# CALENDAR

#### MONDAY, MARCH 2

Town Council, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

NEWSPAPER PICKUP - South side of town.

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 7

Recycle waste oil, anti-freeze & car batteries, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Town property yard, 247 Nutley St., N.W.

#### MONDAY, MARCH 9

Town Council work session, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 10

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

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

NEWSPAPER PICKUP - North side of town. Planning Commission, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 12

Town/Business Liaison Committee, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 14

Babe Ruth League registration at the Community Center.

#### MONDAY, MARCH 16

Town Council, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

NEWSPAPER PICKUP - South side of town. Board of Zoning Appeals, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 19

Board of Architectural Review, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

NEWSPAPER PICKUP - North side of town. Planning Commission, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

#### SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MARCH 28 & 29

Quilters Show at the Vienna Community Center.

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 31

Transportation Safety Commission, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

#### **COMING NEXT MONTH:**

April 1 - Newspaper pickup for south Vienna.

April 4 - Voter registration deadline.

April 6 - Town Council meeting.



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# March 1992 VIENNA EWSLETTER

## Car Decal Sales Begin March 15

1992 Town of Vienna motor vehicle windshield decals go on sale March 15 and must be displayed by midnight April 15. Decals cost \$20 for passenger cars and trucks under 4,000 pounds, \$25 for cars and trucks 4,000 pounds and over, and \$10.50 for motorcycles.

Decals may be purchased by mail or in person in the Finance Department at Town Hall Monday through Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Hours will be extended for lastminute sales on Saturday, April 11, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Tuesday and Wednesday, April 14 and 15, from 8:15 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Active military personnel whose home of record is outside Virginia may purchase a Vienna decal in person only for \$1 with a current military ID and home state vehicle registration.

For more information or to receive application forms, call the Finance Department at 255-6323.

Town of Vienna residents do not need to purchase Fairfax County vehicle decals, but they must pay County personal property tax on motor vehi-

## Are You Registered for Town Election?

Saturday, April 4, is the last day to register to vote in the May 5 Town election.

Voter registration is conducted at the following locations:

- All Fairfax County regional libraries during their regular operating hours;
- Tysons Corner Division of Motor Vehicles office Mondays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.;
- Fair Oaks DMV office Mondays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 9:30
- County General Registrar's Office, 4031 University Dr. in Fairfax City, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and
- Patrick Henry Library on Saturday, April 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

To be eligible to register, you must be a Town of Vienna resident at least 18 years old by election day and a U.S. citizen.

For more information, including registration for the homebound and procedures for absentee voting, call the General Registrar's Office at 591-8523.

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 address.

LOOK FOR TOWN COUNCIL **CANDIDATE PROFILES** IN APRIL NEWSLETTER

## ViVa! Vienna! **Booth Space Available Now**

March 31 is the deadline to apply for booth space at ViVa! Vienna! 1992. The annual town festival is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, May 24, along the historic Church Street corridor.

ViVa! Vienna! includes arts and crafts vendors, live music, food and beverage sales, adult and children's entertainment, and booths showcasing Vienna area businesses and community service organizations.

10' x 8' arts & crafts booth spaces are available on Church Street between Lawyers Road and Center Street, and on Center between Maple Avenue and Wilmar Place.

10' x 10' commercial vendor booth spaces are available on Dominion Road between Church and Ayr Hill Avenue.

10' x 10' community service groups and other participants booth spaces are available at locations selected by the ViVa! Vienna! committee.

The town festival is sponsored by ViVa! Vienna!, Inc., a tax-exempt organization created exclusively to conduct the event. Net proceeds from ViVa! Vienna! are returned to the community. Last year, approximately \$13,500 was contributed to local service groups to help support their pro-

To receive a booth space application and for more information, write ViVa! Vienna!, Inc., P.O. Box 822, Vienna, VA 22183, or call 255-4742.

# **Town Council Action**

#### **JANUARY 6, 1992**

- Held an executive session to discuss an appointment to fill the unexpired term of former Councilman Robert B. Dix, Jr.
- Referred to the Transportation Safety Commission for study and recommendation a request for a four-way stop at Ayr Hill Avenue and Dominion Road, N.E.
- Amended the zoning code, subdivision code and comprehensive plan by adding new language referencing the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act.
- Approved the proposed town/county boundary adjustment to forward to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for their review and ap-
- Accepted the public improvements for Beulah Heights Subdivision, 410 Druid Hill Rd., N.E., into the Town's maintenance system. Reduced the amount of the public improvements bond to \$5,139.30, which will be held by the Town as a maintenance bond for two years.

