Metropolitan Region. Over 343 million individuals and transit services in FY 2010 and growth is expected with the addition of the Silver Line through the Dulles Corridor in 2013. As WMATA Chairman, Supervisor Hudgins will focus on safety, reliability, and customer service.

TYSONS METRORAIL STATION ACCESS STUDY

The Tysons Metrorail Station Access Management Study (TMSAMS) began in January and will continue through the Spring. The study will investigate transportation improvements for the areas surrounding the four new Metrorail stations in Tysons Corner. A consulting group has been hired to conduct public meetings, stakeholder interviews and a public survey. Community participation is strongly encouraged to provide their input for the location of pedestrian, bicycle and transit improvements needed to access the new Metrorail stations.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO NOISE ORDINANCE

Town Council continued a public hearing on proposed changes to the Town's noise ordinance to Monday, March 7. Citizens are encouraged to comment on the proposed changes to this ordinance by attending the public hearing or e-mailing council@viennava.gov.

CHANGES UNDER CONSIDERATION:

- No commercial deliveries or trash collection before 8 a.m. on Sundays and specific Federal holidays to be identified in the ordinance;
- No building construction activity or use of loud power tools before 9 a.m. on Saturday, Sundays and specific Federal holidays to be identified in the ordinance;
- No contractor work on Sundays and specific Federal holidays to be identified in the ordinance;
- Civil penalty for general noise violations.

REGISTER NOW FOR ViVa! Vienna!

Registration is open for vendors, crafters, service providers and organizations for the 2011 ViVa! Vienna!, the annual town festival on historic Church Street. This year's festival will be held Memorial Day weekend, May 28 through 30. You will have a great opportunity to reach out to a large number of people by renting booth space on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Monday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. ViVa! Vienna will provide security for your booth from 8 p.m. Sunday to 9 a.m. Monday. Showcase your handicrafts, retail business products, professional services, political parties and candidates, or community non-profit organizations.

Booth space is limited to 300 vendors so register and pay for your space now to guarantee your booth space for the 2011 ViVa! Vienna!. The cost for a 10x10-foot space is \$275. Register and pay online at www.vivaviennava.org. Questions should be e-mailed to info@vivaviennava.org or call 703-255-4742 and leave a message.

ViVa! Vienna! is the major fund-raising project for the Rotary Club of Vienna, and proceeds are distributed to local community organizations.

SNOW REMOVAL AWARD NOMINATIONS WELCOME

During the snow events from this winter, if you feel that any businesses or citizens did an excellent job in removing snow from their driveways and/ or sidewalks, or helped others in removing snow, please nominate them for the Town/Business Liaison Committee's (T/BLC) snow removal award. The Mayor and Chairperson of the T/BLC will present awards at a future Town Council meeting. To make a nomination or for more information, e-mail tblc@viennava.gov, call the Planning and Zoning Department at 703-255-6341, or mail to Town of Vienna, c/o Julia Rackliffe, 127 Center Street, South, Vienna, VA 22180.

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

In-town registration: Begins March 7 Out-of-town registration: Begins March 14 In person at Vienna Community Center Online at www.viennava.gov, WebTrac

AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST AND EXHIBIT

CONTEST ENTRIES

Thursday, March 17, 5 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 18, 12 p.m. -3:45 p.m.

EXHIBIT

Saturday, March 19, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sunday, March 20, 12 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

The Amateur Photography Contest and Exhibit will be held March 19 and 20. Entries will be accepted Thursday, March 17, and Friday, March 18. Ribbons will be awarded in eight categories: animals, architecture, nature, pictorial, scenic, photojournalism, portraiture, and digitally enhanced. There will be a separate contest section for students in grades 7-12.

The entry fee is \$10 per person. Entries are limited to two per category. Thanks to the Vienna Photographic Society for its assistance with this event.

