# This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

JUNE 1991 – The Vienna Parks and Recreation Department has posted signs in several Town parks prohibiting pets from athletic fields and courts, playgrounds, and picnic areas. This was done because of the number of people allowing their dogs to defecate in these areas, creating a nuisance and a potential health hazard to park users.

JUNE 1981 – The Vienna Optimist Club has presented a new Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) to the Christian Fellowship Church for use as a Fairfax County Deaf Hot Line available to anyone needing the service. A TDD allows deaf persons to make phone calls by typing messages back and forth on a TV screen.

JUNE 1971 - The Town Council has expressed concern to the County School Board over plans to transport children who have completed 6th grade at Marshall Road School to Luther Jackson Intermediate rather than Thoreau. In spite of overcrowding at Thoreau, Council expressed the hope that the County would reconsider so that Vienna children could preserve a sense of community and identity with the Town.

JUNE 1961 – Within the past two years, Vienna has made great strides in developing and equipping the Glyndon Street Park and the Meadow Lane Park. Plans for the coming fiscal year include developing the East Vienna Woods-Westbriar Park, a park in Vienna Hills, and one in the Cedar Lane School area. The new budget also provides for a parttime Director of Recreation for Vienna.

> 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

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)

# Recycle Motor Oil, **Antifreeze, Batteries**

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries will be Saturday, June 2, 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, call 703-255-6381.

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.

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

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# NEWSLETTER **June 2001**

### **Budget Adoption June 4**

Adoption of Vienna's budget for fiscal year 2001-2002 is scheduled for the June 4 Town Council meeting, which will begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. The adopted budget will take effect July 1. For information about the budget or to obtain printed copies when they become available, contact the Administrative Services Office at 703-255-6350.

For the seventh consecutive year, the Town of Vienna has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. This award, for the fiscal year 2000-2001 budget, is the highest form of recognition given for governmental budgeting. In order to receive the award, a jurisdiction must satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well a government's budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device. Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all of these categories to receive the award.

### **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, June 16, in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. For more information, call the Supervisor's office at 703-478-0283.

# Real Estate Tax Due Next Month

The first installment on 2001 Town of Vienna real estate tax is due on Monday, July 30. If you have not received your bill by July 15, please call the Town's Real Estate Office at 703-255-6325.

If your Vienna tax is paid through your mortgage company and you receive the tax bill, please notify your mortgage company immediately so it can make payment by the due date. If you have sold the property and are not responsible for the tax bill you receive, please notify the Real Estate Office immediately.

A penalty of 10% or \$5, whichever is greater, and interest at the annual rate of 10% on the tax and penalty will be assessed for late payments as required by state

Town of Vienna property owners must also pay Fairfax County real estate tax. For information on County tax payments, call 703-222-8234.

# **Having a Yard Sale This Summer?**

Your Planning and Zoning Department reminds you:

- Each residence and/or family household may conduct no more than two yard sales during any calendar year. There is no permit required.
- Each sale must be conducted during daylight hours for no more than two consecutive weekends (Saturday and Sunday).
- To advertise your sale, two signs of not more than four square feet each are permitted at the residence where the sale is being conducted.
- Four additional signs of not more than two square feet each are permitted, as directional signs, provided permission is received from the owners of the property where the signs are to be placed.
- No sign may be exhibited more than two days prior to the start of the sale. Signs are not allowed in Town right-of-way (10 feet from the curb or edge of pavement) or on utility poles. All signs placed illegally will be removed.

If you have questions about these regulations or need more information, please call the Planning and Zoning Department at 703-255-6341.

NFW 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.

### **Town Council Election Results**

In the Town Council election on May 1, incumbent Council members Vince Olson, Mike Polychrones and Maud Robinson were elected for new two-year terms, defeating challenger Edythe Frankel Kelleher. A brief swearing-in ceremony is scheduled for the June 18 Council meeting.

The vote totals are: Polychrones – 993, Robinson – 974, Olson – 891, and Frankel Kelleher – 836. A total of 1,419 Vienna residents voted in this election, out of 9,768 active registered voters, a 14.5% voter turnout. The Town Council thanks all citizens who took the time to vote as well as those who served as election officers.

