

# NEWSLETTER April 2003

#### FY 2004 Town Budget Schedule

Copies of the proposed Town budget for fiscal year 2003-04 will be available for public review beginning April 9 in the Administrative Services Office at Town Hall and at Patrick Henry Library. A "Budget in Brief" summary may be obtained free of charge, and the entire budget document may be purchased. For more information, call 703-255-6350.

Town Council budget work sessions are scheduled for Saturday, April 12, at 9 a.m.; Monday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m.; and, if needed, Saturday, April 26, at 9 a.m. Work sessions are open for the public to attend. A public hearing on the proposed budget is scheduled for the May 12 Council meeting.

## Tax Relief Forms Due April 1

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. Both Town and County applications must be filed. Applications for 2003 for all programs are due April 1. This date may be extended to December 31 of the year following the year the application was due for firsttime filers or if hardship conditions exist which, through no fault of the applicant, prohibit applying by April 1.

For more information, call 703-255-6325.

## Park to Commemorate Site Of Moorefield House

After a quarter century of efforts on many fronts to save the Moorefield house and restore it to a condition representative of the late 1700's, Historic Vienna, Inc., reluctantly recommended to the Town Council that the building be razed and a commemorative park constructed on the site. Following a work session and additional citizen comment, Council voted on February 24 to accept this recommendation.

Moorefield, located in the Townes of Moorefield development off Nutley Street, S.W., was home to Jeremiah Moore, a Revolutionary War era Baptist minister and an early advocate of religious freedom. Historic Vienna pursued many avenues for acquiring the funds necessary to restore the building, estimated at \$690,000 in 2002, but the cumulative effects of age, water damage, vandalism, and several additions and "modernizations" over the years took their toll, and the original portion of the house, the part built by Jeremiah Moore circa 1790, had become unsalvageable.

Prior to razing the house, an archeological survey was made of the site and a video record made of the condition of the interior and exterior of the building as well as a final inspection of the interior to be certain that no original elements, however scant, had been overlooked. A commemorative park will be created on the site with appropriate markers and signs providing information on the life and contributions of Jeremiah Moore.

## Car Tag Deadline April 15

2003 Town of Vienna motor vehicle decals must be displayed by midnight April 15. Decals are available by mail and in the Finance Department at Town Hall weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$20 for passenger cars and trucks weighing under 4,000 pounds, \$25 for cars and trucks 4,000 pounds and over, and \$10.50 for motorcycles. For more information, call 703-255-6323.

Additional hours for last-minute car tag sales have been scheduled in the Finance Department on Saturday, April 12, from 8 a.m. to noon and on Monday, April 14, and Tuesday, April 15, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

See Pages 5-7 for Town Election Information & Council Candidate Profiles

## **Volunteer Recognition Day**

Mayor Jane Seeman has proclaimed Tuesday, April 8, as Volunteer Recognition Day in the Town of Vienna to celebrate and promote volunteerism in the community. A special meeting of the Mayor's Advisory Committee will be held at 8 p.m. April 8 in the Council Chamber at Town Hall to recognize the individuals and organizations who were nominated as outstanding volunteers for 2003. The public is invited to attend.

Those who will be honored on Volunteer Recognition Day include:

Frank Banner John W. Brentlinger Wanda Burggraff Robert Carrick William Cervenak Darlene Dickerson Marlene Dubill Joyce Miller
Karen O'Meara
Chris Orlando
Daphne Sloan
Nancy K. Webster
Gaye Wymer
Vienna Police Auxil

Vienna Police Auxiliaries

Mary Ellen Larkins

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

### **Thanks to Snowstorm Volunteers**

Town officials have heard from many residents wishing to express their thanks to those who cleared driveways, sidewalks, fire hydrants, bus stops and other areas in their neighborhoods throughout the long, snowy winter. Space does allow an individual listing of all these generous, caring folks (and some remain unknown), but their willingness to volunteer their time and labor to help others has not gone unnoticed and is greatly appreciated by the community.

#### TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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#### VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

M. Jane Seeman, Mayor

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Director of Parks & Recreation	Catherine L. Salgado	703-255-6356
Director of Planning & Zoning	Gregory M. Hembree	703-255-6341
Town Attorney	Steven D. Briglia	703-255-6305

Send news and comments to *Vienna Newsletter* c/o Town Hall. Deadline for May issue is Tuesday, April 15.

# **County Assesses Town Real Estate**

Last month most Vienna residents received notice of a change in their 2003 real estate assessments. The Fairfax County Department of Tax Administration (DTA) sent notices to all county property owners whose assessments have been changed, representing approximately 96% of the taxable parcels in the county.

According to DTA, the majority of residential properties increased in value, reflecting the strong price appreciation and solid sales volume in the 2002 real estate market. Countywide, the average increase was 14.55%; within the Vienna zip codes the average was 13.27%.