VIENNA SCHOOLS EARN VIRGINIA INDEX OF PERFORMANCE AWARDS

Twenty-four Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) received the 2011 Governor's Award for Educational Excellence, a recognition of schools that have met all state and federal achievement benchmarks for at least two consecutive years and achieve excellence goals. Five are in or serve the Town of Vienna:

- Wolftrap Elementary School
- Thoreau Middle School
- Louise Archer Elementary School
- Westbriar Elementary
- Kilmer Middle School

Fifty-eight FCPS schools received the 2011 Board of Education Excellence Award, four of which serve or are located in Vienna.

- Vienna Elementary School
- Marshall Road Elementary School
- Madison High School
- Marshall High School

Additional information and complete listing of award-winning schools is available at http://commweb.fcps.edu/newsreleases.

SUMMER CAMP: NEW REFUND POLICY

Camp fees must be paid in full at the time of registration. All requests for refunds prior to 14 calendar days of the camp start date will incur a 50% penalty or \$100 max per camp session. There will be no refunds or credits less than 14 calendar days prior to the start of camp unless a doctor's note is presented and we can fill the vacant spot. Once the

vacant spot is filled and paid for we will issue a full refund. A transfer can be made 14 calendar days prior to the start of camp without a penalty incurred. There are no transfers within 14 calendar days.

All transfers/cancellations must be made in writing.

NEWS FROM VIENNA PARKS & RECREATION

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

SPORTS AND FITNESS

Spring Break 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament for grades 6 to 8 starts April 7, from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Teams must have a 3 to 5 member roster and can be all boy, all girl or co-ed. The tournament is single elimination style in the Vienna Community Center gym. The cost is \$10 per team. Register in person at the Community Center before the first night of the Tournament.

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.

Adrenaline Dance Force Cheer classes for ages 8-11 and 12-18 will be held on Wednesdays, 4 to 5 p.m., March 30 through May 5. The cost is \$105 for residents and \$131.25 for out-of-town participants.

Adrenaline Dance Force Jazz classes for ages 8 to 12 and 12 to 18 will be held on Thursdays, 5 to 6 p.m., March 31 through May 26. The cost is \$105 for residents and \$131.25 for out-oftown participants.

Adrenaline Dance Force Hip Hop classes will be held on Thursday, March 31 through May 26, from 4:15 to 5 p.m. for ages 6 to 11, and from 4 to 5 p.m. for ages 12 to 18.

TRIPS

Visit the Hollywood Casino at Charlestown, WV on Friday, March 25. The bus departs the Community Center at 10 a.m. and will return around 6 p.m. The cost is \$35 for residents and \$43.75 for out-oftown participants and includes transportation.

JUST FOR TEENS

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

Dining Skills and Etiquette for Teens for ages 13 to 17 will be held on April 9, from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. Participants will learn about many topics on table manners including silverware savvy, American and Continental eating styles, hosting duties and many other dos and don'ts.

Celebrate Saint Patrick's Day at the **Teen Center's St. Patty's Day Celebration** on March 17, at 4:15 p.m. For Teen Center members.

Get your fill at the **Spaghetti Bar** at the Teen Center on March 22, at 4:15 p.m. For Teen Center members.

POTPOURRI

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

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

The Amateur Photography 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.

Learn Spanish in one of the many Spanish classes offered at the Vienna Community Center. There are many classes available including Spanish For Beginners- Part I and II, Spanish Conversations and Spanish Conversations and Grammar. Classes start April 4. Cost is \$64 for residents, \$80 for out-of-town participants and \$32 for in town senior citizens, per class.

The Indian Cooking Class will demonstrate how to make a delicious Indian dinner with all the accompaniments. Class is on March 26, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The cost is \$45 for residents and \$56.25 for out-oftown participants. For ages 18 and up.

Learn to draw in one of Parks and Recreation's Adult Drawing Courses.

- Adult Drawing I, ages 16+, April 4 through June 6, Mondays, 5 to 7 p.m., \$80 for residents, \$100 for non-residents.
- Adult Drawing II, ages 18+, April 5 through May 31, Tuesdays, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., \$80 for residents, \$100 for nonresidents.

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Historic Vienna, Inc.'s Museum Committee is requesting the **loan of Civil War artifacts** for use in an exhibit recognizing the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War. If you have any items to share, please contact 703-938-5187 or visit www.historicviennainc.org for more information.

