

CALENDAR

- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1
NEWSPAPER PICKUP DAY – North side of town.
- MONDAY, APRIL 6
Town Council, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. (Call the Vienna News-line, 938-4499, the weekend before the meeting for agenda items.)
- TUESDAY, APRIL 7
Windover Heights Board of Review, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8
NEWSPAPER PICKUP DAY – South side of town.
Planning Commission, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- THURSDAY, APRIL 9
Town/Business Liaison Committee, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- SATURDAY, APRIL 11
Babe Ruth registration, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center.
- SUNDAY, APRIL 12
Palm Sunday.
- MONDAY, APRIL 13
SPRING CLEANUP BEGINS – Northeast quadrant of town.
- TUESDAY, APRIL 14
Mayor's Advisory Committee, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
Passover.
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15
NEWSPAPER PICKUP DAY – North side of town.
Board of Zoning Appeals, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- THURSDAY, APRIL 16
Board of Architectural Review, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- FRIDAY, APRIL 17
Good Friday.
- SUNDAY, APRIL 19
Easter Sunday.
- MONDAY, APRIL 20
SPRING CLEANUP BEGINS – Northwest quadrant of town.
Town Council, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. (Call the Vienna News-line, 938-4499, the weekend before the meeting for agenda items.)
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22
NEWSPAPER PICKUP DAY – South side of town.
Planning Commission, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- SATURDAY, APRIL 25
China Painters Show at the Vienna Community Center.
VYI cheerleading registration at the Community Center.
- MONDAY, APRIL 27
SPRING CLEANUP BEGINS – Southwest quadrant of town.
- TUESDAY, APRIL 28
Transportation Safety Commission, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29
NEWSPAPER PICKUP DAY – North side of town.

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April 1987

VIENNA NEWSLETTER

Get Ready for Spring Cleanup

The Town's annual Spring Cleanup will be conducted this month and next according to the schedule shown below:

1987 SPRING CLEANUP SCHEDULE

STARTING DATE	QUADRANT
April 13	Northeast
April 20	Northwest
April 27	Southwest
May 11	Southeast

During the Cleanup, residents may place unwanted furniture, appliances, building materials, brush and other debris at the curbside for free pickup by the Public Works Department. To help keep Vienna looking as attractive as possible, please follow the Cleanup schedule and do not set out discards more than a week in advance of the starting date for your quadrant. Those who put out items too soon may be required to remove them or to pay for a special trash pickup.

Because Cleanup crews comprise the same personnel who perform street maintenance and other public works duties, there is time for only one Cleanup sweep through each quadrant of town. Once a quadrant has been covered, crews cannot double back.

For more information on the Spring Cleanup, call the Public Works Department at 938-8000 ext. 241.

CLEANUP REGULATIONS

- Each residence is limited to 300 pounds each of concrete and scrap

metal. Whole automobile bodies will not be picked up.

- Leaves will not be picked up by the Cleanup crews. Leaves in plastic bags will be picked up on regular trash collection days.

- Only two major appliances may be discarded per residence. These include stoves, dishwashers, refrigerators, washers, driers, hot water heaters, air conditioners and furnaces.

- No debris may be brought in from outside of town for pickup.

- Brush may be no longer than 10 feet.

- Paint cans and used oil cannot be picked up.

- Residents are asked to separate large plate glass windows and sliding glass doors to assist the Cleanup crews in their safe removal.

CHO NEEDS DONATIONS

Instead of discarding usable household items during the Spring Cleanup, why not donate them to CHO? The Committee for Helping Others is an all-volunteer, nonprofit charitable organization serving the needy in Vienna and surrounding communities. CHO accepts donations of usable furniture, appliances, carpets and other items and passes them on to needy families. Donations to CHO may be tax deductible as charitable contributions.

To arrange for pickup of donations, call Selma or Walker Smith at 560-1980.

Bus Fares Down

Attention Metro riders! As of March 23, fares on Metrobus routes 2P, 2X and 2W to the Vienna and Dunn Loring Metrorail Stations were reduced to just 25¢. At the same time, parking fees at the stations were increased from \$1 to \$1.50 (that is, if you can get a parking space).

Revised bus schedules are available at Metro stations and have been mailed to residents along the bus routes. For more information, call Metro at 637-7000.