# **Electronic Voter Verification Gets First Test at Vienna Election**

Election officials working at the May 1 Town Council election were the first in Virginia – and the United States – to use an "electronic poll book" designed to get voters quickly through the check-in process and into the voting booth. In keeping with Virginia's e-government initiatives, the State Board of Elections is testing the new program, which should streamline the often cumbersome voter verification process.

Currently, each voter entering a polling location must provide a driver's license or other form of identification that is checked by two poll workers against two computer printouts to verify name, address and Social Security number. The new system tested at the Vienna election makes the voter verification process almost instantaneous through bar code technology. Voters presenting a bar coded driver's license have it scanned for the necessary information and are immediately able to proceed to the voting booth. If voters present an older driver's license or some other form of ID without a bar code, workers can quickly enter the information into a computer terminal for verification.

This is not the first time the Town has been on the cutting edge of technology in the election process. In the late 1980's, Vienna was one of the first jurisdictions to use electronic voting machines in its municipal election.

### **TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER**

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Director of Parks & Recreation
Director of Planning & Zoning

Send news and comments to *Vienna Newsletter* c/o Town Hall. Deadline for July issue is Friday, June 15.

# **Council Action**

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise

#### MARCH 26, 2001

- Conducted a closed executive session to interview candidates for appointment to Town boards and commissions.
- Re-appointed Karen O'Meara to the Transportation Safety Commission and reappointed Fred Skaer to the Planning Commission, both for two-year terms.

### **APRIL 2, 2001**

- Conducted a closed executive session to interview candidates for appointment to Town boards and commissions.
- Appointed Agnes Leonard for a twoyear term as the northeast quadrant representative on the Community Enhancement Commission.
- Approved the installation of a speed hump (or two if deemed necessary) in the 600 block of Upham Place, N.W., and "Children at Play" signs on Upham between Colony Court and Holmes Drive.
- Awarded a contract to Tri-Tek Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 to develop a conceptual master plan for the Nutley Street property yard site.
- Awarded a contract for the purchase of a 2001 Ford Crown Victoria for the Police Department in the amount of \$23,055.
- Rezoned Northside Park and the Branch Road Tot Lot from single-family residential to the Park and Recreational Zone.
- Accepted the resignation of Kenneth Plumb from the Community Enhancement Commission.

Council meeting agendas and results are available at the Town's web site, www.ci.vienna.va.us.

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Drop off used motor oil, antifreeze & batteries at Nutley St. property yard 8 a.m.-2 p.m. 16 30 0 Saturday 00 S Friday -Town/Business Liaison Committee 6:30 p.m. Board of Architectural Review Thursday Community Enhancement Commission 7:30 p.m. Flag Day 9 27 13 Planning Commission Board of Zoning Appeals Wednesday 5 Transportation Safety Commission Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Trash pickup
first collection day,
curbside recycling
second collection day
each week Council Town Council Town Council Monday June All meetings are held t Vienna Town Hall at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise Father's Day Sunday All 1 at V

# Keep Burglars at Bay When You Are Away from Home

Your Vienna Police Department has the following tips for residents who plan to be away on vacation this summer:

- Let your neighbors know you are going to be away and where you can be reached.
- Ask a neighbor to pick up your mail, packages and newspapers.
- Ask a neighbor to mow your lawn.
- Ask a neighbor to use your trash cans or set his or her refuse at the curb in front of your home on trash collection day.
- Invite a neighbor to park a car in your driveway to give your home an even more lived-in appearance.

#### REMEMBER TO THANK YOUR NEIGHBOR!!

- Make your home look like you are there. Lights turned off and on by timers give your home that lived-in look while you are away.
- Have good locks. A high quality, one-inch deadbolt lock on every outside door is a basic requirement.
- Never leave your home unlocked, even for a brief trip to the store or a visit to the neighbor across the street. Many homes have been burglarized in just such short periods of time.
- Do not hide a key outside your home. Leave that extra key with a trusted neighbor or friend. If you have deadbolt cylinder locks, you must use a key to lock the door and cannot possibly lock yourself out.
- Do not put a name or address tag on your house or car keys. That
  is an open invitation to an unwelcome visitor should you ever lose
  your keys.
- Plug a radio into a timer set to go on when you are away. Set the radio to an all-talk station, leave the volume low, and give a would-be burglar the impression you are talking to someone. Light and noise are burglars' worst enemies.
- Have a free home security inspection and be an active participant in Neighborhood Watch. REMEMBER: A thief wants to take the path of *least* resistance; your participation in Neighborhood Watch provides the *most* resistance!