The Vienna Woman's Club will award \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors who live within the Vienna zip codes 22180-22183. Applications are due by April 6. Information and applications are available at local high school career centers. 703-698-1237.

The Western Fairfax PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) support group will meet on March 1,7:30 to 9 p.m. and on March 20, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road. 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 March 1, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. and March 20, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road. For more information, e-mail wf.pflag@gmail.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.

Epiphany United Methodist Church is hosting a six week Marriage Enrichment Class on Sundays starting March 6 until April 10, from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Free. Space is limited; RSVP to 703-938-3494 or office@epiphanyumc.com.

The Welcome Club of Northern Virginia's New Friend Coffee is on March 7, at 10 a.m. For information about the club, visit www.welcomeclubn virginia.com.

The Vienna Multiple Sclerosis support group will meet March 9, at 7 p.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church. 703-768-4841.

Open mic, live performances and light refreshments at **Koinonia Koffeehouse** on March 12, 7 to 10 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish. 703-896-7424, development@olgcva.org.

Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna is sponsoring a Lunch N' Life on March 14, 12 to 2 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. The Home Town Radio Band will perform acoustic music in the old time and bluegrass genre. Cost is \$10 for lunch. Call 703-281-0538 for information and reservations.

Chapter 227, Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.'s chapter meeting is on March 17, at 7:30 p.m. at Neighbor's Restaurant. Doug Sterner, a strong advocate for the Stolen Valor Act of 2005, will discuss the current issue of people pretending to be decorated military veterans with medals for combat exploits and acts of heroism. The general public and all veterans are invited. Admission is free. For information, contact 703-255-0353 or visit www.vva227.org.

A Spaghetti Dinner, sponsored by the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, will be on March 19,5 to 8 p.m.

at the Volunteer Fire Department. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$7.00 for seniors 65 and older, \$4 for children 4 to 12 years old and children 3 and under are free. All proceeds benefit the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. 703-919-1630, familytree@smallwoodagency.com

Historic Vienna, Inc. will host Antiques Appraisers Josephine Thrasher and Jim Johnson on March 19, from 12 to 4 p.m. at the Freeman Store and Museum. Reservations can be made beginning March 2, at 703-938-5187. Cost is \$8.50 per item for members of HVI and \$12 per item for non-members, with a maximum of two items. For more information visit www.historicviennainc.org.

ViennaTysons Regional Chamber of Commerce's Annual Casino Night at the Westwood Country Club will be on March 19, from 7 p.m. to midnight. For sponsorship information and ticket purchase forms, visit www.vtrcc.org or call 703-281-1333. Tickets are \$75 in advance and \$85 at the door.

All you can eat breakfast buffet, March 20, 8 a.m. to noon, at the American Legion, 330 Center Street, N. Hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary, the breakfast is open to the public and offers all the breakfast standards, including omelettes to order. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. For more information or for parties of eight or more, call 703-625-5736.

The Vision Impaired Resource Group of Vienna, Oakton will meet on March 21, at 10:15 a.m. at the Patrick Henry Library. Duveen Winters will speak on magnifiers to enhance vision. If you need a ride call, 703-255-0515 or 703-281-9679.

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The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna is sponsoring a trip to the US Capitol Visitors Center on March 22. The bus will leave from Vienna Baptist Church at 11: 45 a.m. It is a docent led walking tour. Cost is \$30. Call 703-281-0538 for more information or reservations.

The **Sesquicentennial Committee** will meet on March 22, at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall to plan activities to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Civil War buffs, re-enactors, teachers, students, genealogists, artists, business people, or anyone interested in the Civil War era are invited to attend and get involved! Contact: 703-994-9054 or stuntzag@aol.com.

The Capitol Steps will be performing their fast-paced musical political satire on March 27, at 4 p.m. in the James Madison High School Auditorium. Preordered tickets are \$25 each, and \$30 at the door (if available.) To pre-order tickets, send your name, telephone, address, e-mail and check payable to JMHS All-Nigh Grad to 2500 James Madison Drive, Vienna, VA 22181. madisoncapitolsteps@yahoo.com.