Tag Deadline

The Finance Department at Town Hall will be open during the following hours for last-minute sales of 1987 Town vehicle stickers:

Weekdays through April 10, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 11, 9 a.m.-12 noon
April 13-15, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

The windshield decal must be displayed by midnight April 15. For more information, call 938-8000 ext. 221.

Residents are reminded that they do not need to obtain Fairfax County vehicle stickers, but are required to pay County personal property tax on motor vehicles. Personal property tax returns must be filed with the County Office of Assessments by May 1 each year (and within 30 days after purchasing a vehicle). For information about personal property tax, call 691-2661.

For the convenience of Vienna residents, personal property tax forms are available at Town Hall.

Send comments to Vienna Newsletter c/o Vienna Town Hall.
Deadline for May issue is Wednesday, April 15.

VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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Vienna Town Council

Charles A. Robinson, Jr., Mayor

Council Members

Mary Jane (M.J.) Cronin
Richard L. Fisher
George E. Lovelace

Vincent J. Olson
Robert W. Robinson
Rodger W. Seeman

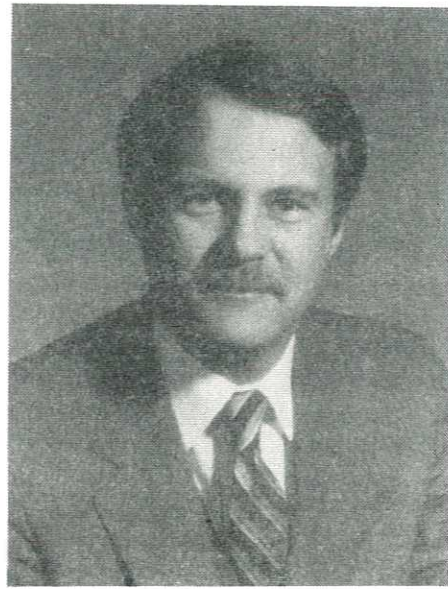
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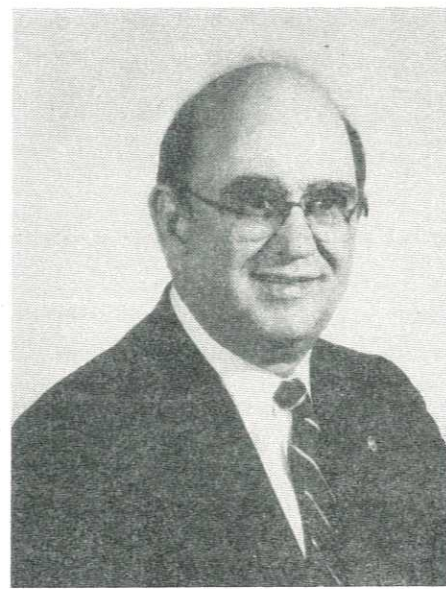
Four Council Candidates in May 5 Town Election

The annual Town election will be held on Tuesday, May 5. Polls will be open at the Vienna Community Center from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Last-minute voter registration will be conducted at Patrick Henry Library on Saturday, April 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Absentee ballots may be cast on Saturday, April 25 and May 2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Fairfax County General Registrar's office. For information, call 385-8100.

This year, voters will elect three Town Council members for two-year terms beginning July 1. Here are the candidates whose names will appear on the ballot:



Richard L. Fisher was elected to Council in 1985. Prior to his election, he was chairman of the Planning Commission and a member of the Transportation Safety Commission. He currently represents the Town on Fairfax County's Centreville District Goals and Objectives Advisory Committee. He is active with Vienna Youth Inc. sports programs. A Vienna resident for 12 years, he lives at 449 Nelson Drive, N.E., and is director of federal regulations, gas control and planning for Washington Gas Light Company.



Julian W. Johnson is seeking election to Council for the first time. He is currently vice chairman of the Town/Business Liaison Committee. He was chairman of the Vienna Metro Station Planning Task Force, and served on the Citizen Advisory Panel on Redevelopment of Commercial Zones. He is a past president of the Optimist Club of Vienna and the Greater Vienna Chamber of Commerce. A town resident for 11 years, he lives at 1017 Tapawingo Road, S.W., and is a partner in the accounting firm of Johnson & Scarborough.