- Awarded a contract for organic waste disposal to Lorton Wood Recycling, Inc., of Lorton at a bid price of \$3.95 per cubic yard. The contract is not to exceed \$25,000, and is to contain a provision warranting that the contractor will collect, dump and process all materials in accordance with state and federal laws.
- Appointed Albert Boudreau to fill the unexpired term of former Councilman Robert B. Dix, Jr.

#### **JANUARY 13, 1992**

• Held an executive session to discuss appointments to Town boards and commissions and appointment of Town Council representatives to the Northern Virginia Planning District Commission and the Fairfax County School Board.

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JANUARY 27, 1992

## TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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#### VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

Charles A. Robinson, Jr., Mayor

Albert J. Boudreau Francis X. Lillis George E. Lovelace

Vincent J. Olson Martha H. Pruett Rodger W. Seeman

Send news and comments to Vienna Newsletter c/o Town Hall. Deadline for April issue is Monday, March 16.

The Town Council invites citizens to submit comments for publication in the Newsletter. Please include your name, address and daytime phone number. (This information will not be published.)

- Approved the final plat for Moidone Acres Subdivision, 1002 Rachel Lane, S.W., contingent on a) demolition and removal of a portion of the detached garage that encroaches into the required setback from the existing dwelling; b) attachment of plans and specifications for the drainage system; and c) contribution from the developer of \$5,000 for storm water drainage improvements.
- Designated the house at 200 Walnut Lane, N.W., as a historic struc-
- Approved an agreement with C&P Telephone and the Virginia Department of Transportation to relocate telephone facilities in conjunction with the Park Street reconstruction project. Authorized the expenditure of 2% of the cost, or approximately \$1,768.28, as the Town's share of fund-
- Approved an agreement with Virginia Power and the Virginia Department of Transportation to relocate electric power facilities in conjunction with the Park Street reconstruction project. Authorized the expenditure of 2% of the cost, or approximately \$2,454.90, as the Town's share of fund-
- Granted an easement to C&P Telephone on the Community Center property at Park and Cherry Streets, S.E., in conjunction with the Park Street reconstruction project.
- Approved a land purchase and easement option with the Virginia Department of Transportation in conjunction with the Park Street reconstruction project. Virginia Power will pay the Town \$3,094 for the 213 square feet at Park and Locust Streets, which will revert back to the Town on completion of the project.

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## News from Vienna Parks and Recreation Department

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

"The Sea Chanters," the U.S. Navy Band's singing ensemble, will give a free performance at the Vienna Community Center at 8 p.m. Friday, March 13. The 20-member chorus of both male and female voices tours nationwide in conjunction with Navy recruiting and performs a variety of music ranging from traditional sea

chanteys to Broadway musical selections. Master Chief Musician Ronald M. Chiles is director and piano accompanist for the group.

"55 Alive," the popular driver retraining program for senior citizens is returning to the Community Center on Monday and Tuesday, March 9 and 10, from 9:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. The course is sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons and will cover the effects of aging and medications on driving, basic driving rules, license

renewal, local traffic hazards, adverse road conditions, and accident prevention measures. Graduates may be eligible for a 5 to 10% discount on their car insurance. The cost of the course is \$8 per person. The class size is limited to 30 participants, and advance registration is required.

Enjoy a day at the casinos in Atlantic City on Thursday, March 19. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 9 a.m. and return around midnight. The cost of \$27.50 per person includes transportation and casino package of quarters. March 12 is the reservation deadline.

Drop in and dance at the Community Center March 22 and April 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. Enjoy Sunday afternoons dancing the waltz, rhumba, foxtrot and more with hostess Joy Edwards, an instructor in ballroom, Latin international and American dance. Admission is \$3 per person each date.

"Cabin Fever" table tennis tournament for all ages will be held at the Community Center on Saturday, March 21, with matches beginning at 9:15 a.m. The tournament format will be either double elimination or roundrobin, depending on the number of entries. Trophies will be awarded to the first and second place winners of each age category. The registration fee is \$4 if paid by the 5 p.m. March 20 deadline and \$6 after the deadline.

Did you know? The Vienna Community Center is a great place to hold children's birthday parties. The fee of \$10.50 per child (minimum 10 children) includes ice cream cake, beverages, paper supplies, and a variety of Totgym games and activities, including music, puppetry and tumbling. Each child also receives a balloon, candy or stickers. Parents take care of supervision and serving refreshments. Parties are scheduled on a space-available basis on Saturdays and Sundays at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. or 3 p.m. To arrange a party, call 255-5721.



