This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

MARCH 1991 – Vienna's government offices and vehicles are blooming with vellow ribbons in honor of U.S. armed forces serving in the Persian Gulf war. The yellow ribbons, symbol of America's desire for the safe return of loved ones from overseas, now fly from the antennas of 86 Town vehicles, and Town Clerk Carol Orndorff gave employees a crash course in making florist-style bows for office doors. Thanks to Charlotte's Florist, which donated 100 yards of yellow ribbon to the effort.

MARCH 1981 – The Vienna Jayteens invite all third through sixth graders to a sock hop on March 15 in the Community Center Game Room. The \$1 admission charge includes soft drinks, pop corn, and a disc jockey to play all the latest records. The dance will be chaperoned by members of the Jayteens as well as their sponsors, the Vienna Jaycee Women. On March 29 the Vienna Jaycees will hold their annual "Campers Classic" 10-km road race, with proceeds going to a special camp for mentally handicapped kids.

MARCH 1971 - The Vienna Environmental Council is a new group that has been recently formed in the town. Its aim is to interest people in doing something about environmental pollution. Initiated by a group of young housewives, meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Community Center. Studies are being made on the feasibility of recycling various types of waste products.

MARCH 1961 - A summary report by the Commission on the Future Government of Vienna is included in this month's newsletter. The Commission, consisting of 11 citizens, was established by the Town Council in April 1959 to make recommendations as to the form of government best suitable for Vienna. The Commission concluded that Vienna should not become a city at this time because it would be economically prohibitive to operate its own schools, and Commission members were split on their recommendation regarding Vienna surrendering its town charter and reverting to Fairfax County. It appears that Vienna can preserve maximum flexibility of future development by remaining a

FIRE & RESCUE

911

(Voice & TDD)

VIENNA POLICE

EMERGENCY

703-938-4900 (Voice)

703-255-5730 (TDD)

NON-EMERGENCY

703-255-6366 (Voice)

703-255-5730 (TDD)

VIENNA TOWN HALL

703-255-6300 (Voice)

703-255-5735 (TDD)

COMMUNITY CENTER

703-255-6360 (Voice)

703-255-5739 (TDD)

Home Projects Require Permit

Your Planning and Zoning Department reminds you: It's no secret that home improvement projects usually take longer and cost more than anticipated. Some contractors and homeowners try to expedite the process and save money by cutting corners and taking shortcuts, but this actually can generate more problems and cost more money than if the proper procedures had been followed.

The most common example is beginning a home improvement project without obtaining the proper permits beforehand. Building codes and specifications vary from one jurisdiction to another. Although the Town of Vienna is located in Fairfax County and uses County structural plan review and inspection services, Vienna has its own code regulating home improve-

If you are unsure whether the home improvements you are planning require a permit, or if you have questions regarding home improvement projects going on in your neighborhood, please call the Planning and Zoning Department at 703-255-

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

Bulk Rate U.S. POSTAGE PAID Vienna, Va. Permit No. 36

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

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

Vienna, VA 22180

POSTAL CUSTOMER



Meet Your Supervisor

Fairfax County Supervisor Catherine M. Hudgins invites Hunter Mill District citizens to meet with her from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 17, in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. For more information, call the Supervisor's office at 703-478-0283.

Rep. Tom Davis **Meeting Rescheduled**

U.S. Representative Thomas M. Davis III will host a town meeting on Saturday, March 3, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. (This meeting was rescheduled from February 10.) Citizens are invited to comment and ask questions about the current Congressional session as well as issues affecting them at home in the 11th District.

Northside Project Citizen Contact

To help citizens obtain accurate and timely information during construction of the Northside Public Works Facility, citizens may address all questions and concerns about the project directly to the Town's Capital Projects Engineer, Glen Bates, at 703-255-6319 or e-mail projects@ci.vienna.va.us.

See page 6 of this newsletter for the spring street sweeping schedule



Car Tags Go on Sale March 15

2001 Town of Vienna motor vehicle decals go on sale Thursday, March 15, and must be displayed by midnight April 16. Decals may be purchased by mail or in person in the Finance Department at Town Hall. (Military personnel must apply in per-

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 2001 decals was taken from 2000 records; therefore, if your vehicle was not registered in Vienna last year, you will not automatically receive an application form in the mail. Call 703-255-6323 or visit the Finance Department to obtain a form, or download it from the Town's web site, www.ci.vienna.va.us.