House check request forms are available at police headquarters, 215 Center St., S. For more information, please call the Police Department at 703-255-6366.

# <u>Comment from the Council Table</u> Mayor Reflects on Her First Year in Office

By M. Jane Seeman Mayor of Vienna

It has been a good year for Vienna. Goals have been met and we are ready for new challenges. Some of our most significant achievements include:

! The traffic on Maple Avenue is moving! This is due to a new computer signalization system that times the traffic lights and traffic flow during specific times of the day.

! The first phase of our sidewalk construction program is nearly finished and citizens are pleased with the results. Over \$400,000 was spent on new sidewalks and \$100,000 on sidewalk maintenance.

! Some of our streets are undergoing extensive asphalt repair and more will be done as the summer progresses. This will bring all our streets up to an acceptable grade for this year. The Town will have spent over \$1 million in 2001 on asphalt

repair and resurfacing, and \$200,000 on curb, gutter and sidewalk repair.

! The Nutley Street water tower is being repaired and repainted with no disruption of service, supply or pressure.

! The Town has recently rezoned two pieces of property for parkland. Northside Park will remain undeveloped except for a connecting trail and bridge to the W&OD Trail for citizens in northeast Vienna. Preschoolers and their parents have already discovered the Tot Lot on Branch Road at Locust Street in southeast Vienna.

The one disappointment is the delay of the second phase of the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project from Park Street to just past Wolftrap Creek. The project will now begin in early spring 2002 and be finished by the end of the summer.

Challenges and goals for the coming



Mayor Seeman

year include more sidewalk building, continued street maintenance, and water and sewer maintenance. Park lovers will be pleased to know that more parks are being planned for the coming year. A train mural will enhance the Centennial Park area, and the train station will be open every weekend during the summer.

Our Town web site will continue to improve and offer more information to users, including criteria for traffic calming measures and residential parking restrictions with appropriate petition forms that can be downloaded.

The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles has approved a special license plate for the Town of Vienna and the Finance Department is now taking orders. As soon as 350 individual prepaid applications have been received, the license plates can be ordered.

On the agenda this fall will be a Town meeting to discuss the future of our commercial and industrial areas. Watch for more information in the newsletter and the local news media.

None of these projects would come to fruition without the vision and hard work of the Town Council, Town boards and commissions, special committees, and many, many citizen volunteers.

This past year, my first as Mayor, has been challenging, exciting and a lot of work. I have been impressed with the dedication and responsiveness of the Town staff and Town Council. We are all here for you

# A "Good Neighbor" Message from Your Community Enhancement Commission

Vienna is unique among Northern Virginia communities. Its friendly family oriented atmosphere is conducive to a sense of "hometown" that is rare in our metropolitan area. As citizens, most of us take pride in our personal contributions to its continuation as a lovely enclave in Fairfax County.

Little things, however, affect how people perceive the aesthetic ambiance of our town. The careless tossing away of even a small piece of trash can signal to others that they are free to do the same.

We've all driven down a lovely country lane and suddenly off to the side observe a carelessly discarded bag of trash. Some time later, traveling down the same lane, the pile has grown to include an old stove, mattress, refrigerator, etc.

While not entirely analogous, placing trash containers and recyclables at the curbside long before the scheduled pickup day is an eyesore and a violation of the Town's solid waste regulations, which require all refuse to be placed curbside not earlier than 6 p.m. the evening preceding collection. (All trash cans must be removed from the curbside as soon as possible after trash pickup and no later than 7 p.m. the same evening as collection.) This is an especially repugnant practice on weekends when people entertain friends and family for parties and other activities, and such unsightly visages are an embarrassment.