# **HVI Meeting to Feature Oakton Author, Presentation of Annual Heritage Award**

D'Anne Evans, author of the recently updated *The Story of Oakton*, will discuss her book at the general membership meeting of Historic Vienna, Inc. at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, at Louise Archer Elementary School, 324 Nutley St., N.W.

The meeting will also feature the presentation of HVI's Heritage Preservation Award to the Louise Archer School. The award, established in 1989, recognizes the school's sustained efforts to acquaint students with its place in local history, and for keeping alive community values instilled by the black educator for whom the school is named. Principal Judith R. Azzara will accept the award on behalf of the school.

Refreshments will be served. Members and guests, and prospective members of Historic Vienna are invited.
Call 938-5187 for more information.

#### Freeman Store to Reopen

The historic Freeman House store and museum, closed during January and February, will reopen the first weekend in March. Hours are 12 noon to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays. The Freeman House, located at 131 Church St., N.E., is staffed by volunteers of Historic Vienna, Inc.

## Meadowlark Gardens Expands Activities

Meadowlark Gardens Regional Park, located just outside Vienna off Beulah Road, has begun an expanded slate of programs, tours and events.

A series of free Saturday morning landscape and horticultural programs at the park's new visitor center is intended to help the public design and maintain landscaping and gardens in ways that are safe for people and the environment. The programs are sponsored by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority in cooperation with Northern Virginia Arborists, Inc., and White Oak Pest Management, Inc.

March programs include:

• "Landscaping for Low Maintenance" on March 7 at 10 a.m.;

- "Gardening for Wildlife" on March 14 at 10 a.m.;
- "Birds of Prey in Suburban Environments, Common Species" on March 21 at 10 a.m.; and
- "Suburban Songbirds" on March 28 at 11 a.m.

Flowering cherries, tulips, narcissus and other early-blooming bulbs will be featured on Meadowlark Gardens first free public tour of the year at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 28.

Reservations are recommended for each event. Call 255-3631. Meadowlark Gardens Regional Park is located at 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Ct., off Beulah Road, near Route 7 and the Dulles Access Road.

### Call these numbers 24 hours a day

Vienna Newsline 255-6333 Town Job Line 255-5720 Police Info Line 255-6363 Special Pickup 255-5727

### **Around Town**

#### One-person Art Show At Patrick Henry Library

Vienna Arts Society member Helen Paquette is presenting a one-person show at Patrick Henry Library through March 30. The exhibit features oils and acrylics. Paquette has previously displayed her work at the Kennedy Center, Fairfax and Fair Oaks Hospitals, the Vienna Community Center, and the Fairfax County Judicial Center.

#### How to Get a Federal Job

The Women's Center will sponsor a seminar entitled "Federal Job Success Story" on Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St., N.E. The program will include SF-171 preparation, job-winning and promotion strategies, career-changing advice, and best job locations. The fee for the seminar is \$15 per person. To register and for more information, call the Women's Center at 281-2657.

#### Choral Society Concert Has All-American Music

The Vienna Choral Society will present its winter concert, "I Hear America Singing," at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Rd., S.W. The program is a medley of musical Americana and will feature as guests two barbershop quartets and the Vienna Children's Chorale. Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$7 for students and senior citizens. For tickets and more information, call Larry King, 938-7517, or Hazel Foote, 938-4839.

#### **Council Action**

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- Granted Virginia Power a rightof-way agreement-corporate overhead easement in conjunction with the Park Street reconstruction project.
- Approved an agreement with the Virginia Department of Transportation for adjustment of water and sewer facilities in conjunction with the Park Street reconstruction project.
- Scheduled a public hearing for March 2 on a proposed ordinance to allow temporary identification signs at construction sites in commercial zones.
- Appointed Councilwoman Martha H. Pruett as the Town Council representative to the Northern Virginia Planning District Commission to fill the unexpired term of former Councilman Robert B. Dix, Jr.
- Appointed Councilman Albert J. Boudreau as the Town Council representative to the Fairfax County School Board to fill the unexpired term of Councilwoman Martha H. Pruett.

#### JANUARY 25, 1992

• Held an executive session to interview applicants for appointment to Town boards and commissions.

