This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

MARCH 1990— For the first time, members of the Vienna Theatre Company and the Vienna Community Band will join forces to present the hit Broadway musical "Camelot" this month at the Vienna Community Center. Band director John Pickeral and theatre company director Norman Chaudet have united to produce this event in the new auditorium at the Community Center. A dozen members of the band will be joined by several musicians from the community to form the first "pit" band for the yearly theatre company musical.

MARCH 1980— At its March 17 meeting, the Town Council adopted an ordinance for the control of garage sales. Each household in town is allowed to hold two garage/yard sales per year. Two advertising signs, no larger than four square feet each, may be displayed on the property where the sale takes place, and two directional signs, no larger than two square feet each, may be placed on other private property with the owner's permission. Signs are not permitted on public property, in the public right-of-way or utility poles.

MARCH 1970— Town Council consideration was given to the yearly matter of Vienna car tags. It was decided that metal tags would again be used in 1970, with the addition of a slogan, "Virginia's Largest Town." The new tags will be available in April.

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

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

Curbside Phone Book Recycling

Residents are reminded that old telephone books are picked up on your second solid waste collection day each week. Phone books, newspapers, flattened cardboard, magazines, catalogs, and junk mail must be bundled and tied with cord or placed in brown paper bags separate from other recyclables. For more information, call the Public Works Department at 703-255-6382.

Dumpsters Aren'tFor Dumping!!

Businesses continue to experience illegal dumping in their commercial dumpsters. Business owners arrive at work to find their dumpsters overflowing with scrap lumber, old mattresses and other debris, which they must pay to have hauled away.

The police and businesses are working together to catch and prosecute illegal dumping, and ask citizens to report any suspicious activity they see around commercial dumpsters, especially on weekends. If you need to dispose of unwanted items, call 703-255-5727 for a special trash pickup; don't dump on your business neighbors.

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 Director of Administrative Services 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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See page 3
of this newsletter
for the spring street
sweeping schedule

Attention Businesses!

All businesses in Vienna, including home occupations, must renew their business license by May 1 each year. Look for the license tax form in the mail next month. The annual license tax is based on gross receipts, and the rate varies according to the type of business. For more information, call 703-255-6321.

Get Involved!

Membership on Vienna's boards and commissions provides citizens the opportunity to become actively involved in Town affairs. An application for appointment is on pages 9 and 10 of this newsletter

10-digit Dialing in Effect

Ten-digit local telephone dialing within the 703 area code becomes mandatory as of March 1, and Bell Atlantic will introduce a new area code overlay April 1. Once this new area code, 571, goes into effect, both area codes will serve the geographic area now served by the 703 area code.



Car Tags Go on Sale March 15

Year 2000 Town of Vienna motor vehicle decals go on sale Wednesday, March 15, and must be displayed by midnight April 17. Decals may be purchased by mail or in person in the Finance Department at Town Hall. (Military personnel must apply in person.)

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.

Information for pre-printed application forms for 2000 decals was taken from 1999 records; therefore, if your vehicle was not registered in Vienna last year, you will not automatically receive an application in the mail. Call 703-255-6323 or visit the Finance Department to obtain forms.

Town of Vienna residents do not need to purchase Fairfax County vehicle decals, but they must pay County personal property tax on motor vehicles. Personal property tax forms are available at Town Hall for the convenience of Vienna residents. For information about personal property tax, call the County Office of Assessments at 703-222-8234.

Sidewalk Construction Projects Scheduled to Begin This Spring

At its February 14 work session, the Town Council agreed to proceed with plans to install curb, gutter and sidewalk at the following locations beginning this spring:

- Glyndon Street, S.E. East side from #604 to Talahi Road; west side at #801; at the intersection of Tapawingo Road (both sides); west side from Owaissa Court to #1011; west side at #200 Audrey's Court.
 - Battle Street, S.W. South side from Plum Street to Center Street.
 - Tapawingo Road, S.E. All segments.
 - Wolftrap Road, S.E. East side from Maple Avenue to #105 Echols Street.
 - Holmes Drive, N.W. West side from Lawyers Road to John Marshall Drive.
- Knoll Street, N.W. North side from Nutley Street to Lewis Street. No road widening except where street now tapers.
- ${}^{\bullet}$ Echols Street, S.E. South side from Niblick Drive to Kramer Court; north side from Niblick to Follin Lane.