Town Council Action - March 2, 1987

- Appointed the following members of the Centennial Committee: James Martinelli, Paul Lyons, E. Ross Buckley, Martha Pruett, Ted Thomas, Mayo Stuntz, Ann Martin, Bill Gratz, Phyllis Elkins, Sam Savia, John Wooden, Bob Braddock, Nancy Shields and Daphne Sloan.
- Appointed Jack Stevens to a two-year term on the Transportation Safety Commission.
- Appointed Jill Decker to a two-year term on the board of Historic Vienna, Inc.
- Reaffirmed an earlier vote to take no action on waiver requests for Amphora Shopping Center.
- Accepted with regret the resignation

of Michael Martin from the Transportation Safety Commission.

- Set April 13 for a public hearing on the street classification map.
- Rescheduled the public hearing on the proposed sign ordinance for June 22.
- Set May 11 for a public hearing on increasing the size of the turnaround in cul-de-sacs and deadend streets.
- Set May 18 for a public hearing concerning inoperable motor vehicles.
- Adopted an ordinance concerning the time within which the Board of Zoning Appeals must render decisions.
- Nominated Council members for various policy committees of the Virginia Municipal League.

Parks and Recreation News

For more information on any of the activities listed below, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department, 938-8000 ext. 277.

SPRING CLASS REGISTRATION

Registration is underway for spring classes sponsored by Vienna Parks and Recreation. Class brochures containing registration forms are available at the Vienna Community Center and Town Hall.

Classes include favorites such as arts and crafts, exercise and tennis, plus special interest courses ranging from scuba diving to herb gardening to planning a summer party. Town of Vienna residents over age 65 may register for many classes free of charge.

"OLIVER" APRIL 3-5

The Vienna Theatre Company's final performances of "Oliver" will be presented at the Vienna Community Center April 3-5. Friday and Saturday shows begin at 8 p.m. and the Sunday matinee at 2:30 p.m.

Based on the Charles Dickens tale of "Oliver Twist," the show features many familiar songs, including "Consider Yourself" and "Where Is Love?"

Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$7 at the door, available at the Community Center.

HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR

April 7 is the reservation deadline for a trip to historic Fredericksburg for the 1987 House and Garden Tour. A charter bus will leave the Vienna Community Center at 9 a.m. and return about 6 p.m.

The tour encompasses homes and gardens from the small and personal to the large and formal, and includes the plantation home of George Washington's sister.

The cost of \$24 per person covers transportation, tour and box lunch.

HAL DIAMOND MAGIC SHOW

Hal Diamond's Magic Show, featuring Black Jack the Magic Rabbit, will be presented at the Vienna Community Center on Wednesday, April 15, at 2 p.m.

The show includes an array of magic feats with live animals and audience participation that will fascinate and mystify children of all ages.

Tickets are \$2 in advance (through April 14) and \$2.50 at the door, available at the Community Center. Children under three years old will be admitted free.

ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

Spend a day at the casinos in Atlantic City on Wednesday, April 29. A charter bus will leave the Vienna Community Center at 9 a.m.

The cost for transportation is \$20 per person. A \$5 non-refundable deposit is due on registration and the balance by April 19.

ATTENTION POTTERS!

Area potters are invited to attend a lecture/demonstration by Catherine White on Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bowman Arts and Crafts Center, 211 Center St., S.

Large vertical and horizontal forms, plates and platters, and trimming and glazing techniques will be the focus of this program.

White is an instructor at Columbia Visual Arts College and makes all of the dinnerware for a New York restaurant. An exhibit of her work will be included in the program.

Admission is \$20 per person. Tickets may be purchased at the Vienna Community Center.

SUMMER'S JUST AROUND THE CORNER... REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS BEGINS MAY 26.

Photo Contest Winners Named

Vienna Parks and Recreation congratulates these winners of its 1987 Amateur Photography Contest, held at the Community Center March 14 and 15:

Best of Show - Richard Price.

1st Place - Ingrid Weinschil (2 categories), Richard Park, Sandy Linn, Carol Kirsten Satterlee, Nanci Jewell (2 categories), Lori Crockett, Kelley Speiran, Teresa Elkins, Bruce Steakley, Mary Swart, Diane Hardy, Carol Schonrock, Richard Price, Joan Lindeman.

2nd Place - Richard Smith (2 categories), Mark Gibson, Lori Crockett, Bruce Steakley (2 categories), Betty Labadie, Sandy Linn, Bob Hughes, Kelley Speiran, Greg Kunstbeck, Vukosava Hodzic, Ingrid Weinschil, Diane Hardy, Mary Swart, Bernadette Lyons.