Town of Vienna residents do not need to purchase Fairfax County vehicle decals, but they must pay County personal property tax on motor vehicles. For information about personal property tax, call the County Office of Assessments at 703-222-8234 or visit the County web site, www.co.fairfax.va.us.

Business License Deadline March 1

Town of Vienna businesses are reminded that the annual business, professional, and occupational license tax (BPOL) is due on March 1. All businesses in the Town of Vienna, including home occupations, must renew their business licenses by March

The amount of the tax is based on gross receipts, and the rate varies according to the type of business. The gross receipts threshold is \$50,000, below which the tax does not apply. Those businesses with total annual gross receipts of \$50,000 or less pay only the minimum license fee of \$30 per year.

License tax forms are available in the Finance Department at Town Hall. For more information or assistance in figuring license taxes, call 703-255-6321

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

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

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Voter Registration Deadline April 2

Monday, April 2, is the last day to register to vote in the May 1 Town election. You are eligible to register if you are a Vienna resident, at least 18 years old by election day, and a U.S. citizen.

You may register in person in the Fairfax County General Registrar's Office at the County Government Center or by mail. Application forms are available in the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall, all County libraries, and several other locations, and applications can also be downloaded from the County web site, www.co.fairfax.va.us/gov/ eb/regis.htm.

If you are already a registered voter, no additional registration is required for the Town election; however, you should check your voter registration card to be sure it lists your current name and address. Changes may be submitted either by mail (12000 Government Center Pkwy., Suite 323, Fairfax, VA 22035-0081) or by fax (703-324-2205). The notice must include your signature to be valid.

If your voter information card does not arrive within a few weeks of your application, please call 703-222-776 to confirm that it was received.

Carlisle Appointed New Chief Of Vienna Police Department

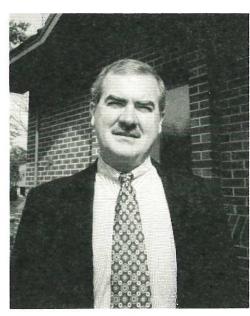
Town Manager John H. Schoeberlein has appointed Robert A. Carlisle as Chief of the Vienna Police Department. Col. Carlisle was selected from a field of more than 90 applicants from across the country. He officially assumed his duties in Vienna on February 22, succeeding Daniel V. Boring, who served as Chief since 1997.

Col. Carlisle was a member of the Fairfax County Police Department for over 20 years and held a wide variety of commands, including Commander of the McLean District Station. Commander of the Personnel Division, Director of the Public Safety Academy, Commander of the Patrol Bureau, and Commander of the Criminal Investigations Bureau.

Following his retirement from the County in 1999, Col. Carlisle became Assistant Chief for Support Services with the Falls Church Police Department. His duties



Col. Carlisle has a Bachelor's Degree in Business and Public Management and a Master's Degree in Industrial/Organizational Psychology, both from George Mason University. He has been a guest lecturer for The Police Foundation on progressive law enforcement issues such as community policing and valuing diversity, and he has also worked with the U.S. State Department in the ongoing evaluation of training courses administered to foreign governments under the Anti-Terrorism Assistance Program.



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VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

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> Send news and comments to Vienna Newsletter c/o Town Hall. Deadline for April issue is Thursday, March 15.

Town Council Action

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise

JANUARY 8, 2001

- Conducted a closed executive session to interview candidates for appointment to Town boards and commissions.
- Adopted the year 2000 Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Vienna, which describes the current characteristics of the town and contains recommendations for future development in the areas of land use, transportation, and community facilities and services.
- Denied payment of an additional \$15,882.59 to Virginia Power for street light installation for the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project.