The approximate cost for these projects is \$410,000. There will be no cost to individual property owners. Another project, on the east side of Niblick Drive, S.E., from Maple Avenue to Echols Street, is still under study. For more information, please call Mike Bomgardner in the Public Works Department, 703-255-6387.

NEW IN TOWN? Vienna's Public Information Office has prepared 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.

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)

Briglia Appointed Mayor, Maud Robinson Councilwoman

The Town Council has appointed Steven D. Briglia to fill the unexpired term of the late Mayor Charles A. Robinson, Jr. Briglia, who has been a Council member since 1996, will serve as Mayor until June 30. He has announced his candidacy in the May 2 Town election for another term as Councilman.

Maud F. Robinson was appointed to serve the remainder of Councilman Briglia's term, which also expires June 30. She has served on the Town's Board of Architectural Review, Town/Business Liaison Committee, and Board of Directors of Historic Vienna, Inc., among many other community activities.

Town Hall to Be Renamed for Robinson

Vienna Town Hall has been renamed the Charles A. Robinson, Jr., Town Hall in honor of the late Mayor. In a resolution adopted January 31, the Town Council declared, "It is fitting and proper that Charles A. Robinson, Jr., be recognized by the Town of Vienna and its citizens for his invaluable contribution to the welfare of the Town and local government in Virginia and that the name and memory of Charles A. Robinson, Jr., should be preserved for future generations in the Town of Vienna as well as the entire Commonwealth of Virginia."

Mayor Robinson's public service career spanned four decades, beginning with his appointment to the Vienna Board of Zoning Appeals in 1954 and then the Planning Commission in 1960. He was first elected to the Town Council in 1962 and served as Mayor from 1976 until his death on January 3. One of his major contributions was the concept of architectural review by local government, and he drafted the Town Charter's architectural control provisions and architectural review ordinance.

He was very active in the Virginia Municipal League, serving as president of the organization for 1983-84, and he was the moving force in forming for the benefit of local government the statewide Virginia Municipal Group Self-Insurance Association and Municipality Liability Pool. He also represented the Town on numerous local, regional and statewide committees and task forces through the years.

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VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL
Steven D. Briglia, Mayor

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Town Manager — John H. Schoeberlein, 703-255-6370
Director of Public Works — Dennis W. King, 703-255-6381
Chief of Police — Col. Dan Boring, 703-255-6390
Director of Finance — Philip R. Grant, 703-255-6320
Director of Parks and Recreation — Richard S. Black, 703-255-6356
Director of Planning and Zoning — Gregory M. Hembree, 703-255-6341

Send news and comments to Vienna Newsletter c/o Town Hall.

Deadline for April issue is Wednesday, March 15.

Council Action

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise

JANUARY 3, 2000

- Following a public hearing, awarded Nextlink Virginia L.L.C. a non-exclusive five-year franchise to install fiber optic cable to provide telecommunications service and access lines to in-town customers.
- Approved the purchase under Virginia Department of Transportation contracts of a Chevrolet S-10 Series pickup truck in the amount of \$15,911, a Dodge Dakota midsize pickup truck in the amount of \$14,225, and a Dodge Ram 1500 pickup truck in the amount of \$15,331 for the Department of Public Works; two Dodge Ram 1500 pickup trucks in the amount of \$15,331 each for the Department of Parks and Recreation; and five full-sized police packaged sedans in the total amount of \$112,750 and a ¾-ton cargo van in the amount of \$20,722 for the Police Department.
- Awarded a bid for a Kawasaki 1000-P19 motorcycle for the Police Department to Burcham Cycle of Colonial Heights in the amount of \$9,419.
- Approved a refund to Global Infotek of gross receipts tax overpayments in the amount of \$7,289.52.

Voter Registration Deadline April 3

Monday, April 3, is the last day to register to vote in the May 2 Town election. You may register in person at various locations around the county, or by mail. For more information, call the Fairfax County General Registrar's Office at 703-222-0776.