Property owners can file an appeal with DTA if they believe their assessment is not equitable in comparison with similar properties or if they believe their assessment exceeds fair market value. For an appeal application and more information, call DTA at 703-222-8234 or visit DTA's homepage at <a href="https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta">www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta</a>. Appeals should be filed by April 4 to ensure a timely response prior to the Board of Equalization (BOE) filing deadline of June 2.

Appeals can also be filed directly with BOE, a panel of nine taxpayers appointed by the County Board of Supervisors that conducts formal hearings and takes sworn testimony. All appeals to BOE must be filed by June 2. BOE appeal forms are also available at DTA's homepage or by calling BOE at 703-324-4891.

#### Assessment Info Available Online

Fairfax County real estate assessments are available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta. The assessment information includes property descriptions, sale prices, and assessed values for most properties in the county, including the Town of Vienna. No confidential information is accessible and visitors to the web site cannot change the information.

Assessment information is also available to the public at the Real Estate Public Information Counter in Room 333 of the Fairfax County Government Center. Citizens with a touchtone phone can also access a voice response system at 703-222-6740 to hear their choice of information from County real estate records.

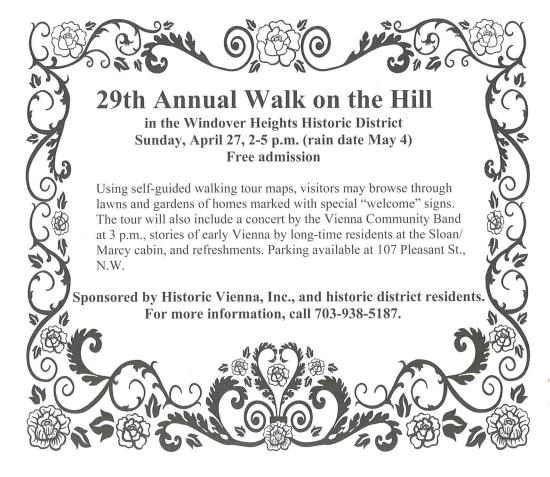
# Citizens Urged To Eliminate Mosquito Breeding Places

Now that the warmer weather of spring is here, Fairfax County health officials are asking residents to be more conscious of the need to eliminate mosquito breeding places around their homes. *Culex pipiens*, the common house mosquito, is known to transmit West Nile virus.

Health officials encourage residents to remove small pools of water in rain gutters, discarded tires, tarps covering firewood, toys, pet's water bowls, flower pots, bird baths and other potential mosquito breeding sites around their homes.

West Nile virus is spread to birds, horses, humans, and other mammals through the bite of an infected mosquito. Most people bitten do not get sick, and people who do get sick usually suffer a mild flu-like illness. People over age 50 are at greatest risk of serious illness, such as encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) or meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain and spinal cord).

More information, resources, downloads and links are available at the County web site, *www.fairfaxcounty. gov*, or call the Health Department at 703-246-2300.



## **Expanded Hours at Freeman Store**

Historic Vienna, Inc., has announced that in response to many requests over the years, the hours of operation are being expanded at the old-fashioned Freeman House general store, 131 Church St., N.E. Beginning April 2, the store will be open from noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

## Open House at Northside Public Works Facility



The Vienna Department of Public Works will be celebrating Public Works Week with an open house at the Northside Public Works Facility, 600 Mill St., N.E., on Thursday, May 8, from 2 to 6 p.m. All residents, school and scout groups, and others interested in seeing the facility and a display of Public Works vehicles are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served, and there will be "hard hate" and Clean & Green coloring books for the kids. Groups of five or more should call 703-255-6381 for reservations before May 1.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

## HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Literature on the Lawn, a new literacy program sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc., and underwritten by The Ellis Agency, will hold its first event on Saturday, April 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the lawn of the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. Three award-winning authors of historical children's literature will speak and sign copies of their books. Free of charge. For information, call 703-938-5187.

Vienna Little League (VLL) Opening Day is Saturday, April 12. A "Parade of Champions" (T-ball through Majors) will begin at 8:30 a.m. from Thoreau Middle School to Yeonas Park for a ceremony at 10 a.m., a Challenger Division game at 11 a.m., and Major games at noon. For more information, call 703-573-3339 or visit www.vll.org.

Historic Vienna Inc. (HVI) membership meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, at the Vienna Community Center. Guest speaker will be Ed Bearss, former Chief Historian for the National Park Service, considered one of the country's foremost Civil War scholars. The public is invited and refreshments will be served. The meeting will also feature the presentation of HVI's Heritage Preservation Award. For more information, call 703-938-5187.

Northern Virginia Handcrafters Guild will present a Fine Arts & Crafts Spring Showcase April 5 and 6 at Northern Virginia Community College, 8333 Little River Trnpk., Annandale. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$1 per person. Over 60 artisans and artists will show and sell a variety of gift items and collectibles.