Beautification has many faces, some involving simple consideration for our immediate neighbors. Perpetually open garage doors revealing a profusion of items inside, and toys, bikes, hoses, tools and other things left in the driveway or front yard are two cases in point. The appearance of your home affects the appearance of the neighborhood and the entire town.

# **Welcome New Businesses**

The following businesses licenses were issued in April:

AGS Digital Solutions computer consulting 1017 Cottage St., S.W. 703-319-9894

Leslie Landey stained glass service 1111 DeSale St., S.W. 703-242-2084

Wills Consulting Services consulting 1001 Pruitt Ct., S.W. 703-281-9072

Suwith Translation translation 622 Tapawingo Rd., S.W. 703-242-2848

Nature By Desing landscaping 401 Yeonas Dr., S.W. 703-938-4162

Turner Financial Group CPA firm 108 Center St., N. 703-242-6500

Artistic Audio Video audiovisual rental 915 Olympian Cir., S.W. 703-932-6337

Rainas Day Care childcare 310 George St., S.W. 703-560-2849

Center for Integrative Psychiatry psychiatry 301 Maple Ave., W. #C2 703-255-3406

New ownership: One Hour Moto Photo 155 Maple Ave., W. #A 703-281-6811

New ownership: Mediterranean Corner 409 Maple Ave., W. 703-938-4000

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

# Phase II of Maple Ave. Project **Rescheduled for Spring 2002**

In order to ensure that Phase II of the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project does not adversely affect either this fall's Halloween Parade or the holiday shopping season for Vienna businesses, the Town Council has approved a revised construction schedule for the project, setting a starting date of March 2002.

The project was originally scheduled to begin in March of this year. However, due to additional time required to meet certain Virginia Department of Transportation requirements and other unforeseen delays, work could not have begun until August with a completion date of December 31.

Phase II of the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project will include the area from Park Street to Beulah Road. The project will include 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.

### Is Your Business on the Bidders List?

The Vienna Purchasing Office is updating its bidders list for the new fiscal year beginning July 1. If there have been changes in your business organization, or if you would like to be placed on the Town's bidders list, please call 703-255-6359 to receive an application form and return it by June 30. The Town of Vienna wants to do business with you!

Businesses are reminded that all current Town government bids are posted on the bulletin board in the fover of Town Hall and also are on file with the Vienna Regional Chamber of Commerce.

## **Traffic Calming Guidelines Available**

Do you wish there was something you could do to make your street safer from speeders and cut-through traffic?

The Town's Transportation Safety Commission (TSC) has prepared "Guidelines to Traffic Calming in Vienna," available from the Deputy Town Clerk at Town Hall and at the Town's web site, www.ci.vienna.va.us. This guide outlines the criteria for requesting traffic calming measures on eligible streets. Basically, the procedure is

First, circulate a petition requesting the form of traffic calming desired, i.e., speed hump, speed dip, stop sign, etc. This petition must be signed by 75% of the households on the street involved, and all affected residences must be contacted.

Second, present the completed petition to the TSC at its regular meeting the last Tuesday of the month, or submit it to the Deputy Town Clerk for the Commission's next agenda.

Third, the TSC will review the petition, request necessary data from the Police Department, evaluate all criteria, and make a recommendation.

Fourth, the recommendation will be forwarded to the Town Manager for his review and then placed on the Town Council's agenda for final action.

For more information, call the Deputy Town Clerk at 703-255-6303.



Members of the Town Council and the Community Enhancement Commission observed Arbor Day with a ceremony on April 27 at the Branch Road Tot Lot, 180 Branch Rd., S.E. Children from the Vienna Community Center Preschool assisted with the planting of a weeping cherry tree, fulfilling the Town's requirements for designation as a "Tree City USA" by the National Arbor Day Foundation. Immediately following the tree planting, Council members cut a ribbon to officially open the Branch Road Tot Lot, Vienna's newest playground, designed for children ages two to five.

Senior citizens interested in writing their personal history are invited to join other seniors every Tuesday from 1 to 3 p.m. at Patrick Henry Library. Participants write their short stories at home and share them with the group. A great way to make new friends! For more information, call Grace Schoner at 703-281-9002.