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.

To be eligible to vote in the Town election, you must be a town resident, at least 18 years old by election day, and a U.S. citizen.

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Town project, matching your abilities and interests is available. Your interest in serving the Town is sincerely acknowledged and appreciated.

Planning Commission - approves preliminary plats of subdivisions, prepares the Comprehensive Plan for the future development of the town, hears and makes recommendations to Council on rezoning requests and other planning and zoning matters.

Board of Zoning Appeals - is authorized to hear and decide appeals of any decision made by the Director of Planning and Zoning, grant variances from the zoning code, approve conditional use permits, and interpret the zoning map.

Board of Architectural Review - examines and approves plans for commercial buildings, signs and landscaping to ensure that new construction is not bizarre or garish and is harmonious and compatible with existing buildings.

Transportation Safety Commission - studies intersections, traffic signs, speed limits and other matters relating to street safety and makes recommendations to Council.

Windover Heights Board of Review - approves new construction and major exterior alterations of buildings within the Windover Heights Historic District in northwest Vienna to ensure that they are in keeping with the old and historic architectural aspect of the surroundings.

Town/Business Liaison Committee - makes studies and offers recommendations to Council on matters affecting the town's businesses and their relationship with other segments of the community.

Community Enhancement Commission - created to act as the focal point for beautification and litter control programs.

BRING OR MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE AT VIENNA TOWN HALL, 127 CENTER ST., S., VIENNA, VA 22180.

Spring Street Sweeping Schedule

The Public Works Department's spring street sweeping program begins next month. The town has been divided into eight sections to be covered according to the schedule below. Residents are requested not to park on the street during the scheduled time for their section to allow the street sweeper to do a thorough job. As the time for each section approaches, signs will be placed on streets as a reminder, and residents can also call the Public Works Department at 703-255-6381 to obtain a more definitive date of when the street sweeper will be on their block.

SECTION I APRIL 3-7

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

SECTION II APRIL 10-14

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

SECTION III APRIL 17-21

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

SECTION IV APRIL 24-28

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

SECTION V MAY 1-5

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

SECTION VI MAY 8-12

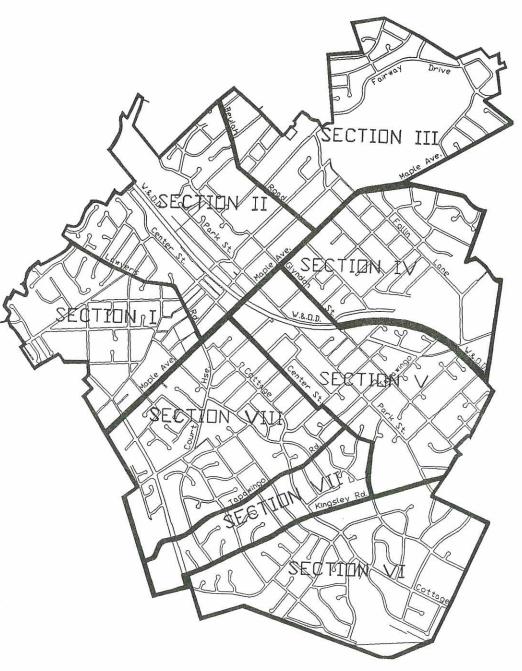
South of Kingsley Rd. to Cedar Ln. & southern town limit

SECTION VII MAY 15-19

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

SECTION VIII MAY 22-26

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



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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

Amateur photography contest and exhibit Saturday, March 18, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. and Sunday, March 19, noon–4 p.m. Entries will be accepted Thursday, March 16, 5–9 p.m. and Friday, March 17, noon–4 p.m. Ribbons will be awarded in eight categories in black & white and color divisions. There will be a separate section for students in grades 7–12. The entry fee is \$7 per person. Entries are limited to five photos per person and two per category. Thanks to the Vienna Photographic Society for its assistance.

Vienna Community Band, under the direction of John J. Pickeral, Jr., will preent its spring concert on Sunday, March 26, at 3 p.m. Enjoy a variety of classical and popular selections.