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 227, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 17, at Neighbor's Restaurant in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center. Retired Army Col. John Mason will recount his Vietnam War experience of operating a railroad train from Saigon to Xuan Loc. For more information, call 703-255-0353 or visit www.geocities.com/vva227. "Natural Solutions to Breathing Problems," a free seminar on the prevention and relief of asthma attacks and sinus congestion, will be held at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, at New Life Wellness Center, 301 Maple Ave., W. Learn about natural solutions to reduce sensitivity to environmental irritants and how stress affects your breathing. For more informa-

tion, call 703-242-7474.

The Vienna Jaycees invite Vienna area 20 and 30-something's to join them for dinner at Amphora Restaurant at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 17. For more information, call Karen at 703-281-1255 or visit www.geocities.com/viennajaycees. Pitch in and help the Jaycees host the local Pitch, Hit and Run competition for kids ages 7-14 at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 27, at Yeonas Park. For information, call Bert Hackney at 703-467-9477 or visit the web site.

Vienna Arts Society Gallery in the Village Green Shopping Center is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The current show through April 26 is "Down on the Farm," featuring watercolors by Joe Phillips. For information, call 703-319-3971 or visit www.viennaartssociety.org.

The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna will hold registration for the spring term of its "Adventures in Learning" program from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, April 10, at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 344 Courthouse Rd., S.W. Classes will be held each Thursday, April 24-June 12, and include creative writing, T'ai Chi and Qi Gong, environmental studies, bridge, foreign affairs and many more. The fee is \$30 for four classes. For more information, call 703-281-0538.

Your old magazines and paperback books (no hard covers) are welcomed by detainees at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center through the Literacy Project sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Fairfax County Chapter. Regular donors may leave publications at the usual location on the third Tuesday of the month from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. *only*. (Be

sure to remove mailing labels from magazines.) First-time donors may call project chairman Florence Roseborough at 703-281-2498 for information.

**Used books wanted** for Historic Vienna Inc.'s annual June sale at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. Donations may be dropped off during regular operating hours or left on the front porch after hours. Please do not bring *National Geographics* or other magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias, or *Reader's Digest* condensed books. For more information, call 703-938-5187.

The MOMS Club (Moms Offering Moms Support) is an international non-profit organization specifically for athome mothers. The group's activities include park playdays, playgroups for preschoolers, babysitting co-ops, book clubs, service projects benefiting needy children and a monthly MOMS Night Out. For information about the Vienna chapter, contact Shannon at ssieff@cox.net.

Fairfax CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) will hold its "Light of Hope Celebration" at the Fairfax County Government Center from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 10. This annual program of children's songs and family activities marks National Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month and highlights volunteer opportunities to help children in the county. For more information, call Maria Buscemi at 703-273-3526 or e-mail mbus cemi@casafairfax.org.

National Capital Bird Club will meet at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 6, at the McLean Government Center, 1437 Balls Hill Rd. Susan Vandenvroek of Featherheads will bring two Hyancinth Macaws and a Palm Cockatoo to the meeting. For information, call 301-946-3511 or visit www.ncbc-dc.org.

American Iris Society national convention will be held May 12-17 at the Fairview Park Marriott on Route 50 in Falls Church. The convention will feature three days of garden tours, including the University of Virginia Blandy Experimen-

tal Farm, and gardens near Winchester and Fredericksburg. The full registration fee of \$230, payable to "AIS Convention 2003," must be mailed by April 30 to: Anne & Mike Lowe, 12219 Zilles Rd., Blackstone, VA 23824-9394. For more information, call Clarence Mahan, 703-893-8526.

Vienna Toastmasters will meet at the Vienna Community Center April 9 and 23 at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in developing the skills of effective communication is welcome to attend. For information, call Valerie Hall at 703-426-8073.

La Leche League of Vienna will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 2. Pregnant and nursing women and their children are welcome to attend the discussion of "Why Breastfeed Your Baby?" For meeting location and more information, call 703-281-5801 or 703-716-4872.

Vienna Ayr Hill Lions Club thanks everyone who supported its citrus sale, which raised over \$3,000 to fund programs to prevent blindness and hearing loss. The club meets at 12:15 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of the month at Marco Polo Restaurant. Prospective members are welcome to attend. For reservations and information, call Jeff Adair at 703-934-8351.

Vienna Woman's Club is awarding college scholarships for the 41st consecutive year. Graduating high school students with a Vienna zip code who have been accepted by a two or four-year college are eligible to apply. Application forms are available from school guidance counselors and must be postmarked by April 11. For more information, call Mike Dinterman at 703-938-6632.

## Meet Supervisor Cathy Hudgins

Hunter Mill District Supervisor Catherine M. Hudgins invites citizens to meet with her on Wednesday, April 23, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. For more information, call the Supervisor's office at 703-478-0283.

## **Town Election May 6**

Vienna's annual Town election will be held on Tuesday, May 6. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. Voters who will be out of town on election day or who are physically unable to go to the polls may request an absentee ballot from the Fairfax County General Registrar's Office; call 703-222-0776 for information.