Volunteers are needed by the Wildlife Rescue League to staff the Wildlife Hotline. The hotline works on a voice mail system so no travel is required and you can work from home. If you have a few hours to volunteer each month, contact Denice Lazzaro at 703-218-0008 (day), 703-830-0799 (evening), or email denicel@aol.com.

Vienna little League (VLL) registration for the fall season will be held in the

Valliere Room at Yeonas Park June 2, 9 and 16 from noon to 2 p.m. Children new to VLL will need to present a birth certificate and proof of residency. Watch VLL's top teams battle for the 2001 town championship June 16 at Yeonas Park. For information, call 703-758-4073 (voice mail) or visit www.vll.org.

Vienna Chapter, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, will hold its annual chicken feast and potluck luncheon at noon Tuesday, June 5, at the Vienna Community Center. For more information, call 703-938-8180.

Capital One Toucan 10K Run, to benefit Alternative House for abused and homeless children, will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 9, at Centennial Park (next to the red caboose). The entry fee on race day is \$20, or register online at www.racepacket.com. Congressman Tom Davis, honorary chair of the event, will present awards to the top finishers. All participants will receive a T-shirt and other goodies. For more information, call 703-698-7060.

Club, serving the Washington metro area, will sponsor an AKC-sanctioned "B" match and picnic beginning at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, June 3, on the banks of the Potomac River in Charles County, Maryland. If

Potomac Valley Shetland Sheepdog

you have a Sheltie and would like to practice show, or if you want to learn more about the breed and meet Sheltie owners, call match chair Denis Jensen at 301-831-8318 or visit the club's web site at www. geocities.com/Heartland/Valley/3231.

Flag disposal ceremony will be conducted by Vienna American Legion Dyer-Gunnell Post 180 on Flag Day, June 14, at the post home, 330 Center St., N. Citizens are asked to bring their old and unserviceable American flags to the ceremony so that they may be disposed of in a dignified and honorable manner. Call 703-938-9535 for the ceremony starting time. Flags may also be dropped off at the post home in

Vienna Arts Society gallery, located in the Village Green Shopping Center, is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 703-319-3971.

# **Techniques for Handling Annoying** Or Harassing Phone Calls

Anyone can be the victim of annoying or harassing telephone calls. These may include random calls by pranksters or sales representatives who may be too forward or obtrusive. Most can be avoided by learning and using some simple techniques to decrease your potential for victimization.

! Use your phone on your terms. If the caller doesn't speak or if you simply don't feel comfortable talking to the caller, hang up. You are not obligated to speak to anyone.

! Ask for the caller's identity or affiliation. If the caller refuses, hang up. Some "silent" callers are looking for a response and may want you to become scared or angry. Don't give them the satisfaction.

! If the caller asks, "Who is this?" or "What number have I reached?" don't answer. Instead ask, "What number were you calling?" If the call is not legitimate, that will proba-

! Don't give out any information unless you positively recognize the voice, and don't give the names of others living with you to someone who doesn't already know them.

! If you have children, instruct them not to talk to strangers on the phone. Teach them to ask for the caller's name and number so someone can return the call later.

! Other techniques that may be useful in some circumstances include blowing a whistle into the phone or tapping the disconnect button and saying, "Operator, this is the call I

If you feel you are the victim of malicious or threatening calls, contact the Vienna Police Department at 703-255-6366.

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# HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Used book sale June 9 and 10 under a tent outside the historic Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Proceeds will benefit Historic Vienna, Inc., the town's non-profit organization for restoration and preservation. For more information, call 703-938-5187.

**Volunteer notary public services** are being offered by town resident Louisa Meruvia to housebound senior and disabled citizens. For more information or to arrange an appointment, call 703-281-2327 after 5 p.m.

Vienna Jaycees will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 11, at the Vienna Community Center. Young men and women ages 21–39 are invited to join this national organization, which provides opportunities for community involvement, personal development, and social activities. For more information, e-mail *Karen*. *E.Evans@wcom.com* or call 703-281-1255.