JUST FOR KIDS

Monday afternoon roller skating for ages 3–12 through March 20 from 3 to 4 p.m. Admission is 50¢ per child. Participants must furnish their own skates or rollerblades and safety equipment. Parents must stay with their children and are welcome to participate.

MANAGING YOUR MONEY & YOUR ESTATE

Homebuyers seminar will be held on Wednesday, March 15, from 7 to 9 p.m. Mortgage consultant Edwin Peacock and realtor Matthew Cockerham will discuss how to buy a home for little or no down payment, how pre-approval can save you money, how to work with a buyer's agent, and more. Free of charge; registration required.

Workshop on wills will be presented by attorney David Hoffman on Monday,

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March 6, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Using a "will check-list" participants will mark off (and understand) the reasons for having a will. Free of charge; registration requested.

Introduction to tax free/tax deferred investing Thursday, March 9, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Sean Sinclair of Edward Jones Investment will present information about municipal bonds, annuities, advantages of traditional IRA's versus Roth IRA's, and more. Free of charge; registration required.

Investment seminar will be held in two parts, March 9 and 16, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Kevin Davis of Capital Securities

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Corp. and co-host of Business Radio WRC-AM 750 will discuss evaluating various stocks, bonds and mutual funds; portfolio allocation and diversification; buying and selling; how to read the ticker tape; and more. Free of charge; registration required.

AT THE TEEN CENTER

SAT prep class will be held on Sunday, March 12, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Experts from SCORE! Prep, the leading one-on-one, in-home tutoring company, will answer questions about the test and give tips to help you achieve your maximum score. Free of charge; registration required.



QUESTIONNAIRE FOR APPOINTMENT BY TOWN COUNCIL TO VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, ETC.

	DATE.						
NAME:	AGE:						
ADDRESS:							
YEAR MOVED TO VIENNA:	TELEPHONE NO.: H:						
PLACE OF WORK & OCCUPATIONAL TITLE:	O:						
RESIDE WITHIN TOWN LIMITS?	REGISTERED VOTER IN TOWN OF VIENNA?						
OCCUPATIONAL HISTORY (may attach professional résume SERVICE AS AN ADVISOR TO TOWN COUNCIL:	É) AND SPECIFIC EXPERIENCE THAT WOULD PREPARE YOU FOR						
ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS (Please list courses taken that w	ould relate directly to public administration/problem solving.):						
Membership on boards and commissions often entails several e commissions meet at least once monthly, with an occasional ex	evening meetings throughout the year. Normally, most boards and tra meeting per month.						
CAN YOU EXPECT TO BE AVAILABLE FOR THESE ME.	ETINGS?						
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IN WHAT CIVIC OR SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS ARE Y	OU ACTIVE?						

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Welcome New Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in January:

Hamilton Sofa Gallery (furniture sales) 138 Maple Ave., W. 703-319-8000

Gloria's Coiffure (hair salon) 125 Church St., N.E. 703-255-1717

China Consultant 131 East St., N.E. 703-242-4454

T&J's Bowl Mart (bowling supply sales) 262 Cedar Ln., S.E. #A3 703-560-2695

Tim's Home Improvement (handyman) 505 Moorefield Rd., S.W. 703-319-1056

DJ's Bonding (bail bonding) 540 Orchard St., N.W. 703-625-1436

Chiba International (consulting) 304 Springwood Ct., N.E. 703-319-9744

William L. Griffith & Co. (contractor) 132 Church St., N.W. 703-573-5900

Karen Beattie (psychologist) 380 Maple Ave., W. #303B

(hair salon) 703-938-5234 703-281-0310

Telecom Consulting 917 DeSale St., S.W. 703-255-5242

National Floor Design (carpet & hardwood floor sales) 431 Maple Ave., W. #E 703-242-6850

Net-Span Corp. (computer service) 310 Dominion Rd., N.E. 703-281-3441

Evolution Fitness (health & fitness center) 216 Dominion Rd., N.E. 703-255-9707

Cardoza Roofing (roofing contractor) 120 Locust St., S.W. 703-319-0109

Realtech (property management) 301 Maple Ave., W. #C 703-938-6500

Lyceum Network Integration Mediterranean Corner & Professional Service (information technology) 140 Park St., S.E. #300 703-319-9800

Hua Lee Lim 101 Pleasant St., N.W.

