#### Car Tags on Sale in March

Town vehicle licenses will go on sale March 15 and must be displayed by April 16. Fees are \$20 for vehicles with a gross weight of 4,000 pounds or over, \$15 for vehicles less than 4,000 pounds, and \$8 for motorcycles.

This year the Town is offering three styles of licenses: metal strip tag, stick-on bumper strip tag, and windshield decal. Licenses may be purchased by mail or over the counter in the Finance Department at Town Hall. Business hours are 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call the Department of Finance, 938-8000, ext. 221.

# Voter Registration Scheduled At Vienna Community Center

April 5 is the last day to register to vote in the 1980 elections. Voter registration will be conducted at the Community Center (not Patrick Henry Library, which will be closed for repairs) on the following dates in April: Wednesdays -- April 9, 16 and 23, 3-9 p.m.

Thursdays -- April 3, 10, 17 and 24, 3-9 p.m.

Saturday -- April 5, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Voters may also register at the General Registrar's office, 4031 University Dr. in Fairfax, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call the General Registrar at 385-8100.

#### **Amateur Photography Contest**

The Department of Parks and Recreation will hold its annual amateur photography contest and exhibit March 29 and 30 at the Community Center. Hours are noon to  $5 \, p_* m_* \, \text{Saturday}$  and 1 to  $4 \, p_* m_* \, \text{Sunday}_*$ 

There will be two divisions: black and white, and color. The categories in each division are informal portraits, animals, action, children, scenic, still life, wildlife, architecture and category "X" (open).

Entries are limited to four per person. The entry fee is \$3 per person.

Photo size may range from 5"  $\times$  5" to 16"  $\times$  20". Photos must be mounted and ready for hanging, and must be labeled on the back with name, address, phone number and category.

Entry dates are March 27 from 4 to 8 p.m. and March 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For entry forms and additional information, call the Department of Parks and Recreation, 938-8000, ext. 275.

#### Drug Seminar to Be Repeated

The Vienna Police Department will conduct another drug abuse seminar for parents of school-aged children April 17 and 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Town Hall. The seminar is designed to educate parents about drug abuse and the services available to assist them. Parents should attend both sessions since different subjects will be covered each night. There is no charge and all materials are provided free.

The last seminar, held in January, was very well received. Most parents attending rated the program excellent and said they would recommend it to others.

### March Calendar



1-2 - Antiques Show and Sale at the Community Center, noon-8 p.m. Saturday, noon-6 p.m. Sunday.

3 -- Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. (Call the Vienna Newsline, 938-4499, the weekend before the meeting for an update on agenda items.)
4 -- Historic Windover Board of Review meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

10 - - Public hearings on two proposed ordinances, one to prohibit parking of motor buses on town streets and the other relative to hospitals, sanitariums and clinics. Hearings begin at 8 p.m. in Town Hall.

11 - - Mayor's Advisory Committee meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

12 -- Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Newspaper pickup day.

14 - - Teen concert at the Community Center, 8-11 p.m. Admission \$1.25.

15 - - Town vehicle licenses go on sale. Kite flying contest at Thoreau Intermediate School, 2 p.m.

17 - Town Council meeting, 9 p.m. at Town Hall. (Call the Vienna Newsline, 938-4499, the weekend before the meeting for an update on agenda items.) St. Patrick's Day.

19 - - Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

20 - - Architectural Review Board meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

24 - - Public hearing on proposed town transportation plan, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

25 - - Transportation Safety Commission meeting, 7:45 p.m. at Town Hall. 26 - - Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Newspaper Pickup Day.

27-28 - - Entry dates for amateur photography show, 4-8 p.m. Thursday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday.

29-30 - - Photography show at the Community Center, noon-5 p.m. Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

30 - - Palm Sunday.



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#### Beautification Campaign Gets Underway April 1st

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 in the spring, summer and fall among four categories of businesses: retail stores, office buildings, food service stores and service stations. The committee will judge businesses in each category in the areas of litter control, grass and weed trimming, painting and repairs, and landscaping.