Vienna Farmers' Market at Nottoway Park is open each Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., rain or shine, and the adjacent Plant Clinic provides free advice on gardening/planting problems from 9 a.m. to noon. Plenty of parking is available with convenient handicap spaces. For more information, call market manager Ed Bielecki at 703-281-3530.

Northern Virginia Model Railroaders will hold an open house at the Vienna Railroad Station on Saturday, June 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. The public is invited to see an operating HO scale model railroad. 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.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/6120.

Vienna Photographic Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 6, at Thoreau Middle School, 2505 Cedar Ln. Joe Elbert, Assistant Managing Editor of Photography at the *Washington Post* will

explain how the paper categorizes photos and how an image becomes an award winner. For more information, call Mo at 703-816-2423 or visit www.safeport.com/vps.

Vienna Baptist Players will present the hit musical, "Nunsense," in the Fellowship Hall at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Rd., S.W., Friday and Saturday, June 1 and 2, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person. For more information, call the church office at 703-281-4400.

American Legion Dyer-Gunnell Post 180, 330 Center St., N., is open to the public for breakfast daily and for lunch Monday through Friday. A dinner and installation of new officers will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, June 1. For more information call 703-938-9535.

A new Caregiver Education and Discussion Group, sponsored by The Women's Center, will meet on Tuesday, June 12, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Fresh Fields, 143 Maple Ave., E. Elder care consultant Joan Sears will present information and answer questions. The cost is \$20 per person. To register and for more information on this and other Women's Center programs, call 703-281-2657.

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 ONLY ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 9 A.M. TO 7 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.

National Capital Bird Club is a group that loves pet birds and encourages interest in exotic birds. The June meeting will be the club's annual picnic and auction. For more information, contact Lori Pikkaart at 703-319-0677 or e-mail Lspikaart@juno.com.

1st Annual Golf Tournament, sponsored by Vienna American Legion Post 180 to benefit veterans hospitals, will be held Friday, June 22, at Fairfax National Golf Club. The cost of \$75 per person includes greens fees, golf cart for each foursome, beverages, awards, and dinner. Make checks payable to Post 180 and mail to 330 Center St., N., Vienna, VA 22180. For more information, call Dan Dellinger at 703-938-9535. Cart sponsorships and hole sponsorships are available to businesses.

Pedals for Progress used bike collection will be held on Saturday, June 9, from 9 a.m. to noon in front of bikes@vienna, 128 Church St., N.W. Pedals for Progress reconditions used bicycles for people in developing countries, where they are put to work not only as basic transportation, but as ambulances, trash haulers, produce trucks, taxis, and farm machinery. For more information, call 703-525-0931, or visit www.p4p.org.

2001 Fairfax Fair will be held June 8-10 at the Fairfax County Government Center. Hours are 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, 10 a.m. to midnight Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission for adults is \$10 (\$7 in advance), \$3 for children ages 2–12, and free of charge for children under age 2. The fair will include music, arts and crafts, carnival rides, fireworks, food, laser show, frisbee dog show, and more. For more information, call 703-324-FAIR.

Vienna Chapter of AARP will celebrate its 31st anniversary luncheon at Marco Polo Restaurant on Monday, June 18. For reservations and more information, call Ginny Casey at 703-938-7693.

Patrick Henry Library summer reading program for kids in preschool through high school begins June 19. Everyone who completes the program will receive a coupon booklet of free and discounted prizes. For more information, call the library at 703-938-0405.

# Vienna License Plates Available



There's a great new way to show your Vienna community spirit, whether traveling across town or across the country. A special state license plate has been designed for Vienna featuring a full-color rendering of Town Hall in the center of the plate and the words "Town of Vienna" at the bottom. The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will issue the special plate once 350 pre-paid orders have been received.

Application forms are available in the Finance Department at Town Hall, where a sample plate is on display. The plate can also be purchased at DMV customer service centers and online at the DMV web site, www.dmv.state.va.us. The annual fee for the special plates is \$25, plus \$10 extra for personalized plates, in addition to the regular DMV registration.

The license plate design was selected by the Vienna Town Council following adoption of the enabling legislation by the Virginia General Assembly. The special Vienna license plate is not limited to town residents; any vehicle registered in Virginia may display the plate.