> Omnicomp (computer sales) 111 Center St., S. #A 703-715-2524

Sunrise Glass Tinting 607 John Marshall Dr., N.E. 703-591-4500

Armando Nunez (contractor) 1410 Ross Dr., S.W. 703-346-6025

No Job Too Small (handyman) 540 Orchard St., N.W. 703-625-1436

New ownership:

Park Properties (rental property) 310-312 Dominion Rd., N.E. 703-281-3441

The Freedom Bank of Virginia (organizational office) 502 Maple Ave., W. 703-242-5300

(grocery store) 409 Maple Ave., W. 703-938-3663

> For more information and to obtain Town application forms, call 703-255-6325. For County application forms, call 703-222-8234.

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

Applications for Tax Relief **Due April 3**

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

- less. This amount excludes \$6,500 of income
- · Total combined assets of no more than \$150,000. This amount excludes the value of the residence, up to one acre of land, and household furnishings.
- · Disabled persons applying for the first time must show evidence of disability.

Fairfax County also provides grants to senior citizens and disabled citizens who rent their residences, and relief from personal property tax for one automobile per household. The assets and income limitations for these programs are different from the real estate limits. The Town of Vienna provides all relief recipients one free auto decal.

Both Town and County applications

• Total household income of \$40,000 or

of relatives, other than the spouse, who reside in the household. Also excluded is \$7,500 of any income received by a homeowner who is permanently and totally disabled. 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.

must be filed. Applications for 2000 for all programs are due April 3. This date may be extended to December 31 of the year following the year the application was due if the applicant is applying for relief for the first time or if hardship conditions exist which through no fault of the applicant prohibit applying by April 3.

Shamrock Dance for middle school students Friday, March 17. Dance to the DJ's music from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Admission \$3 per person.

Band concert for high school students, 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 11. Admission \$5 at the door.

Babysitting fundamentals for ages 12 and older Saturday, March 25, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Learn how to care for infants and young children, including bathing, games/ activities, basic first aid, diapering, and safety practices. The fee is \$25 per person, and advance registration is required.

Youth spring/summer activity and job fair is scheduled for April 5. Employers and community organizations are invited to participate. For information, call Susanna Flint at 703-255-5721.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Personal Safety for Women will be held in four parts, March 27, 29 and April 3, 5 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, and practice in physical self-defense techniques. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and exercise shoes. The cost for all four sessions is \$5 for Town of Vienna residents plus a \$15 materials fee.

"Take Control of Your Health" will be presented on Tuesday, March 21, from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Learn how reforming lifestyle habits can reduce your risk of cancer, heart disease, stroke, and other diseases. Free of charge; registration required.

Raising a healthy drug-free family is the subject of a free presentation by Dr. Andy Stynchula of Stynchula Chiropractic Clinic on Monday, March 27, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Advance registration requested.

SENIOR CITIZENS

55 Alive Mature Driving Program, sponsored by AARP, will be held on Monday and Tuesday, March 20 and 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$8 per person and advance registration is required. 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 mea-

Skin care and image workshop

Wednesday, March 15, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Esmé M. Dettor of BeautiControl will demonstrate daily maintenance to help skin defy damage from stress, sun, and harsh environments and how the right makeup and fashion colors can help you look younger,

healthier and more confident at any age. Includes a private color analysis.

POTPOURRI

Hunan Delight is the next destination for the Lunch Bunch on Wednesday, March 22, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet new people, socialize, and enjoy a good meal. You pay for your order, a portion of the tip, and \$5 for transportation. Register at least a week in advance.

Northside Trail Will Connect to W&OD

Vienna Parks and Recreation has received a grant from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation to help fund a trail through Northside Park to provide access to the Washington & Old Dominion Regional Park Trail. The 1,400 foot asphalt trail will begin at Glyndon St., N.E., and include a bridge across Piney Branch.