3rd Place - Diane Hardy (2 categories), Richard Price, Carol Kirsten Satterlee, Rence Corcoran, Kelley Speiran, Joe Kelly, Alison Vuille, Sandy Linn, Charles Rainwater, Richard Smith, John Haslam, Roger Ballay.

Honorable Mention - Vukosava Hodzic, Norma Daniels, Francis Satterlee (2 categories), Roger Ballay (3 categories), Carol Kirsten Satterlee, Alan Wiggs, Carol Schonrock (2 categories), Kelly Corcoran, Teresa Elkins, Greg Kunstbeck, Richard Price, James Galardi, Steve Winter.

Town Hall Art

Oils, pen and inks, and charcoals will be exhibited at Vienna Town Hall April 27 through June 15 by Annabel Winston, former Vienna resident and a member of the Vienna Arts Society.

She has won awards in juried shows with the Vienna Arts Society and the League of Reston Artists. Currently her work is hanging in the Intermezzo Gallerie in Occoquan.

Park St. Update

A number of residents have inquired recently about the status of the reconstruction of Park Street, S.E.

Last September, the Town Council directed the Town staff to study the project in detail, establish priorities and prepare cost estimates.

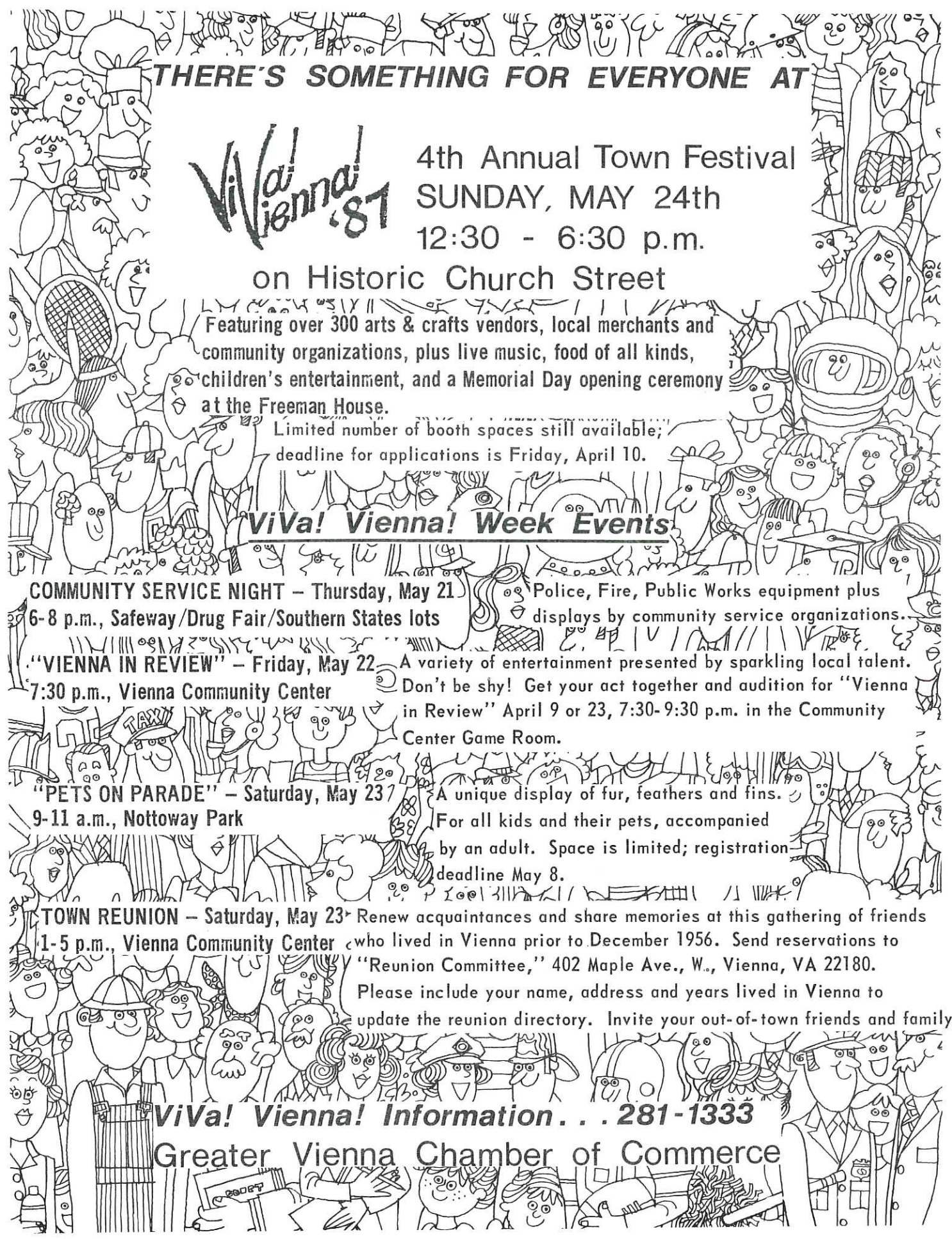
In November, the Town Manager and Director of Public Works met with the Urban Engineer of the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation. New road construction funds are available for this project, and the State is to provide the Town with the updated plans. The State has been requested to approve a 24-foot wide street with additional space at certain intersections to allow for left turns.