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St. Patrick's Day 67 THURSDAY Car tags go on sale Town/Business Liaison Committe 6:30 p.m. Police Chief's Advisory Comn 7 p.m. Architectural Review Board Planning Commission Planning Commission Board of Zoning Appeals 28 21 Transportation Safety Commission TUESDAY Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m. Mayor's Advisory Committee SE 7 Town Council work session **Fown Council Fown Council** 26



Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Continues Tradition of Service

The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department has announced that Howard Springsteen is its new president and Don Burns the new chief. VVFD has served the Town of Vienna and surrounding community for almost 100 years and thanks residents and businesses for their support. The Department offers the following fire safety information that could save your life and property:

Make Sure Your Smoke Detectors Are Working Properly

Remember you should have a working smoke detector installed on every level of your home, test them monthly, and keep them clean and equipped with fresh batteries at all times. Through OPERATION FIRESAFE the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, in cooperation with Fairfax County Fire and Rescue, will install a smoke detector in your home if you do not have one. If you are in need of a smoke detector or know someone who is, please call 703-246-3947 and leave the following information on the answering machine: your name, your phone number and the best time of day to contact you, and

your complete street address. When calling, please speak clearly and slowly. A firefighter will call you back and make arrangements to install your smoke detector.

Be Careful with Candles

The use of decorative and scented candles in the home is on the rise, and there have been a significant number of home fires attributed to candles. Here are a few tips that will help you use candles safely:

- * Never leave a burning candle unattended.
- * Never leave the house with candles burning.
- * Keep candles far away from flammable materials, place them on a base that is sturdy and nonflammable, and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down.
 - * Before you light your candle be sure to trim the wick to about a quarter inch high.
 - * Keep burning candles away from drafts.
 - * When your candle has burned within two inches of its base it's time to extinguish that candle and light another.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors Protect Your Family

At least one carbon monoxide detector should be installed per household, near the sleeping area. A second detector near the home's heat source provides extra protection. Choose an Underwriters Laboratories (UL) listed detector that sounds an audible alarm. A battery operated carbon monoxide detector continues to protect even in the event of a power outage. Hardwired AC models with battery backup are also available.

In addition to installing carbon monoxide detectors, you should regularly inspect and service potential problem sources of carbon monoxide. These include common home appliances such as gas or oil furnaces, clothes dryers, water heaters, fireplaces, charcoal grills, gas ranges, wood-burning stoves, and space heaters. Fumes from motor vehicles also contain carbon monoxide and can enter a home through walls or doorways if a vehicle is left running in an attached garage.

At low levels, carbon monoxide poisoning causes symptoms similar to the flu, such as headaches, fatigue, nausea, dizzy spells, confusion, and irritability. As levels of carbon monoxide increase, vomiting, loss of consciousness, and eventually brain damage or death can result.

If you suspect you are experiencing carbon monoxide poisoning, get fresh air immediately, get everyone out of the house as quickly as possible, and call the fire department. Firefighters can confirm the presence of carbon monoxide, attempt to identify the source, and ventilate the gas from the building.

For more fire safety information, visit the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department web site, www.vvfd.org.

Tax Relief Forms Due April 2 For Elderly and Disabled Citizens

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

- Total household income of \$40,000 or less. This amount excludes \$6,500 of income 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.
- 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.

In addition to real estate tax relief, Fairfax County provides grants to senior citizens and disabled citizens who rent their residences. The County also provides 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 must be filed. Applications for 2001 for all programs are due April 2. 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 2.

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

Phase II of Maple Ave. Enhancement Project Scheduled This Spring

The Town of Vienna will continue its revitalization of the downtown commercial area this spring with Phase II of the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project. The first phase of this revitalization, between Lawyers Road and Park Street, was completed in 1998. Phase II of the project will include the area from Park Street to Beulah Road.

The project will provide new brick sidewalks on each side of Maple Avenue, new curb and gutter, brick crosswalks at all intersections, new asphalt pavement surface, increased turning radii at intersections and driveway entrances, improved street lighting with ornamental poles and fixtures, elimination of utility poles on the north side of Maple Avenue, planter areas for shrubbery and trees, trash receptacles, benches, and new bus shelters. These design elements will benefit both businesses and shoppers by improving the general appearance of the area and increasing safety. There will be no major changes to the width, capacity, speed, or other transportation characteristics of Maple Avenue.

Obviously, this project will cause some disruption to traffic, but this disruption will be held to a minimum by requiring the construction contractor to adhere to a traffic plan as part of the contract and to do much of the work at night when traffic volume is lightest. The contractor will be required to maintain two lanes of traffic on Maple Avenue in each direction at all times, for a total of four lanes, and provide electronic message boards and lane arrows to direct drivers to the appropriate lane. To maintain the four open lanes, the center left-turn lane will be eliminated in the construction zone.