The trail project, scheduled to begin this spring, will provide a safer, more convenient and functional link from neighborhoods in northeast Vienna to the W&OD Trail. Currently, bicyclists must take a circuitous route through a portion of the town's commercial/light industrial area with heavy truck and auto traffic.



RECYCLE MOTOR OIL, ANTIFREEZE, BATTERIES — The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries will be Saturday, March 4, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Town property yard, 247 Nutley St., N.W. This service of the Public Works Department provides citizens with a convenient and environmentally responsible way to dispose of vehicle waste products. For more information, call 703-255-6381

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HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Town election candidates forum, sponsored by Vienna Chapter 1116 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, in the Vienna Community Center auditorium. Candidates for Mayor and Town Council will speak and answer questions from the audience.

Antiques appraisers Josephine Thrasher and Jim Johnson will be at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., on Saturday, March 25, from noon to 4 p.m. They will give a verbal appraisal of the approximate age and current value of any item, up to three items per person, for \$7.50 per item (\$5 for Historic Vienna Inc. members). A photograph may be brought if the piece is too large. Appointments are required; call 703-938-9668.

7th annual Casino Night & Taste of Vienna, sponsored by the Vienna Regional Chamber of Commerce, will be held at Westwood Country Club on Saturday, March 11, beginning at 7 p.m. Enjoy games of chance and samplings of food from local restaurants. The evening will also include raffles and an auction of prizes ranging from weekend get-aways to jewelry. Admission is \$45 per person. For tickets and more information, call the Chamber of Commerce office at 703-281-1333.

Two \$1,000 college scholarships are available from the Vienna Woman's Club for graduating Vienna high school students who have applied to a two-year or four-year college. Scholarship application forms are available from school guidance counselors and must be postmarked no later than April 14. The Vienna Woman's Club meets at the Vienna Community Center the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. For more information, call Beth Stone, 703-978-3425, or Sharon Fratis, 703-255-2571.

Free, confidential tax help for middle to low income taxpayers regardless of age each Wednesday through April 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Crestar Bank, 515 Maple Ave., E. (The elevator inside the bank's side door on Berry Street offers convenient

access to the site upstairs.) Bring copies of your 1998 federal and Virginia returns; federal and Virginia tax forms and booklets for 1999; documents showing 1999 income; Social Security number for all dependents; and receipts or canceled checks if itemizing deductions. Sponsored by AARP and the IRS.

Celebrate spring with an original painting from the Vienna Arts Society gallery in the Village Green Shopping Center. The current show continues through March 18. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 703-319-3971.

Vienna Choral Society will present its first concert of the 2000 season at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at Vienna Baptist Church. "A Celtic Spring Fling" will feature sights and sounds from the British Isles. A reception will follow the concert. Tickets are \$12 general admission (\$10 in advance), \$9 for students and senior citizens (\$8 in advance), and \$20 for a family of two adults with children under 18. For more information, call 703-938-7567 or 703-573-4018.

Welcome Wagon Club of Vienna-Oakton will hold its monthly luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 2. Jo Ann Holley will discuss Project Linus, which provides security blankets for children with cancer. For meeting location, reservations, and more information, call 703-938-9377.

Vienna Photographic Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, in the lecture hall at Thoreau Middle School. Photographer Zanne Tillman will give a presentation on "Polaroid Transfers." For more information, call Mo at 703-816-2423 or visit www.safeport.com/vps.

Daughters of the American Revolution, Fairfax County Chapter, will meet at 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 3, to present its annual DAR Good Citizen awards. The award honors high school seniors who demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities. Call 703-502-4995 for meeting location and more information.

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. For those who have donated in the past, please leave publications at the usual location on the third Tuesday of the month *only* from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (Be sure to remove mailing labels from magazines.) First-time donors may call project chairman Florence Roseborough at 703-281-2498 for information

Bethel 38, International Order of Job's Daughters invites girls age 11–20 to an open house at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, at the Concord Masonic lodge, 146 Church St., N.E. (above Pennywise Thrift Shop). The organization is committed to the principals of loyalty to country, reverence for religion, family, school, friendship, and service to others. For more information, call Jenn Clark, 703-993-5150, or Bren Brundage, 703-620-6156.