When the revised plans are received from the State, they will be reviewed by the Town staff and presented to the Town Council if they are acceptable.

Trim Shrubbery

Property owners are reminded that tree branches, shrubs, vines and hedges are required to be trimmed so that they do not obstruct public rights-of-way.

Don't let branches overhang sidewalks or shrubbery impede the safe and easy passage of pedestrians and bicyclists.



THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT

**Viva!
Vienna!
'87**

4th Annual Town Festival
SUNDAY, MAY 24th
12:30 - 6:30 p.m.

on Historic Church Street

Featuring over 300 arts & crafts vendors, local merchants and community organizations, plus live music, food of all kinds, children's entertainment, and a Memorial Day opening ceremony at the Freeman House.

Limited number of booth spaces still available; deadline for applications is Friday, April 10.

Viva! Vienna! Week Events

COMMUNITY SERVICE NIGHT - Thursday, May 21 6-8 p.m., Safeway/Drug Fair/Southern States lots
Police, Fire, Public Works equipment plus displays by community service organizations.

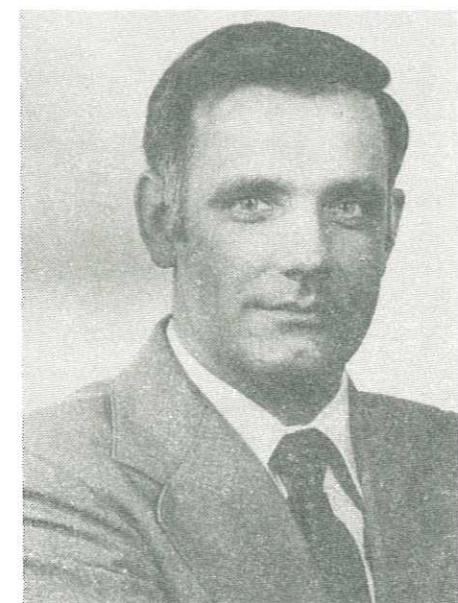
"VIENNA IN REVIEW" - Friday, May 22 7:30 p.m., Vienna Community Center
A variety of entertainment presented by sparkling local talent. Don't be shy! Get your act together and audition for "Vienna in Review" April 9 or 23, 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Community Center Game Room.

"PETS ON PARADE" - Saturday, May 23 9-11 a.m., Nottoway Park
A unique display of fur, feathers and fins. For all kids and their pets, accompanied by an adult. Space is limited; registration deadline May 8.

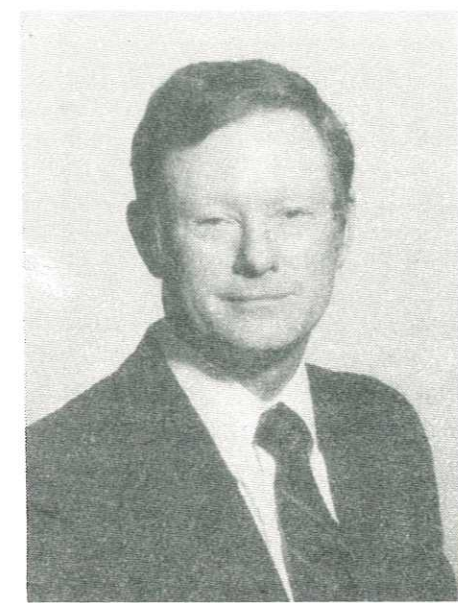
TOWN REUNION - Saturday, May 23 1-5 p.m., Vienna Community Center
Renew acquaintances and share memories at this gathering of friends who lived in Vienna prior to December 1956. Send reservations to "Reunion Committee," 402 Maple Ave., W., Vienna, VA 22180. Please include your name, address and years lived in Vienna to update the reunion directory. Invite your out-of-town friends and family.