The construction is scheduled to be completed this fall (in time for the Halloween Parade!). Every effort will be made by the Town to keep the affected businesses, property owners, and the general public informed of the schedule and progress of the project by direct mailings, the Town newsletter and web site, press releases to local news media, and meetings with the Vienna Regional Chamber of Commerce and other organizations.

Questions about the project may be directed to the Town's Capital Projects Engineer, Glen Bates, at 703-255-6319 or e-mail *projects@ci.vienna.va.us.*.

Fairfax County to Co-sponsor Older Worker Employment Expo

An Older Worker Employment, Technology & Education Expo will be held on Friday, March 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center. Admission is free and free shuttle bus service will be available from the Vienna Metro Station.

The expo is sponsored by Fairfax County, Jewish Council on the Aging, Fairfax Area Commission on Aging, Senior Beacon newspapers, and AARP and will feature:

- * Recruiters from local companies who want to hire older workers;
- * Seminars on finding a job, changing careers, the high-tech job market, and more.
- * Use of the Internet to locate and apply for jobs, with more than 30 computers and instructors on hand;
 - * Expert advice on updating your resume plus a private resume critique.

For more information, call 703-803-6000. For special accommodations, call 703-324-5219.

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

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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 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, March 18, from noon to 4 p.m. Entries will be accepted Thursday, March 15, from 5 to 9 p.m. and Friday, March 16, from noon to 4 p.m. Photos will be judged by local professional photographers and ribbons awarded in eight categories in black & white and color divisions. There will be a separate contest 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 with this event.

Spring concert will be performed at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 25, by the Vienna Community Band under the direction of John J. Pickeral, Jr. Free admission.

BUS TRIP

Tour Hillwood Museum and Gardens on Tuesday, March 27. See the most comprehensive collection of Russian imperial fine and decorative arts outside of Russia, 18th century French furnishings, porcelain, tapestries and metal work, and 25 acres of formal gardens. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 11 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. The fee of \$32 per person includes transportation and guided tour.

SPORTS & HEALTH

Adult spring tennis league begins April 10 and continues through June. Men's singles games will be played on Thursday evenings and women's singles games on Sunday mornings. Each league member will play a minimum of seven matches during the season, with trophies awarded to the top two finalists in each division. The fee is \$8 for Town of Vienna residents and \$10 for out-of-town participants. Registration deadline is Friday, March 30.

Spring co-ed softball league begins April 22. Games will be played Sunday mornings at Southside Park. The registration fee is \$375 per team and includes 14 regular season double-header games, umpire fees, softballs, awards, and a post-season tournament.

Monday afternoon roller skating for children ages 3–12 continues through March 19 from 3 to 4 p.m. Admission is 50¢ per child. Participants must furnish their own skates or rollerblades and safety equipment. Parents are required to stay with their children and are welcome to participate.

Skating for the entire family will be held each Friday through March 9 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Admission is \$1 per child and 50¢ for participating adults. Bring your own skates or rollerblades and safety equipment. Parents are required to stay with their children.

"You Are What You Eat," co-sponsored by Fresh Fields Whole Foods Market, is a six-week health and nutrition program for mature adults age 40 and over. It includes cooking demonstrations; discussions about medicine, homeopathy, and the use of supplements; presentations on special dietary needs; and many food samples, coupons, and cost saving benefits. Two classes are offered, March 20–April 24 from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. and March 22–April 26 from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. The fee is \$10 per person.

Mind-Body Evening Sampler Series is a four-week program to provide information from experts in the fields of meditation, diet, pilates and yoga. The class will be held on Tuesdays, March 20–April 10, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The fee is \$8 for Town of Vienna residents and \$12 for out-of-town participants.

"Mindfulness Stress Reduction," a six-week series, will be held on Tuesdays, March 20–April 24, from 5 to 5:55 p.m. By paying attention to how you breathe, move, hold and release tension, eat, exercise and think, you can improve your health. Integrating knowledge about healthy lifestyles with dynamic movement and meditation techniques can lead to positive change. The fee is \$27 for Town of Vienna residents and \$33.75 for out-of-town participants.