For more information about purchasing a special license plate, call the Finance Department at 703-255-6323.

# Connector Bike Route Proposed from Nottoway Park to W&OD

At its June 4 meeting, the Town Council will consider a proposal to designate an on-road bicycle route through the Town of Vienna to connect Nottoway Park with the W&OD Trail. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. Although a public hearing is not required on this item, interested citizens will be given the opportunity to speak.

The Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority has proposed this bike route through Vienna to provide the missing link between the City of Fairfax Gateway Park near Fairfax Circle and the W&OD Trail. Tapawingo Road appears to be the logical route because it is a direct line from Nottoway Park to the W&OD. However, due to the heavy volume of vehicular traffic on Tapawingo, an alternative has been proposed that would exit the park onto Tapawingo, cross Nutley Street, turn left onto Meadow Lane, left onto Plum Street, and right onto Battle Street. Bikers would remain on Battle until it deadends at the gravel pathway that connects to Mill Street near the Vienna Community Center, at which point they could access the trail at its intersection with Park Street.

The alternate route is not only suitable for commuters to the Metro Station, but also recreational/family oriented to provide access to Meadow Lane Park, the Community Center, Vienna Elementary School, Patrick Henry Library, and the central business district.

If approved by Council, the Town will work with the Park Authority to place bike route directional signs and warning signs to motorists at intersection crossings along the route. There are no plans to establish bike lanes or otherwise restrict vehicular traffic or residential parking along the proposed route.

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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

Vienna Community Band under the direction of John J. Pickeral, Jr., will present an outdoor Father's Day Concert on Sunday, July 17, at 7 p.m. Free admission. The audience is invited to bring lawn chairs or blankets and refreshments. In case of rain, the concert will be held indoors.

Cardinal Brass Quartet will present a free concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 3, in the gazebo next to the Community Center. Bring blankets and chairs. In case of rain, the concert will be held indoors.

Bob Brown Puppets will present "The Reluctant Dragon" at 2:30 p.m. Friday, June 29. This comic medieval adventure tale is recommended for ages 4 and older. Tickets are \$3 per person, available beginning June 4.

### **BUS TRIP**

Enjoy the casinos in Atlantic City on Thursday, June 21. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 9 a.m. and return about midnight The cost of \$30 per person includes transportation and casino package. Reservation deadline June 14.

### SPORTS & HEALTH

Wondrous walks on local trails, scenic paths and parks in the area are scheduled each Wednesday, June 6-27, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. All ages and walking levels are welcome. Meet outside the front of the Community Center. No charge; advance registration required.

Adult basketball league begins June 25. Two 10-team divisions will play a round-robin schedule, with the top teams from each division competing in a league championship tournament. The fee is \$500 per team (plus \$20 for each non-county player).

Adult summer tennis league begins July 12. Men's singles games will be played on Thursdays and women's singles games on Sundays at Glyndon Park. Each participant will play a minimum of seven matches during the season with trophies awarded to the top finalists. The cost is \$8 for town residents. Registration deadline June 29.

Learn to skate clinic for beginning skaters age 7 through adult at Meadow Lane Park Sunday, June 3, from 2 to 4 p.m. Learn the ready position, beginning stride, heel braking and turning, and how to use protective equipment. Session includes supervised practice time. The cost is \$25 per person.

All sports camp at Glyndon Park June 25-28 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. will let children ages 6-14 experience a variety of sports, including soccer, basketball, baseball, softball, and volleyball. Bring a lunch. The fee is \$105 with discounts available for multiple camps or for more than one family member.

Volleyball camp for ages 7-16 will be held at Southside Park June 25-28 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Equipment provided; bring lunch and a drink. The fee is \$105 with discounts available for multiple camps or for more than one family member.

T-ball camp for children ages 5-9 will be held at Southside Park June 25-28 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. This program will help kids make a smooth transition to the next level of baseball. All positions will be covered. Bring a lunch. The fee is \$105 with discounts available for multiple camps or for more than one family member.

Mantras and Mudras, a two part workshop for both beginning and advanced yoga students, will be held June 12 and 19 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Learn mantras (sacred sounds) and mudras (sacred hand gestures) for balancing and

empowering your life. Bring a mat and dress in comfortable clothes. The fee is \$18 for both classes, and advance registration is required.