Viva! Vienna! Information . . . 281-1333
Greater Vienna Chamber of Commerce

Last Day for Voter Registration Is April 4



Robert W. Robinson has served three terms on the Town Council. He is currently Council's representative on the Town/Business Liaison Committee, and is a long-time member of the Mayor's Advisory Committee. He is vice president and board member of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, a member of American Legion Post 180, and a Master Sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserves. An 18-year town resident, he lives at 204 Cedar Lane, S.E., and is a funeral director with Money and King Funeral Home.



Rodger W. Seeman has served two terms on Council, and previously was a member of the Planning Commission and the Transportation Safety Commission. He is currently Council's representative on the board of Historic Vienna, Inc. He is a member of the Optimist Club of Vienna, the Vienna Wireless Society, and has been active in school, scouting and youth sports programs. A Vienna resident for 19 years, he lives at 600 Blackstone Terrace, N.W., and is an engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

These candidates have shown their concern for Vienna by seeking public office. Please show your interest by voting on May 5.

CANDIDATES NIGHT

Vienna residents are invited to meet the candidates at a Candidates Night on Thursday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. This forum is sponsored by the Greater Vienna Chamber of Commerce and will be conducted by the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area.

Centennial Appointments

The Town Council has appointed 14 citizens to serve on the Town Centennial Committee, which will coordinate the observance of Vienna's 100th anniversary as an incorporated town.

The committee members appointed on March 2 are Bob Braddock, Ross Buckley, Phyllis Elkins, Bill Gratz, Paul Lyons, Ann Martin, Jim Martinelli, Martha Pruett, Sam Savia, Nancy Shields, Daphne Sloan, Mayo Stuntz, Ted Thomas and John Wooden. These individuals will work with committee chairman Bob Dix in planning for centennial activities during the next three years.

In addition, some 40 community organizations ranging from service clubs and civic associations to fraternal orders and youth sports groups have already expressed interest in being part of the centennial celebration.

The Town of Vienna was incorporated on February 28, 1890. Since then it has grown to be Virginia's second largest town, with a population of over 15,000. Yet in many ways it has retained the friendly, small-town spirit of 100 years ago that will be the focus of Vienna's centennial observance.

The Town Council has rescheduled its public hearing on proposed revisions to the Town's commercial sign ordinance for June 22.

Do You Have Unclaimed Property ?

State Senator Clive DuVal has provided the Town with a list of persons in Vienna having unclaimed property in the form of bank and savings accounts. If you or someone you know is

on this list, contact the Division of Unclaimed Property, Investigative Unit, P.O. Box 3-R, Richmond, VA 23207, phone (804) 225-3165.

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| Amann, L.S. | Housley, Constance | Rudder, Fred |
| Binder, Douglas | Kause, Charles | Santmier, Shirley |
| Buxton, Ann and James | Keys, John | Short, Ronnie and Dean |
| C and C Developers, Inc. | Lowe, Elizabeth | Smith, David |
| Criscitiello, Modestino | Markowitz, Zane | Summers, Daniel |
| Ehm, Paul | McShane, Robert | Sun, Mau and Yun |
| Fairfax Sheet Metal, Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc. | Monde, Leslie | Thompson, Stanley |
| Fong, Jue | Morse, Ted | Thompson, Joel |
| Frece, Frank | Norton, Virginia | Thompson, Joel Jr. |
| Harrington, Gerald | Pearson, Ambrosia and George | Warhurst, Mary |
| Harris, Ann | Providence S&L | Weigle, Gregory |
| Hoshin, S. | Rae, Colin | Wilson, Hail |
| | Roberts, Leo | Wilson, David |