The winning business in each category, the one undertaking the most comprehensive beautification project during the quarter, will be awarded a banner to display. Then, at the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner, the winning businessman from among the 12 quarterly winners will be awarded a recognition plaque as the "Best-Looking Business of the Year." All town businesses in the four categories are encouraged to participate in this judging of upgraded appearance.

Vienna residents, of course, are also urged to participate actively in the cleanup and beautification program. Please dispose of trash and litter properly, and let local merchants know that their efforts in this program are appreciated. The beautification committee is planning a number of activities to involve citizens of all ages in community improvement. Details will appear in future Newsletters.

The March 17 Town Council meeting will begin at 9 p.m. in order that Council members may attend the Virginia Municipal League reception for elected officials in Washington, D.C.

#### Assist Wins Jitney Contract

A contract to operate the Vienna Jitney System has been awarded to Assist, Inc. Service is now expected to begin by mid-May. This service, obtained largely through the efforts of Centreville Supervisor Martha Pennino, will initially serve the south side of town and, if successful, may be expanded to other routes as ridership increases.

Assist, Inc., a subsidiary of Arlington's Red Top Taxi, is already familiar to many residents as a low-cost shared ride system for senior citizens. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors granted the jitney contract to Assist as the low bidder, whose bid was well within the cost estimated by County transportation planners.

Assist will acquire new 16-passenger buses for the jitney system, which will run every half hour from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Buses will travel between the Jermantown Road/Route 123 intersection and Tysons Corner six days a week.

## Looking Glass III Provides Services to Young Offenders

The Fairfax YMCA has been contracted by the Town to operate a program called Looking Glass III to provide alleged and adjudicated status offenders with needed services to prevent contact with the juvenile justice system and assist them in developing more positive personal, family and social relationships.

The Looking Glass III program, located at the Bowman House, 211 Center St., S., provides crisis intervention, individual and family counseling, and planned group activities for youths aged 12 to 18.

Through a structured program, YMCA case workers meet with youths and their families to work toward better common understanding of their family interaction. A strong emphasis is placed on developing the youths' potential through tutoring, employment, improved communications skills and positive activities within the community.

All services are free of charge. For more information about Looking Glass III, please call Sgt. Joseph Tavares, Vienna Police Department, 938-4900; Audrey Chapman, Looking Glass III case worker, 938-8000, ext. 210/211; or Julia Hill Low, Fairfax YMCA program director, 323-1222.

Thanks to all residents who completed the citizen survey in the January Newsletter. Close to 2,000 responses were received and are now being tabulated. Results will appear in next month's Newsletter.

## Free Income Tax Assistance For Elderly and Disabled

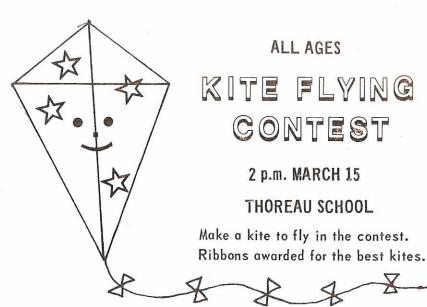
Free federal and state income tax assistance is available to senior citizens and disabled persons in the Vienna area through the Vienna chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons. This program, called VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance), is being conducted in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service.

During March and early April, income tax consultants will be at the Bowman House, 211 Center St., S. on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and at Tysons Towers, 8500 Tyspring Dr. on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. During March, consultants will also be at the Bowman House on Saturdays during the same hours.

Senior and disabled citizens who have difficulty getting to either of the sites may call Willis Gehrke, Vienna area coordinator of the VITA program, at 938-0829 to arrange for income tax assistance at their homes.

#### These Hints Can Help Keep Animals and Birds Out of Trash Bags

Plagued by animals and birds tearing up your plastic trash bags? A northwest Vienna resident offers these suggestions: sprinkle 1/4 cup ammonia in each bag or place the bags inside trash cans with tight-fitting lids. This resident says dogs and other animals are not always to blame for trash being strewn along the street -- crows are the culprits in her neighborhood!