Free blood pressure check for senior citizens on Wednesday, March 14, from 10 to 11 a.m. Members of The Medical Team will be available to check your blood pressure.

MANAGING YOUR MONEY AND YOUR ESTATE

"Taking Control," a free financial management workshop and luncheon for women, will be presented on Saturday, March 31, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rose Gentile-Varca and Valerie P. Kaiser, registered representatives of NYLIFE Securities Inc., will discuss the latest techniques for managing your money and helping it grow. Participants will also receive a 150-page *Taking Control Workbook* containing financial strategies, worksheets and self-analysis quizzes.

"Why Good Wills Go Bad" is the title of a free presentation on Monday, March 12, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Join attorney David G. Hoffman for a discussion of Virginia will law, organizing your assets, when to change your will, talking to your executor, reducing probate, will copies, do-it-yourself tax plans, and much more.

"How to Buy a Home for Less Than You Expected" Monday, March 19, from 7 to 9 p.m. Mortgage consultant Edwin Peacock and realtor Matthew Cockerham will explain the eight steps to a stress-free real estate transaction, how owning will translate to tax savings, strategies to locate homes quickly, and successful negotiating strategies. Free of charge.

at the movies with a screening of *Amadeus* at 7:30 p.m. complete with popcorn and other refreshments. Then at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 1, the Vienna Baptist Chancel Choir, accompanied by organ and chamber orchestra, will perform Mozart's *Requiem*, followed by dessert and coffee in the "Café Mozart." All activities are free of charge. For more information, call the church at 703-281-4400.

Newcomers Club of Vienna and Friends will hold their regular luncheon meeting at noon Thursday, March 8, at Marco Polo Restaurant. Guest speaker will be Vienna resident Diane Chamberlin, author of 11 novels. For reservations, call 703-938-1077. Non-smoking bridge groups meet on the first Tuesday and third Wednesday of each month. Call 703-938-3505 or 703-281-4811 for information and reservations.

Special study series for Lent will be held at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Road, S.W., each Wednesday through April 4 from 7 to 8 p.m. Topics will include "How to Think Theologically," "The Gospels Through Jewish Eyes," and "The Practice of Silence." To register and for more information, call the church office at 703-281-4400. Vienna Baptist welcomes everyone to its Easter Sunday activities on April 15 with pancake breakfasts at 8 and 10 a.m., contemporary worship service at 9 a.m., and traditional worship service at 11 a.m.

Vienna Arts Society (VAS) will sponsor an oil painting workshop with Robert Johnson March 1–3 and a water-color workshop with Ted Betts March 26 and 27. For location, cost, and more information, call Sandy Offutt at 703-435-2772. The VAS gallery, located in the Village Green Shopping Center, features original art that's reasonably priced. 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 or visit www.viennaartssociety. org.

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 227, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 15, at Neighbor's Restaurant in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center. Lt. Gen. Patrick M. Hughes, USA (Ret.), who served two tours of duty in South VietVienna Regional Chamber of Commerce Hosts the 8th Annual

CASINO NIGHT & TASTE OF VIENNA



Location: WESTWOOD COUNTRY CLUB 800 Maple Avenue, East, Vienna Date: Saturday, March 10, 2001 Time: 7 p.m. – Midnight Admission: \$45

Featuring gourmet delights from many of the area's finest dining establishments

- ♦ Raffle prizes including jewelry, shows, gift baskets, gift certificates & romantic dinners
- ♥ No one under 21 years of age will be admitted
 - ♠ Black Tie Optional

Tickets & Information: 703-281-1333

nam, will discuss the Vietnam War's impact on today's Army doctrine. For more information, call 703-255-0353 or visit www.geocities.com/pentagon/8305.

Vienna's Epiphany United Methodist Church is pleased to announce that the church's own Anne Hurley and Arno Drucker will perform music of Brahms, Copland, Debussy, Mozart, and Poulenc at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. in Old Town Alexandria. For more information, call the church at 703-938-3494.

National Capital Bird Club is a group that loves pet birds and encourages interest in exotic birds. The next club meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 4, at Fairfax County's McLean Government Center, 1437 Balls Hill Rd. For more information, contact Lori Pikkaart at 703-319-0677 or email *Lspikaart* @juno.com.