Take a Spring Walk on the Hill

The 13th annual spring "Walk on the Hill," sponsored by the residents of the Windover Heights Historic District and Historic Vienna, Inc., will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 26 (rain date May 3). The public is cordially invited to enjoy a leisurely stroll through the old-fashioned gardens and

Historic Cemetery Dedication Set

On Sunday, April 26, at 2 p.m. immediately preceding the Walk on the Hill, Historic Vienna, Inc., will sponsor a dedication of the West End Cemetery as a historic landmark. Mayor Charles Robinson and Town Councilmen George Lovelace and Rodger Seeman will participate, as will members of the First Baptist Church of Vienna, Union Baptist Church, and Vienna Presbyterian Church and their choirs. The president of Historic Vienna will introduce representative members of the families who were the original recipients of the cemetery, given by Col. Harmon Salsbury.

The West End Cemetery, located on Lewis Street between Lawyers Road and West Street, will have a historical marker, a wrought-iron fence, and an official sign erected. All Vienna residents are invited to attend this ceremony recognizing a significant part of the town's history.

Festival of Fun

Artists and handcrafters are invited to participate in the Vienna Baptist Children's Center Fun Festival on May 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Items for sale may be displayed inside or outside the school, which is located at 541 Marshall Rd., S.W. The cost for display space is \$25 per eight feet across, with crafters/artists providing their own tables.

To reserve a space and for more information, call Janet Franko, 938-1020.

lawns, and to hear anecdotes of Vienna's past at the restored 1843 log cabin at 223 Walnut Lane, N.W.

A concert by the Vienna Community Band will begin at 3 p.m. at 228 Windover Ave., N.W., and refreshments will be served nearby at 277 Windover. Another feature of this year's Walk will be a historic display by the Malcolm-Windover Heights Civic Association at the "triangle."

Walking tour maps and brochures relating "The Hill's" history will be provided and parking available at 107 Pleasant St., N.W., and at Green Hedges School, 415 Windover Ave., N.W. There is no admission fee.

Regional Park Grand Opening

The Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority invites the public to enjoy a day of free musical entertainment on Saturday, May 2, to celebrate the grand opening of the new 100-acre Meadowlark Gardens Regional Park, located just off Beulah Road about a mile and a half from Vienna.

The Vienna Community Band will welcome visitors beginning at 9:30 a.m., and a variety of music – classical, pop, Dixieland jazz, and the big band sound – will be presented throughout the day.

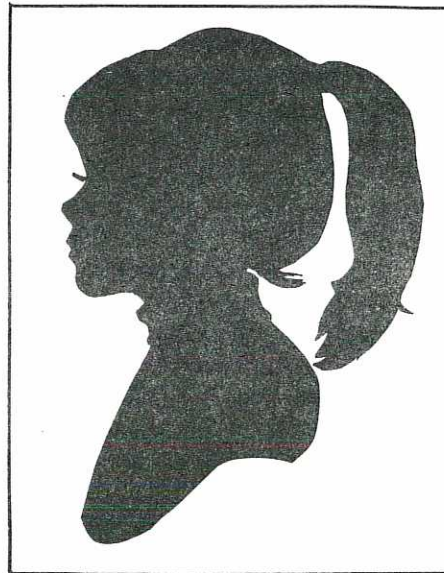
A children's Maypole dance and a dozen local musical groups will perform on stage. Visitors are invited to bring lawn chairs or a blanket to spread on the grass, and bring a picnic lunch or purchase food from concession stands. Picnic tables will be scattered throughout the park. The program will conclude at 3 p.m. with a drawing for prizes.

The Regional Park Authority has planted thousands of bulbs and flowering plants and trees that will be in bloom beside the park's three lakes and along its hillside trails.

The park entrance is located on Meadowlark Road off Beulah Road. Ample parking is available.

Silhouette Artist Returns April 25

Silhouette artist Ann Woodward is coming back to the historic Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., on Saturday, April 25, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Using a technique that is almost a dying art, Ann will cut your child's miniature profile freehand on French silhouette paper. She tells stories as she cuts two silhouettes in five minutes.



The price is \$12 for two silhouettes and \$15 for three. Part of the proceeds goes to Historic Vienna, Inc., for historic preservation projects. For an appointment, call (938-5187) or visit the Freeman House during store hours, noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays.

Coming to Freeman House May 16 – "The Doll's House," exhibit by the Gladys MacDowell Doll Study Club.