#### March 2 Public Hearing Set On Temporary Business Signs

The Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 2, on a proposed ordinance to allow businesses to display temporary identification signs during construction. The hearing will be part of the regular Council meeting, which begins at 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

Businesses would be permitted temporary signs when their permanent signs have to be removed for renovation of the building exterior. All such signs would require approval from the Town's Board of Architectural Review.

#### Citizen Comment

## Reuse Is the Best Way to Recycle

An Olympian Circle resident reminds us that reuse is the best form of recycling:

I was told that a harvested tree will yield only six standard grocery shopping bags. If this has even some truth to it, my wife and I have saved dozens of trees over the last two years simply by reusing these bags.

At least one supermarket chain in the area encourages reuse of bags by charging a small fee for bags, and others encourage recycling of plastic bags. The best method is for consumers themselves to reuse voluntarily both types of bags. We have found that one brown bag, when placed within a plastic grocery bag for support, can be reused several times. Two brown bags together will also last, if transported by holding them underneath when loaded with groceries.

If everyone would carry a supply of folded bags (within one bag with handles) to the supermarket with them, we all would be taking a very direct step in preserving the environment. The best form of recycling is direct reuse. When the bags finally do wear out or become stained, they can still be recycled.

## Tax Relief Available for Low-income Senior Citizens and Disabled Residents

Both the Town of Vienna and Fairfax County offer tax relief for low-income residents aged 65 and over and for low-income residents who are permanently and totally disabled. To qualify for exemptions from real estate, personal property and automobile registration taxes, citizens must meet the following requirements:

- Gross income of no more than \$30,000. This is the total combined income, from all sources, of homeowner and spouse and any relatives living at home. The first \$6,500 of income of each relative is excluded from the total. Also excluded is the first \$7,500 of any income received by the homeowner as permanent disability compensation. Where the total combined income is between \$30,000 and \$35,000, a 50% tax relief is given, and between \$35,000 and \$40,000 a 25% tax relief.
- Financial net worth of no more than \$150,000. This is the total combined assets of the homeowner and spouse (for example, property other than the residence, bank accounts,

stocks and bonds) minus the total combined liabilities (debts). Excluded from the assets is the value of the home and land up to one acre, and household furnishings.

 Disabled applicants must provide medical documentation of a disability.

Low-income elderly and disabled citizens who rent their homes are eligible to receive a rental grant from Fairfax County. The amount of the grant is determined by a formula based on rent and income. Qualifications are the same as for tax exemptions.

For more information on Town tax relief, call <u>255-6325</u>. For information on Fairfax County tax relief and rental grants, call <u>246-2437</u>.

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## **Around Town**

#### Free Tax Help

The Vienna chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons is sponsoring a free program to assist residents with their income tax returns. IRS-trained volunteers are available at the Vienna Community Center on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon through April 14. Bring your last income tax return and current tax materials.

#### **Used Book Sale**

Friends of the Library will hold a used book sale on Monday, March 2, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Patrick Henry Library. Proceeds from the sale will benefit gifts funds.

Patrick Henry Library needs volunteer workers. For information, call Diana Granger at 222-3179.

#### Welcome Wagon Coffee

The Welcome Wagon Club of Vienna/Oakton will hold a new member coffee at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 25. Anyone interested in joining the club should call 255-6858, 385-8486 or 758-9178 for more information.

#### **SVA** Meeting

The South Vienna Association will host an evening of "Politix, Pizza & Bob Dix" at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, in Room 6 of the Vienna Community Center. The Centreville District Supervisor will answer questions about Fairfax County government. For more information, call Fred Fordham at 938-1719.

# Vienna Woman's Club Sponsoring Fashion Show, College Scholarships

The Vienna Woman's Club will hold is annual fashion show at the Vienna Community Center on Wednesday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. The show will feature Scruples' spring collection with fashion coordinator Mary Jane Seale, makeup by Mary Kay, and music by William R. Toohig from Nordstrom.

Tickets are \$10 each, available in advance from Woman's Club members or at the door. Proceeds will benefit Bethany House, a center for battered women. Refreshments will be served and door prizes awarded. For more information, call Charlene Murphy at 264-0231.

For the 30th consecutive year, the Woman's Club is offering scholarships to graduating high school students with

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a Vienna zip code who have been accepted by a college. There will be at least two scholarships of \$1,000 each. Applications are available from high school guidance counselors and should be returned to them by April 15. For more information, call Katherine Allen at 938-1663.