This year, candidates include Dan Dellinger, Ken Kemper, Paul Layer, George Lovelace, Maud Robinson, and Syd Verinder. (Vince Olson and Mike Polychrones are not seeking re-election.) The three candidates receiving the most votes will begin two-year terms July 1. Information about the candidates appears on the next two pages.

For election results, call the Vienna Newsline, 703-255-6333, one to two hours after the polls close on May 6, or visit the Town's web site at www.ci.vienna.va.us.

The candidates profiled on pages 6 and 7 have shown their interest in the Town of Vienna by running for Town Council.

Please show your interest by taking the time to vote May 6.

## **Voter Registration Deadline April 7**

Monday, April 7, is the last day to register to vote in the May 6 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 the County web site, 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.

#### **Meet the Candidates**

NARFE Chapter 1116 (National Association of Retired Federal Employees) has invited the six Town Council candidates to speak at its April 1 meeting. The public is welcome to attend the program, which will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center.

The Southwest Vienna Citizens Association will host a Town Council Candidates Night at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, at Marshall Road Elementary School, located at the corner of Marshall Road and Nutley Street, S.W. All Vienna voters are invited to learn more about the candidates' goals and views. There will be a question and answer period followed by informal visiting.



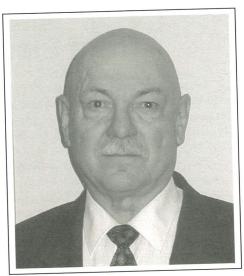
**DAN M. DELLINGER** grew up in Vienna. He is a former U.S. Army officer, a Past State Commander of the American Legion, and a retired construction and project manager.

"Growing up in Vienna, I have seen the changes first hand that have transformed Vienna into the second largest town in Virginia. With that growth have come increasing challenges that must be met to ensure that Vienna keeps pace with the rest of Northern Virginia in a highly technological age.

"Because of the challenges before us, I have decided to seek a seat on the Council. My areas of particular interest include continued business growth with increased employment opportunities, public safety, traffic congestion and youth programs. I feel I can contribute in all of these areas because of my background in business and my volunteer activities.

"My experience in business has taught me the importance of making budgets work effectively. Serving as State Commander of the American Legion afforded me the opportunity to work in many areas of public support. In addition, my work as the American Legion Baseball Commissioner and Chairman of the National High School Oratorical Program for Northern Virginia gave me the chance to work with our children.

"For more than 20 years I have dedicated myself to our veterans, our youth and our community. Keeping Vienna a quality community is, in itself, a daunting task, but by working together we can guarantee Vienna's future. That is why I ask for your support on May 6."



KEN KEMPER, "The Dog Man," twice-daily walks his five dogs in all weather (and cleans up after them). A retired 45-year broadcaster (20 at Voice of America), he was an English announcer, producer and director in five African languages. He was the AFGE-1812 General Vice President and Chief Union Negotiator. A Vienna resident for 31 years, he raised three daughters alone and now wants to give something back to Vienna.

"After a career spent talking, now I want to LISTEN to residents' concerns and act on them. We need citizens' input on traffic control, how we spend money, how we protect and educate our children, emergency planning and snow removal.

"We need to keep traffic moving but NOT speeding. Vienna's unique smalltown atmosphere must be maintained as a great place to raise children. The Community Center offers activities for all ages and interests. We must continue to provide everyone a safe, friendly and well-run town.

"We need to support our schools, police, firefighters, Halloween Parade, our July 4th celebration and ViVa! Vienna! Try the Saturday Farmers' Market behind Town Hall or the Wednesday market at Nottoway Park. Enjoy our free concerts, our parks and all of the marvelous oppportunities offered just by living in Vienna.

"I will work to keep Vienna vital and add to it by what I hear from LISTENING to you. Thank you for your consideration. I will appreciate your vote May 6."



PAUL LAYER is currently a member of the Board of Architectural Review and the Maple Avenue Vision Committee. He also served on the Church Street Vision Committee.

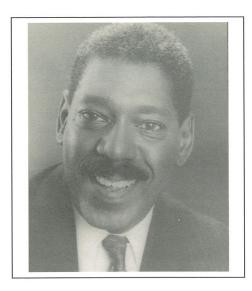
"Vienna is at a critical point in deciding its direction for the future. How can we address commercial growth and traffic concerns while keeping Vienna's historic small-town feel? What must we do to ensure that we can guide these changes rather than just react?

"Vienna is a terrific hometown. Our children walk to their school and we walk to many establishments and community events. We know our neighbors and our neighbors know us. These things are important and I want to preserve and foster such opportunities for Town residents.

"As an architect volunteering on the Church Street Vision Committee, the Board of Architectural Review and the Maple Avenue Vision Committee, I have learned about the worries and the wishes of Vienna's residents and businesses. I have gained experience working effectively with those charged with the Town's stewardship. Church Street now attracts new businesses that contribute to the Town's tax base.