Flea Market Sale

The F.B. Meekins Preschool Spring Flea Market will be held on Saturday, April 25 (raindate May 2), from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the school, 900 Maple Ave., E. Arts, crafts and yard sale items are welcome. Spaces are \$10 each; no reservation is necessary. For more information, call Karen at 536-5416 or Cathy at 255-3148.

Who Keeps Vienna's Traffic Lights Working?

When a fuse blows in your house, you replace it; then the lights come back on, and everything goes back to normal. But what happens when a traffic light fuse blows? Who replaces that?

In Vienna, blown traffic light fuses are among the responsibilities of Dick Blank, Senior Engineering Aide in the Department of Public Works (DPW). Day or night he may be called on by either DPW or the Police Department to repair a malfunctioning signal at any of Vienna's 11 signalized intersections.

Each intersection signal is operated by a control box. Governing their cycles is a master control box located at the intersection of Nutley Street and West Maple Avenue. It can select one of two rush hour cycles, a normal cycle, or a late night free operation and/or flash mode.

For most of Vienna's traffic lights, late night operation means being set on flash from 1 to 5 a.m. However, late night drivers know that on West Maple at Nutley and also at Lawyers Road the traffic lights operate all night long. Blank says that these two intersections depend on the traffic detector loops embedded in each lane to tell the control box when a car is at the intersection waiting to go through.

CLOCK CONTROLS TRAFFIC

The movement of traffic through town is controlled by a weekly program drum activated by a time clock. During the day there are three time lengths used for moving traffic in Vienna: an 80-second period for normal traffic, a 100-second period during noon hours and on Saturdays, and a 120-second period for morning and evening rush hours.

The 120-second rush hour cycle is approximately 60% green for Maple Avenue. The control box at each intersection will shorten or lengthen left-turn signal timing to meet traffic turning demands. A blown fuse at one of these control boxes will also affect the timing at an intersection.



Watching and waiting for a malfunction in each control box is the conflict monitor. This little device instantly switches all the lights in the intersection to flash when a problem develops.

Blank states that the most common problem he finds is a blown fuse. If replacing the fuse does not correct the problem, Blank must track down the source of the trouble. Sometimes he finds it in the operation of another traffic light, or in the operation of the master control box itself.

While Blank repairs or replaces the defective equipment, the intersection's signals are set on flash. When traffic is heavy, a police officer is assigned to direct traffic in the intersection, something that commuter and officer alike dread.

Back to Schooldays

The staff and parents of Vienna Elementary School will host a special rededication of the school on Sunday afternoon, April 26. The ceremony will focus attention on the role of the school in the future of the Vienna community, and the school staff and children will express appreciation to the volunteers who help the school.

An open house to show the completed renewal of the school will be from 2 to 3 p.m. and the rededication ceremony from 3 to 3:30 p.m. followed by refreshments. All students, parents and alumni of Vienna Elementary are invited to attend.

SOME CHANGES AHEAD

Growing traffic levels in Vienna have forced some changes in its network of lights. Nutley Street at West Maple Avenue was recently modified to allow two turn lanes for northbound Nutley. In the coming months, East Maple at Park Street will receive left-turn lights. The Town Council has already okayed this change.

Town Manager John Schoeberlein states that the turn lane signals will be among the improvements to be made this spring to Vienna's traffic lights. In addition, the Town has applied for a grant from the State of Virginia to coordinate the timing of all the Maple Avenue lights.

The Town Council has approved the installation of a new signal at Church Street and Beulah Road. The Town Traffic Study concluded that this new light is one way to improve the safety of this intersection. Schoeberlein anticipates that the State will approve funding and install the light for Vienna upon reaching an agreement with the Town on this project.

Consumer Advice

"Don't Get Ripped Off," a free consumer lecture on choosing a home improvement contractor, will be presented at Patrick Henry Library on Tuesday, April 7, at 7:30 p.m.

Speaker Paulette Sharp of the Fairfax County Department of Consumer Affairs will cover the kinds of questions to ask and the kinds of answers to look for before engaging any home improvement contractor. She will also explain how to avoid deceptive advertising offers, and how to ascertain that you are dealing with a reputable firm. Finally, the various avenues of recourse to pursue in the event of a consumer problem or complaint will be discussed.

For more information or to sign up, call the library at 938-0405.