The 7th Annual Vienna Elementary PTA "Run for Fun" 5K and 1 mile fun run/walk is on May 1. The USATF Certified 5K race has partnered with DC Road Runners Club, which brings a new registration system and the use of chronotrack timing system. Preregister at www.vienna5krun.org. Participants and encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item for the race's food drive.

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.

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.

The Patrick Henry Library Spring Mega Book Sale will be on April 2, from 10 a.m. to 4p.m. and April 3, from 11 a.m. to 2p.m. with a special "Fill-a-Bag with books for \$5" sale. Free parking and admission. Hardbacks are \$2, trade paperbacks are \$1, and pocket paperbacks are 50 cents. Some value books are priced higher. Cash only. All proceeds benefit the library. Sponsored by the Friends of the Patrick Henry Library. 703-938-0405 or FPHL@cox.net.

Marshall Road Elementary School PTA is seeking donations for the annual Silent Auction on April 8. Sponsors receive recognition at the event and through event publicity. Please contact Caryn Baum at carynbaum@aol.com or 703-242-9297.

The Golden Girls Senior Women's Softball League is seeking players!

The Golden Girls has been around for over 20 years and has grown to over 170 members. The teams play each other twice a week and special assistance is available for women who have never played or want to strengthen their skills.

The Golden Girls has tournament league play, a kick off breakfast in the spring and an organizational meeting in November.

The ladies of the Golden Girls are very diverse, both professionally and in their life experiences. But, it is the love of softball that brings and holds them all together. Interested in playing? Visit www.goldengirls.org for more information, membership forms and contact information. See you on the field!

MARCH TOWN MEETINGS

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

Tuesday, 1st: Windover Heights Board of Review

Monday, 7th: Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, 8th: Mayor's Advisory Committee, Vienna At Your Service

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

Monday, 21st: Town Council Meeting

Wednesday, 23rd: Planning Commission

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

Tuesday, 29th: Transportation Safety Commission

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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

March 2001: The Town of Vienna will continue its revitalization of the downtown commercial area this spring with Phase II of the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project. The first phase of this revitalization, between Lawyers Road and Park Street, was completed in 1998. Phase II of the project will include the area from Park Street to Beulah Road.

March 1991: Vienna's government offices and vehicles are blooming with yellow ribbons in honor of U.S. armed forces serving in the Persian Gulf War. The yellow ribbons, symbol of America's desire for the safe return of loved ones from overseas, now fly from the antennas of 86 Town vehicles, and Town Clerk Carol Orndorff gave employees a crash course in making florist-style bows for office doors. Thanks to Charlotte's Florist, which donated 100 yards of yellow ribbon to the effort.

March 1981: The Vienna Jayteens invite all third through sixth graders to a sock hop on March 15 in the Vienna Community Center Game Room. The \$1 admission charge includes soft drinks, popcorn, and a disc jockey to play all the latest records. The dance will be chaperoned by members of the Jayteens as well as their sponsors, the Vienna Jaycee Women. On March 29, the Vienna Jaycees will hold their annual "Campers Classic" 10-km road race, with proceeds going to a special camp for mentally handicapped kids.

March 1971: The Vienna Environmental Council is a new group that has been recently formed in the town. Its aim is to interest people in doing something about environmental pollution. Initiated by a group of young housewives, meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Community Center. Studies are being made on the feasibility of recycling various types of waste products.

FORMER VIENNA RESIDENT MAKES IT IN HOLLYWOOD

The January 23, 2011 edition of the Washington Post Magazine profiles John Brenkus' journey from growing up in Vienna to becoming co-creator and co-owner of an award winning show and joint chief executive of a successful production company.

Brenkus hosts "Sports Science" on ESPN, a program that looks at and tests the science of sport. His production company BASE Productions, which he co-owns with his brother-in-law, is also responsible for ten other programs that are shown on SyFy, National Geographic, and Animal Planet, among others.

Brenkus grew up in Vienna and attended James Madison High School. He is responsible for creating the School's pageant dance, "Mr. Madison."

To read the complete article, visit www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2011/01/14/
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