"As Councilman, I would apply the same attention to history, the interests of various stakeholders, and fiscal realities. I would also encourage application of proven, objective guidelines to address traffic issues.

"I hope to use my skill as a consensus builder in working with the people of Vienna on the complicated issues confronting our community."



GEORGE E. LOVELACE served as a Town Councilman from 1982 to 1996 and on both the Town and County Planning Commissions. He also served a term in the Virginia House of Delegates.

"I believe in service to the community and I want the opportunity to again serve the Vienna community. My experience on the Council previously, service in the House of Delegates, civic participation on boards and commissions at the local, county and state level, and participation in local community service organizations have provided me the tools needed to enhance my service on the Council.

"My interest is to ensure that Vienna maintains its residential character. It is important that all citizens of Vienna feel that they have a voice on the Council, especially our senior citizens. I want to be that voice. I believe, regardless of age, all of our citizens require quality services consistent with budget constraints and our consistently high bond rating, to be heard before the Council acts, and to expect tax reductions whenever possible.

"I want to be a strong voice that will expound the land use principles that have made Vienna a community that accommodates a diversity of homes by economics and construction, and ensure Vienna is not impacted by development activities on our town borders. I will work to develop policies that ensure that a quality infrastructure is in place and maintained, that a vibrant business atmosphere is a priority and that effective law enforcement is continued.

"I would consider it an honor and a special privilege to be elected again to the Vienna Town Council."



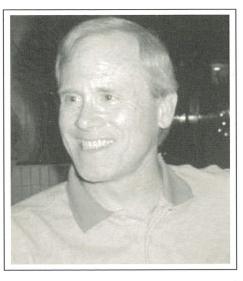
MAUD F. ROBINSON has been a Town Council member since 2000. She has also served on the Board of Architectural Review, Town/Business Liaison Committee and Church Street Vision Committee.

"I seek re-election to Council for one reason: I love this town and want to continue one of the most rewarding experiences of my life — working with others to keep Vienna the fine community it is today. Many years of community involvement, a working knowledge of our Town government, and an institutional memory and understanding of the purpose and effort that has brought Vienna this far reinforces my belief that our town has a bright future.

"Experience has taught me that despite some people's pessimism, Vienna does not have to yield to adverse development pressures. Also, that since change is inevitable, we can use it to the Town's advantage as it encourages us to take a fresh look at ways to maintain a vigorous and attractive community.

"My priorities are the preservation of Vienna's small-town, residential character; responsive government; good municipal services, including recreational programs for all age groups; an attractive, commercially healthy business sector; and careful expenditure of tax dollars. My goal is to keep property taxes as low as possible commensurate with services necessary for Vienna's quality of life, and to ensure that the town remains financially sound.

"The vision I long held for Vienna has become a reality. I seek re-election for the opportunity of working together with the citizens of our town to meet their needs and aspirations for Vienna's future."



**SYDNEY H. VERINDER** is currently Chairman of the Town Planning Commission and also served on the Windover Heights Board of Review.

"The Town of Vienna is a gem of a place to live, with a wonderful sense of community and a local government with a reputation for excellence.

"I believe there are three key elements to continuing Vienna's unique heritage:

- 1. Good Stewardship of our Financial Resources for the sound fiscal health of Vienna. Making wise budget choices; ensuring our citizens receive solid public services; supporting efforts to lower property taxes these will be some of my top priorities as your Councilman.
- 2. Solid Support for Public Safety Our outstanding Police and Volunteer Fire Departments protect our safety and welfare daily. I pledge my support to these organizations for keeping Vienna a safe place in which to live, work, and play.
- 3. Strong Partnership with the Town's Merchants and Businesses Small and large business benefit Vienna in many ways: providing the goods and services needed for a busy lifestyle, generating employment and tax revenue for the Town, and creating the world-famous chili dogs of the Vienna Inn. We need a strong business community in Vienna, so I will be an active partner in supporting our Town businesses.

"By paying close attention to these three key elements of Vienna, I can best serve the citizens of Vienna toward enhancing our unique role as a 'GREAT' place in which to live. Share your ideas with me at *verinderforvienna@hotmail.com*. Thank you."

## NEWS FROM VIENNA PARKS & REC

For more information about any of the activities listed below, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360.

All activities are held at the Vienna Community Center unless stated otherwise.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

Vienna Theatre Company will present its spring musical, "Forever Plaid," April 25 and 26, and May 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 and 17 at 8 p.m. and May 4 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$9 general admission and \$8 for students and senior citizens age 65 and older.

Quarterly coin and stamp show April 26 and 27. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Free admission. About 15 stamp dealers and 45 coin dealers will participate. Sponsored by the Northern Virginia Coin Club.