Vienna American Legion Dyer-Gunnell Post 180, located at 330 Center St., N., will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 1. The group will honor the police officer and firefighter of the year, and give special recognition to Vienna's late Mayor, Charles A. Robinson, Jr. The public is invited to the meeting as well as the all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner at 7 p.m. For more information, call Jim Kiefer at 703-938-9304.

Congratulations to the winners of Post 180's annual scholarship awards: Angela Marie Stoner, Bridget Seery, and Brandi Lea Sabol.

Spring training is underway for the Northern Virginia Seniors' Softball Association, open to women age 40+ and men age 50+. Opening day is April 18, with regularly scheduled games on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The \$50 annual membership fee includes spring training, both

summer and fall playing seasons, softball hat and team shirt. For more information, call Dave Scheele, 703-524-5576, or Max Clay, 703-481-0200.

Vienna resident Mayo Stuntz was honored recently by the Fairfax County History Commission as one of its original members who has served continously on the commission since its founding in 1969. Stuntz and his wife, Connie, have published three local history books, including This Was Vienna, Virginia: Facts and Photos.

Vienna commemorative plates, with 13 historical sites in town painted around the border, are available exclusively at the Freeman House General Store, 131 Church St., N.E. The limited edition 7½-inch plate is encircled with 22K gold on both the inside and outside edges of the hand-drawn and painted artwork. The cost is \$40, and a short history of the sites accompanies each plate in its gift box. The Freeman Store is open Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.

Zip Code Day time capsule has been opened after 20 years. The contents of the time capsule, including photos, scrapbooks, newspaper articles, and letters from school children, are on display at the Freeman House each weekend in March. To commemorate the 20th anniversary of this unique event, the Vienna Post Office is offering a special postal cancellation for a period limited to 60 days.

Vienna-Madison Community Coalition (VMCC) will present "Character Education: What Is It?" on Wednesday, March 1, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. Fairfax County Public School Administrator Linda Whitfield will provide an overview of character education programs used in the schools and discuss how the community can work with schools to reinforce their efforts. Individual school surveys on character education initiatives in the Greater Vienna pyramid schools will be available.

VMCC is an organization of parents, educators, students, and community and business leaders working to promote a safe, drug and alcohol abuse free atmosphere for Vienna's children. For more information, call Susanna Flint at the Community Center, 703-255-6360.

Springtime Means Water Main Flushing

Each spring, the Town of Vienna flushes the water mains in its distribution system in order to maintain a high standard of water quality and to ensure proper and efficient operation of the fire hydrants. The preventive maintenance program begins in early April, and water mains are usually flushed between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m.

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

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

You Can Help Prevent Sewer Back-ups

YOUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REMINDS YOU — The discharge of anything other than waste and toilet paper through residential sewers can cause a stoppage in the house line or in the main sewer, resulting in property damage. Items that should **never** be flushed down toilets include disposable diapers, paper towels and sanitary napkins. Even cigarette filters can get caught and cause problems. These items and any other non-fluid items should be disposed of with the regular householed trash.

Last Call for Year 2000 Seedlings

In celebration of the Year 2000, Vienna's Community Enhancement Commission is giving 2,000 tree seedlings free of charge to town residents. Seedlings will be distributed at the Vienna Community Center during the weekends of March 18 and 25.

Seedlings are limited per type and will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations are being accepted, and order forms are available at the Community Center. The seedling varieties available include:

Green Ash — Not a favorite of gypsy moths.

Eastern Red Cedar — Drought resistant.

Bald Cypress — Good for wetlands and high areas.

Sweet Gum — Likes full sunlight.

Sawtooth Oak - An excellent wildlife food.

White Oak — Long-lived; produces high-energy wildlife food.

Willow Oak — Good for wildlife.

Black Walnut — Edible nuts; likes well-drained, fertile soil.

There is a limit of two seedlings per household. Please note these are bare root seedlings and should be planted as soon as possible after pickup.

The Community Enhancement Commission reminds everyone 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.



Look for the Community Enhancement Commission's new Beauty Award signs around Vienna, recognizing those citizens who give that little extra effort to make our town a nicer place in which to live.

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