Annual auction to benefit Our Lady of Good Counsel School and Parish is scheduled for May 5. To donate an item or service, contribute financially, or advertise in the auction program booklet, contact Marianne Palen in the auction office, 703-938-2553 ext. 23, for a donation form. Donations must be received by March 15 to be included in the program booklet.

Vienna Chapter, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, will meet at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, at the Vienna Community Center. "Dr. John," formerly with Merrifield Garden Center, will be the guest speaker. For more information, call 703-938-8180. Recent federal retirees, please note this is your organization, promoting your interests!

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HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Northern Virginia Senior Softball Association spring training is underway, with opening day scheduled for April 17. This is a slow-pitch league open to women age 40+ and men age 50+ (although not co-ed) that plays Tuesday and Thursday mornings on fields around Fairfax County. You will be assigned to a team according to your skill level. For more information, call Dave Scheele, 703-524-5576, or Joyce Pfeffer, 703-860-1876.

Antiques appraisers Josephine Thrasher and Jim Johnson will be at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., on Saturday, March 24, 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 703-281-2664. All proceeds will be donated to Historic Vienna, Inc., the town's non-profit organization for preservation and restoration.

Vienna American Legion Dyer-Gunnell Post 180 will be honoring the Law Enforcement Officer and Firefightier/EMS Person of the Year on Wednesday, March 7, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Post Home, 330 Center St., N. As always, the facility is open to the public for breakfast daily from 7 to 11 a.m. and lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Legion hosts a dinner the second Friday of every month from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., and there is a breakfast buffet the fourth Sunday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon, both of which are open to the public.

American Legion Auxiliary of Vienna will meet at noon Wednesday, March 14, at Post 180, 330 Center St., N. All interested citizens are invited to attend. For more information, call Emilie Larson at 703-938-1379.

Vienna Little League (VLL) is looking for adult volunteers to umpire baseball games this year. Training clinics are scheduled for March 18 and 25 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Madison High School. For more information contact Mark Murphy at 703-862-4242 or e-mail MURFE94590@

VLL's annual Field Day will be held on Saturday, March 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Yeonas Park (rain date March 10). Town residents are invited to volunteer some time and elbow grease on this spring cleaning day to make the park ready for the new baseball season. Bring your garden tools, gloves and paint brushes.

Town residents are also invited to show their support for the VLL athletes on Opening Day, April 7. A parade consisting of all 1,200 players in their uniforms, Challenger (handicapped) teams, and 300 girls from Vienna Girls Softball will begin at 9 a.m. from Thoreau Intermediate School down Park Street to Patrick Street and into Yeonas Park for a ceremony at 10 a.m.

Welcome Club of Northern Virginia invites residents new to the greater Northern Virginia area to attend its luncheon meeting on Thursday, March 1, at the Country Club of Fairfax. The program will be "Volunteerism in Our Immediate Area," featuring speakers from several local volunteer organizations. For reservations and more information, call 703-757-5913 or 703-758-1844.

Vienna Choral Society will present its first concert of the year at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 17, at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Rd., S.W. The chorus, together with full orchestra and guest soloists, will present Antonin Dvorak's *Stabat Mater*. Tickets are \$12 general admission (\$10 in advance), \$9 for students and senior citizens (\$8 in advance), and \$20 for a family discount ticket. Refreshments will be served after the concert. For more information, call 703-255-5508 or 703-560-8636.

Free, confidential tax help for middle to low income taxpayers regardless of age will be available each Wednesday through April 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Sun Trust 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 1999 federal and Virginia returns; federal and Virginia tax forms and booklets for 2000; documents showing 2000 income; Social Security number for all dependents; and receipts or canceled checks if itemizing deductions. This program is sponsored by AARP and the IRS.

Mamie Eisenhower Republican Women's Club will host a brunch for prospective members at 10 a.m. Monday, March 5. Carol Ann Coryell, Secretary for the Fairfax County Registrar's Office, will speak on the voting process. For location and more information, call 703-620-3652.