#### **BUS TRIPS**

Chesapeake Bay Bridge walk Sunday, May 4. Set your own pace and enjoy the view along the 4.3-mile long bridge. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 7 a.m. and return by 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$18 for transportation plus \$1 shuttle fee; no charge for the walk. All ages welcome.

Enjoy the casinos in Atlantic City on Wednesday, April 16. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 9 a.m. and return about 11 p.m. The cost of \$35 for town residents includes transportation and casino package. Reservation deadline April 9. Adults only.

#### **SPORTS AND FITNESS**

Tennis classes for both adults and children will be held at Glyndon Park beginning the week of April 14 and continuing throughout the summer. Students will learn the fundamental strokes, rules of the game, startegy and court etiquette in a small group setting.

#### AT THE TEEN CENTER

**Girls' self-defense class**, for ages 14-17, will be held on Saturday, April 26,

from 1 to 4 p.m. The class will cover awareness and prevention, verbal skills for stopping an attack or abuse before it becomes physical, and practice in physical self-defense techniques. The cost is \$40 for town residents.

Midnight Madness spring break basketball tournament for ages 13-18 will be held from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tuesday, April 15, for boys and Thursday, April 17, for girls. The cost is \$10 per team. Register until 8 p.m. on game night.

**Movie festival** Saturday, April 26, from 7 to 11 p.m. Free of charge. The three most requested films will be shown. To vote for your favorite, call 703-255-5721.

Open Mic Night for middle school students Friday, April 18, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. and for high school students Saturday, April 19, from 7 to 10:30 p.m. Comedy, poetry readings, acoustic music and other talents will be highlighted. Sign up before April 4 by calling 703-255-5721.

Concert for high school students featuring live bands Saturday, April 12, from 7 to 11:30 p.m. Admission \$5. Call 703-255-5721 to schedule a date for your band.

**Dance for middle school students** Friday, April 11, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Admission \$3 per person.

#### **MATURE ADULTS**

**Dupont estate tour**, featuring the Hagley Museum and Gardens, is scheduled for Wednesday, April 23. Leave the Community Center at 8 a.m. and return at 6 p.m. The cost of \$40 for town residents includes transportation, tour and lunch.

One-night Dynamic Walking Wednesday, April 9, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This overview session will demonstrate the importance of integrating walking with stretching and breathing exercises to increase vitality, improve circulation, and relieve pain. The cost is \$8 for town residents, and advance registration is required.

You Are What You Eat, co-sponsored by Fresh Fields Whole Foods Market, will be held each Tuesday, April 8-29, from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. This nutrition and creative cooking program will feature "Tantalizing Tastes of Spring" cooking demonstrations and tastings. The cost is \$15 for town residents, and advance registration is required.

55 Alive Mature Driving Program, sponsored by AARP, will be held April 9 and 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The course covers the effects of aging and medications on driving, basic driving rules, license renewal, local traffic hazards, adverse road conditions, and accident prevention measures. Graduates of the course could receive a discount on their car insurance. The fee is \$10 per person and advance registration is required.

Candy making for the holidays Thursday, April 10, from 1 to 4 p.m. Make pecan caramel turtles; coconut haystacks; peanut butter cups; and chocolate-covered cashews, raisins and pretzels. The cost is \$15 for town residents plus a \$10 materials fee.

Free blood pressure check for senior citizens Wednesday, April 9, from 10 to 11 a.m. by members of The Medical Team. No advance registration required.

#### JUST FOR KIDS

**S.P.A.R.C.** (Student Program of Arts and Recreation Combined), designed with the 6th grader in mind, will be held on Friday, April 4, from 6 to 8 p.m. S.P.A.R.C. combines recreational activities, arts, and athletics as a way to build friendships, learn about teamwork, have fun, and engage students in positive supervised

activities. Participants take an active role in determining and selecting program ideas. Free of charge; advance registration required.

Coalition Kids, a safe and supervised monthly after-school program for 5th and 6th graders, will be held on Monday, April 21, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. The group focuses on making new friends, learning team building, performing community service, and being involved with anti-drug and violence prevention programs. There is a one-time \$10 fee for refreshments and supplies, and registration is required.

## MANAGING YOUR MONEY & YOUR ESTATE

The 5-step Estate Plan will be presented on Monday, April 7, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Attorney David Hoffman will discuss wills, trusts, taxes and probate in easy-to-understand terms. Free of charge; no advance registration required.

#### **POTPOURRI**

Personal Safety for Women will be held in four parts – April 21, 23, 28 and 30 – from 7 to 10 p.m. Your instructor will be Officer Virginia Palmore of the Vienna Police Department. The class includes basic education in crime prevention and risk reduction measures plus practice in physical self-defense techniques. \$5 for town residents plus a \$15 materials fee; registration required.

Grantsmanship Training Program April 14-18. Learn all aspects of researching grants, writing grant proposals and negotiating with funding sources. The workshop will be conducted by representatives from the Grantsmanship Center, the world's oldest and largest training organization for the nonprofit sector. Tuition is \$775 per person. For more information or to register call 1-800-421-9512.