Congratulations to former Vienna residents Kitty and Doug Heim, who won a weekend for two at the McLean Hilton in the Woman's Club Harvest Bazaar raffle. Proceeds from the annual fall bazaar are used for scholarships and other community service projects.

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The Woman's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the Vienna Community Center.

## Over-40 "Golden Girls" Getting Ready For Opening of New Softball Season

Vienna area women over 40 years old are invited to play softball and enjoy each other's company as members of the Golden Girls Senior Women's Softball Association. This three-year old organization currently has a roster of about 90 women ranging in age from 40 to 75 and in skill level from novice to expert.

Golden Girl Donna Packard says over-40 women's softball is for those who want to play "without having to compete with the men on coed teams or with the speedy young things in the standard women's leagues."

Activities are available year-round. Winter warm-up sessions are devoted to getting or staying in shape through flex and stretch exercises and softball skill drills. Intra-league play is held throughout the summer and fall.

In addition to regular games, special teams are formed during the year to participate in various senior tournaments. Last year, the Golden Girls brought home championship trophies from four regional/national tournaments, including the Senior Olympics in Syracuse, New York.

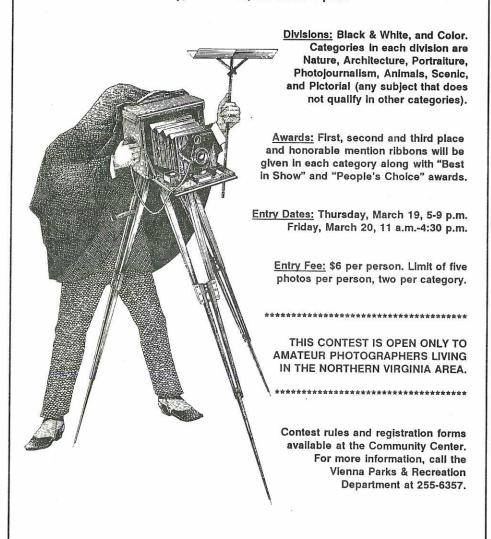
Outdoor spring training begins next month in several Vienna parks, so call Hazel at 534-8116 for membership information.

## SEWER BACKUP INSURANCE AVAILABLE

All insurance companies writing homeowner policies in Virginia offer special coverage for damage resulting from backups of drains and sewers. This additional coverage is available at very reasonable rates. Contact your insurance company for details.

## 1992 Photo Contest

at the Vienna Community Center Saturday, March 21, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, March 22, 12 noon-4 p.m.



### Low-Cost Rabies Vaccination Clinic March 8

A low-cost rabies vaccination clinic for dogs and cats will be held on Sunday, March 8, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, 4500 W. Ox Rd. The clinic is sponsored by the Northern Virginia Veterinary Medical Association and the County Department of Animal Control.

Vaccine given to animals over one year old costs \$6 and provides protection from rabies for three years. Vac-

cine given to animals under a year old costs \$4 and provides protection from rabies for one year. Puppies and kittens should be at least three months old to receive vaccine.

When animals are brought to the clinic, dogs must be restrained on a leash and cats confined to a cat-carrier or other container.

For more information, call the Animal Shelter at 830-1100.

## Fire Department Wants Citizens To Be Prepared

The volunteer members of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department and career members of Fairfax County are concerned about the increase in residential fires in the Vienna area.

There have been four very significant home fires in the last several months. These fires caused serious injuries and substantial damage; any of them could have been fatal.

Your Fire Department urges all citizens to review the following fire safety measures (a couple of which have been the cause of recent fires), plan an escape route in case of fire, and be sure smoke detectors will operate when necessary.

- Check and clean chimneys, especially if you use a wood-burning stove.
- Clear roof and gutters of leaves and debris if you use a fireplace or wood stove.
- Place ashes only in a metal container outside the house and away from anything combustible.
- Remove any flammable liquids from inside the home.
- Check cords on electrical appliances and have them repaired if they are cracked, frayed or bare.
- Use space heaters only if they have safety switches and properly working thermostats.
- Clear the area around space heaters and heat lamps of any combustibles.
- Do not place smoking materials or ashes in with trash until you make sure they are out and cold.
- Do not use any kind of barbecue grill indoors. Along with the fire hazard, there is a serious carbon monoxide hazard.
- Store charcoal outdoors and away from moisture.
- Keep matches and lighters away from children.
- Do not wear loose clothing while cooking.

BE SAFE, NOT SORRY
TEST YOUR SMOKE DETECTORS