"Into the Woods," the Stephen Sondheim musical, will be presented by the Vienna Baptist Church Youth Drama Group March 16–18 at the church, 541 Marshall Rd., S.W. The Friday and Saturday performances begin at 7:30 p.m., with a Sunday matinee at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$7 per person. For more information, call the church office at 703-281-4400.

Vienna Photographic Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, in the auditorium at Thoreau Middle School, 2505 Cedar Ln. Ed Kirkpatrick will speak on "Pinhole Photography and Paper Negatives" and actually build a pinhole camera during the program. For more information, call Mo at 703-816-2423 or visit www.safeport.com/vps.

Northern Virginia Model Railroaders will hold an open house at the Vienna Railroad Station on Saturday, March 17, from 1 to 5 p.m. The public is invited to see an operating HO scale model railroad featuring the Western North Carolina Railroad from Spencer/Salisbury to Asheville in the decade 1945–1955. Admission is free; donations accepted. The station is located at the corner of Dominion Road and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E. For more information, call 703-938-5157 or visit www.gecit ies.com/Heartland/Plains/6120.

Spend "A Weekend in Vienna" at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Rd., S.W. On Friday, March 30, enjoy Mozart

Establishing good money habits for kids and teens is an important part of their education, which can begin with a free program on Saturday, March 24, presented by Mark Costello of Morgan Stanley Dean Witter. The session for ages 8 and 9 will be held from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., and for ages 13–15 from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m.

AT THE TEEN CENTER

Club Phoenix Teen Center features a big screen TV, jukebox, CD player, VCR's, pool and ping pong tables, and more. During the school year, operating hours for high school students are 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday. For grades 7 and 8 hours are 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and 3 to 10 p.m. Friday. For 6th graders hours are 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. Club Phoenix is open to all grades on Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

Teen open gym hours for ages 13–18 are 4 to 5:30 p.m. Mondays and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays.

High school students can enjoy "emo rock" by live bands on Saturday, March 3, and a punk/ska concert on Saturday, March 17, from 7p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$5 per person.

"Girl Power" is a free skin care workshop that will be held on Saturday, March 24, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Skin care and image consultant Julia Ferguson will show you the secrets of great skin and how to look beautiful, even if you oversleep for school and only have a few minutes to get ready!

"Girlspeak," a program for girls ages 11–13 to learn how to handle the challenges of adolescence, will be held each Saturday, March 17–April 28, from 10 a.m. to noon. Instructor Lauren Taylor will present a program aimed at building confidence and assertiveness to help avoid the common problems girls face during their teenage years, including declining self-esteem and poor body image. The cost for the program is \$20 per person.

"Nurturing Your Mind, Body, Spirit" will be presented by Laurie L. Rosen, LCSW, on Tuesday, March 27, from 7 to 9 p.m. Understand the mindbody-spirit connection and its impact on weight management; learn about the ten habits of naturally slim people; and nurture your whole self to achieve a more balanced lifestyle. This program is free of charge.

Teen rap group, designed for co-ed high school students, will meet every other Tuesday of each month, beginning March 6 through May 29, from 7 to 8:30 pm. Facilitator Zak A. Kondo will assist participants in developing problem-solving, communication, and analytical skills in a safe, supervised, and structured environment. This is an opportunity to gain invaluable preparation for college-level interaction. Free of charge.

Teen job fair is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25, from 5 to 8 p.m. This fair is to inform students of upcoming summer employment opportunities. If you are part of an organization that would be interested

in reserving a booth at the fair, please contact Susanna Flint at 703-255-5721 for more information.

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Tickets go on sale March 26 for the Vienna Theatre Company's production of "Brigadoon." Performances are scheduled for April and May. Tickets are \$9 general admission and \$8 for students and senior citizens (age 65 and over).

Discount tickets to Kings Dominion are available at the Community Center Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$26 for "Super Saver Days," which begin March 24. (Regular daily admission is \$38.99 for ages 7 and up, and \$26.99 for ages 3–6.) Checks only will be accepted payable to "VRPS" (Virginia Recreation and Park Society).