LOOK FOR OUR SPECIAL SUMMER CAMPS BROCHURE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

## **Springtime Happenings May 3**

#### KidsFest 2003

"KidsFest 2003," sponsored by the Vienna Police Department, Vienna Parks and Recreation Department and Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, will be held on Saturday, May 3, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center and across Cherry Street at the fire station. All activities are free of charge.

Advance registration at the Community Center is required for participation in the bicycle safety rodeo, which will begin at 10 a.m. for ages 5 and 6, 11 a.m. for ages 7 and 8, and 12:30 p.m. for ages 9-12. Kids will learn the "rules of the road," have a bike inspection, and ride on bike safety courses. In-town residents can also register their bikes with the Vienna Police Department.

Car seat safety checks will be available throughout the day, along with a moon bounce and face painting. Other activities will include a puppet show at 10:30 a.m., magic show at 11:45 a.m., and "balloonologist" at 12:30 p.m.

For more information, call Vienna Parks and Recreation at 703-255-6360.

#### **Teen Job Fair**

Club Phoenix and The Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board are sponsoring a Teen Job Fair on May 3 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Teen Center. There will be eight to ten employers as well as a representative from the Falls Church SkillSource Center. Teens ages 14 and up who are looking for summer (or even long-term) employment are invited to attend. For more information, call 703-255-5721.

#### **Town Cleanup Day**

Spring Cleanup Day, sponsored by Vienna's Community Enhancement Commission, will be held rain or shine on Saturday, May 3, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Individuals, families and community service groups are invited to participate in making Vienna a more beautiful community.

Clean up your own neighborhood, or be assigned an area of town that needs attention. Check in at the Vienna Community Center on cleanup day to receive garbage bags and gloves. Walk-ins are welcome; however, organizations are asked to sign up by April 30. For more information, call Cathy Salgado at 703-255-6356.

### **Arbor Day Ceremony at Police Station**

The Community Enhancement Commission along with the Town Council will hold an Arbor Day ceremony at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 3, at the Vienna Police Department, 215 Center St., S.

Mayor Jane Seeman will read this year's official Arbor Day proclamation, then join other Town officials and members of the Police Department in a tree-planting ceremony. The Town will also receive a proclamation from the Virginia Department of Forestry declaring Vienna a "Tree City USA."

For more information, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360.

The Community Enhancement Commission reminds everyone that Arbor Day is a time to notice how much trees contribute to our lives. They provide beauty, shade and oxygen, promote property values, and act as reservoirs of rainwater. Unfortunately, trees do have a natural lifespan, and can succumb to stress, pollution and disease. That is why it is so important for us to plant more trees to offset the loss.

## **Welcome New Businesses**

The following business licenses were issued in February:



RC Development Services *consultant* 617 Truman Cir., S.W. 703-281-4906

Interior Innovations *interior decorator* 708 Glyndon St., S.E. 703-626-8263

Argent Heating & Cooling heating & ac contractor 501 Church St., N.E. #306 703-281-0763

Griffin Support Services *administrative support* 508 Valley Dr., S.E. 703-938-8164

Codiak Consulting software consultant 238 Talahi Rd., S.E. 703-395-2089

Earth and Fire Pottery pottery & gifts 144 Church St., N.W. 703-255-3107

Panatechnica *computer consultant* 301 Surveyors Ct., S.W. 703-402-3855

Caffi's Florist & Gift flower shop 245 Maple Ave., W. #210 703-281-3030

Euroskies *travel specialists* 1105 Ware St., S.W. 703-938-1300

Convenient Location & Friendly Service SHOP IN VIENNA Support Our Hometown Merchants

*MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES* — Congratulations to Creative Memories and Joe Hadeed Rug Cleaning for their 10 years in business in Vienna.

CONNELL'S IS ENVIRONMENTAL FRIENDLY — Connell's Valet, 148 Maple Ave., W., has announced the installation of an "environmental friendly" dry cleaning system that does not generate hazardous wastes. The new system uses a biodegradable isoparaffin solvent instead of the widely used "perc" solvent, which generates hazadous wastes that require special permits, holding tanks and inspections.

#### **Power Company Offers Water Line Insurance**

A number of town residents have received information from Dominion Products and Services, an affiliate of Dominion Virginia Power, concerning its Water Line Replacement Program. The program will cover the cost of repairs should the water line from the street to the home fail. The fee for this coverage is \$3.25 per month for water lines up to 125 feet in length.

The Water Line Replacement Program brochure implies that the water line that runs from the street to your home is entirely your responsibility. This may be true in some other jurisdictions; however, in the Town of Vienna, homeowners are generally responsible only for that portion of the water line between the house and the meter. The Town is responsible for the line from the meter to the water main.