#### Safety Tips for Wood Stoves

If you are considering a wood-burning stove for your home or already have one, the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department has some tips for you on its use:

- \* Follow installation directions closely. Many fires are caused by improper installation. Inadequate wall and floor clearance and improper venting are two big installation errors.
- \* A 36-inch clearance between a stove and any combustible material or surface is recommended. Insulating noncombustible material (ceramic tile or stoveboard) is required beneath the stove.
- \* Don't connect the stove to a fireplace chimney unless it has been sealed off around the stovepipe. This will prevent toxic gases from backing up into
- \* Never start or revive a fire with gasoline or a flammable liquid. Hot coals may ignite and damage the stove.
- \* Add wood judiciously. Be careful not to add too much and overfire the stove. Burning trash in a woodstove can make too hot a fire.
- \* Let the fire burn out before you go to bed. Do not leave the stove unattended for any long period of time.
- \* Dispose of ashes by putting them in a fireproof metal container and set it in a spot where it will not burn through the floor. Ashes may be "live" for more than 24 hours.
- \* Watch for creosote (pine tar) buildup in your chimney. This may be accumulated over a period of time by burning woods such as pine, fir and spruce. The best woods for burning are hardwoods such as oak, maple and hickory.

EMERGENCY CALLS -COMPANY 2 - JANUARY 1980 Rescue - 83 Medic Unit - 106 Total - 241

#### VJA Florida Citrus Fruit Sale Continues

Fresh Florida temple oranges and pink grapefruit are available this month from Vienna Junior Academy. Orders placed on or before March 10 may be picked up on March 17. All fruit is guaranteed provided the VJA office is notified within two days of purchase. To place an order, call 938-6200.

#### Free Testing at Health Fair

The Vienna Woman's Club, in cooperation with the National Health Screening Council, will hold its fifth annual Health Fair at the Community Center March 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tests will be given free of charge for glaucoma, hearing, oral cancer, height, weight, anemia, blood pressure and many more.

Besides the free tests, there will be two categories of blood tests for the following charges: 25 blood tests, \$6.50; 25 blood tests plus thyroid and syphilis, \$7.50. These blood tests check for calcium and phosphorus, uric acid, cholesterol and triglycerides, glucose, ODH, SGOT and SGPT, iron, total lipids and others.

A 12-hour fast is required for triglycerides and a 6-hour fast for all other blood tests. No fast is required for the anemia test.

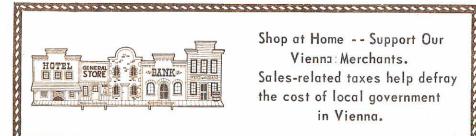
For further information, call Lynn Neviaser, 938-3872, or Delores Hill, 938-9826.

#### Citizen Cooperation Needed For Effective Animal Control

The Town's Animal Warden is responsible for enforcing ordinances dealing with animal control and prevention of cruelty to animals. His primary function is to help and protect citizens and to treat animals as humanely as possible. The cooperation and assistance of all citizens is needed to help him do his job effectively.

The Animal Warden is not the old-fashioned dog catcher with a net. If your pet gets loose, call the Animal Warden and he will help find it without penalty to you. He is also available to assist you if raccoons, possums and other wild animals become pests.

For assistance and information, call 938-4900. Please remember that Vienna has only one Animal Warden, and he cannot answer all complaints



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#### Senior Citizen St. Pat's Party

The Vienna Jaycettes will sponsor a "St. Patrick's Day Gala" for senior citizens on Sunday, March 16, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Community Center. Admission is free. Live music, refreshments and door prizes are planned.

Senior citizens who have not been contacted via area seniors groups and would like to attend, either escorted or unescorted, please call 281-0266 or 281-2543 for reservations and information. Reservations are needed for proper planning of activities and refreshments.