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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 2-6

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

> **SECTION II APRIL 9-13**

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

> **SECTION III APRIL 16-20**

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

> **SECTION IV APRIL 23-27**

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

> **SECTION V** APRIL 30-MAY 4

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 7-11

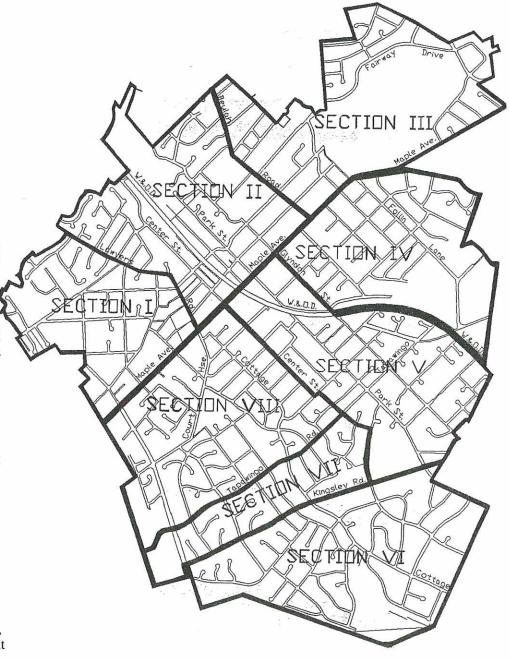
South of Kingsley Rd. to Cedar Ln. & southern town limit

> **SECTION VII** MAY 14-18

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

> SECTION VIII MAY 21-25

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



The following businesses licenses were issued in January:

Welcome New Businesses

Bennett's Nursery landscape design 390 Maple Ave., E. 2nd Fl. 703-938-6925

Suchinta Wijesooriya reiki teacher 403 Victoria Ct., N.W. 703-242-2705

Joong-ang Daily News Washington newspaper 512 Maple Ave., W. #201 703-338-2050

Freedom Therapy Center family therapy 103 Beulah Rd., N.E. #200 703-255-3561

Timothy R. Shaver, MD 360 Maple Ave., W. #E 703-255-3905

Doodlebug Explorers Club child care 903 Meadow Ln., S.W. 703-255-3998

David J. Steffens marketing 601 Truman Cir., S.W. 703-448-3131

Synconet.com sales & distribution of anime 310 Dominion Rd., N.E. 703-281-9603

Ilantus Technologies consulting 226 Maple Ave., W. #404 703-319-7600

Amazon Limousine Service 386 Maple Ave., E. 703-242-9400

Integrated Aerosystems consulting 226 Maple Ave., W. #403 703-281-6100

Golden Quality Cleaners dry cleaning 348 Maple Ave., W. 703-255-9898

Exallplaza management service for import/export 903 Lynn Hill Ct., N.E. 703-281-0234

Central Nails nail salon 431 Maple Ave., W. #C 703-938-0121

New ownership: Manhattan Bagel 310 Maple Ave., W. 703-938-8100

Water Mains Flushed in Spring

In the spring of each year, 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

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 and Sewer Customer Service Office at 703-255-6385.

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Recycle Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Batteries

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries will be Saturday, March 3, 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 a convenient and environmentally responsible way to dispose of vehicle waste products. For information,

Too often used oil is improperly poured down storm drains or into sewers. Just one quart of used oil can pollute 250,000 gallons of water, releasing tons of toxic metals such as lead, cadmium and arsenic into the environment. When recycled, cleaned of its impurities and re-refined, used oil is a valuable resource that can be remanufactured into new fuels.

Antifreeze, like oil, can contaminate water and should never be disposed of in drains or sewers. In addition, antifreeze stored around the house presents a great danger to children and pets; it tastes sweet but is deadly poison.

Improper disposal of automobile batteries is a leading cause of lead contamination in landfills and energy recovery facilities. In Virginia, it is illegal to dispose of automobile batteries with refuse.

"Beauty Spot" from Your Community **Enhancement Commission**

Vienna's Community Enhancement Commission recognizes town residents and businesses for their beautification projects. Although spring is in the air, the Commission would like to recognize the following Beauty Spot Award winners for their outstanding Christmas decorations:

- * Anthony and Sarah Deconcillis, 917 Fairway Dr., N.E.;
- * Housemates Mark, Chris, Kevin and Randy, 209 Yeonas Dr., S.W.
- * Caffi's Florist of Vienna, 512 Maple Ave., W.
- * June and Tyrone Holmes. 128 Nutley St., N.W.

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

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