The purchase of any kind of insurance is an individual decision. If you want more information about the Water Line Replacement Program, call Dominion Virginia Power toll free at 1-866-645-9810 or visit www.dom.com.

NEW IN TOWN? Vienna's Public Information Office has a welcome packet especially for new residents. Stop by Town Hall and pick one up, or call 703-255-6330 to have one mailed to you.



#### "Beauty Spot"

Vienna's Community Enhancement Commission recognizes town residents and businesses for their beautification projects. The most recent Beauty Spot award goes to Westwood Country Club for its additions and renovations.

Citizen suggestions for Beauty Spot awards are welcomed. Send them in care of the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna, VA 22180.

Spring Maintenance Tips from Wheat's Landscape Design Center:

- Spring mulching of shrub and flower beds enhances the appearance of the beds, helps reduce weed infestation, and keeps the soil moist for longer periods.
- The majority of spring pruning should be done toward the end of spring after plants have experienced their largest growth spurt of the season.

## Noisy Dogs Prohibited

Most dogs bark, and often for very good reasons. But few things will alienate you from your neighbors more quickly than letting your dog bark excessively.

The Town Code prohibits noisy dogs, which have "by loud, frequent and habitual barking, howling or crying, or other noises, caused annoyance or disturbed the peace or quiet of any person or persons in the neighborhood." The owner of a noisy dog may be summoned before the District Court and, if found guilty, required to remove the dog from the town limits. To report complaints, call the Town's Animal Warden at 703-255-6377.

You can prevent nuisance barking before it starts by making sure your dog is happy, healthy, and well trained. Contact your veterinarian or the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, 703-830-1100, for assistance in locating a humane trainer or training classes.

Saturday	W	12	Town Council budget work session 9 a.m.	19			26	Town Council budget work session 9 a.m. (if needed)		Works Facility
Friday	4	11		18		Good Friday	25			COMING NEXT MONTH May 6 — Town Election May 8 — Open House at Northside Public Works Facility
Thursday	Police Chief's Advisory Committee 7 p.m.	10	Town/Business Liaison Committee 6:30 p.m.	17	Passover	Board of Architectural Review	24	Community Enhancement Commission 7:30 p.m.		COMING NEXT MONTH  May 6 — Town Election  May 8 — Open House at Nor
Wednesday	2	6	Proposed FY 2004 budget available Planning Commission	16		Board of Zoning Appeals	23	Planning Commission	30	on on
Tuesday	Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.	~	Mayor's Advisory Committee	15		Car tag dedline	22	~	20	
Monday		7	Town Council	14		Town Council budget work session 7:30 p.m.	21	Town Council	36	07
Sunday	All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise	9	Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week	13			20	Easter	10	

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Transportation Safety Commission

Town Council work session

## This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

APRIL 1993 – As lawn-mowing season approaches, the Public Works Department has announced that beginning April 5 it will collect grass clippings from town residents on the first pickup day each week. Collection of clippings early in the week will be more convenient for residents who mow the lawn on the weekend.

APRIL 1983 – A vigorous enforcement program has begun to halt the illegal posting of signs on utility poles, in median strips and in the right-of-way between sidewalks and roadways. Town personnel will remove and record all illegal signs, and as a follow-up, the Zoning Administrator will conduct a second survey to identify any signs that have been replaced.

APRIL 1973 – The U.S. Post Office Department has purchased the property on Lawyers Road directly opposite Church Street as the site of Vienna's new Post Office. Since 1965 the Town's Master Street Plan has provided for the extension of Church Street from Lawyers Road through to Pleasant Street. Postal officials have requested the Town to abandon the plan for the Church Street extension.

> CALL THESE NUMBERS 24 HOURS A DAY: VIENNA NEWSLINE - 703-255-6333 POLICE INFO LINE - 703-255-6363 TO ORDER A SPECIAL PICKUP - 703-255-5727

Visit the Town's web site at www.ci.vienna.va.us

#### Summer Laborer Jobs Available

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

Applicants must be at least 18 years old, be able to perform heavy manual labor, and work a minimum of six weeks. Apply in the Administrative Services Office at Town Hall, or call 703-255-6350 for more information.

#### **Street Sweeping**

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

#### FIRE & RESCUE 911

(Voice & TDD)

#### **VIENNA POLICE EMERGENCY**

703-938-4900 (Voice) 703-255-5730 (TDD) NON-EMERGENCY 703-255-6366 (Voice)

703-255-5730 (TDD)

VIENNA TOWN HALL 703-255-6300 (Voice) 703-255-5735 (TDD)

COMMUNITY CENTER 703-255-6360 (Voice) 703-255-5739 (TDD)

Vienna Town Hall 127 Center Street, South Vienna, Virginia 22180-5799 Business Hours Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The Town of Vienna does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs or activities. The Capital Projects Engineer has been designated to coordinate compliance with the non-discrimination requirements.

This document will be made available in large print or on audio cassette upon request. Call 703-255-6330, TDD 703-255-5735.

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