Making Mind-Body Connections, a three part series, will meet each Monday, June 4-18, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Each session will focus on a different aspect of your health and well-being, including hidden allergies, staying fit while you sit, and how to determine what nutritional supplements are right for you. The fee is \$8 for town residents.

Learn about "Diet for a New America" at the Vienna Fresh Fields Whole Foods Market. A healthy surprise snack will be provided. This program is offered at two different times for your convenience: Tuesday, June 5, from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. or Thursday, June 7, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. The fee is \$3 per person.

Healthy early bird dinner will be served at the Vienna Fresh Fields Market on Wednesday, June 27, from 4:30 to 6:15 p.m. The menu will include a Mediterranean wrap sandwich, pasta salad, mini-smoothie, healthy cookie and tea. Diners will also see a demonstration of how the meal was prepared. The fee is \$12 per person.

### CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Summer playground program for children ages 6-11 begins this month. Weekly sessions are scheduled from June 25 through August 3, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost per session for town residents is \$50 per child, and in-town youngsters will be given priority registration through June 12. Supervised activities will include arts and crafts, games and races, and special events.

Auditions for Vienna Youth Players' summer musical production, "The Sound of Music," will be held June 3 from 1 to 3 p.m. and June 4 from 6 to

9 p.m. Call Vienna Parks & Recreation to arrange an audition time. Children should come prepared to move and sing a song from a standard musical theater repertoire (other than "The Sound of Music"). The production is scheduled for August.

### AT THE TEEN CENTER

Club Phoenix summer hours are 2-9 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 7 p.m.-midnight Saturday for high school students; 2-9 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 3-10 p.m. Friday for middle school students; and 2-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 3-6 p.m. Friday for 6th graders. Open to all grades on Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

**Teen open gym hours** this summer are scheduled for Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 3 to 4:15 p.m. for ages 10-13 and from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. for ages 14-17.

Club Phoenix open house for parents will be held on Tuesday, June 12, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The purpose of the open house is to give teen center parents an opportunity to view the facility, share information, meet the staff, complete the required registration form, and discuss issues or concerns.

Summer college day, Saturday, June 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., is designed to give high school students and their parents the opportunity to meet with college representatives and to gather recruitment materials and application packages. Workshops will focus on the college admissions process, financial aid, and other relevant topics. Admission is free of charge, and refreshments will be provided.

Babysitting fundamentals for boys and girls age 12 and older will be presented on Saturday, June 2, 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 of \$25 per person includes a manual and certificate upon completion. Bring a bag lunch and a doll.

**High school students** can enjoy concerts by live bands June 2 and 30 from 8 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$5 per person.

# July 4th Booth Space Available

Apply now for booth space at the Town of Vienna's July 4th celebration, a community tradition that is enjoyed by thousands of Vienna residents and visitors each year. Space is available for non-profit organizations, commercial food vendors, and private and commercial arts and crafts vendors. The celebration is scheduled for Wednesday, July 4, on the Community Center grounds. Booths are to be open from noon to 6 p.m.

# Attention Antique Car And Classic Car Owners!

This year, for the first time, Vienna's July 4th celebration will include an Antique and Classic Car Show. Visitors will vote for their favorite cars, and a People's Choice Award will be presented to the winner. There is no entry fee. Due to space limitations, no cars later than 1970 will be accepted. For application forms and more information, call the Community Center, 703-255-6360.

**Middle school dance** and outside barbecue Friday, June 15, from 6 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$3 per person.

### MANAGING YOUR MONEY AND YOUR ESTATE

Managing Your Retirement Income will be presented on Monday, June 11, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Investment advisor Sean P. Sinclair will discuss asset allocation, increasing current and future income, taxation of retirement income, and cash flow management. This program is free of charge, but pre-registration in writing is requested.

Introduction to wills, trusts and estate planning Monday, June 11, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Attorney David Hoffman will discuss the many forms of wills and trusts, gift giving, federal and state tax considerations, and making peace with probate. Free of charge.

How to Buy a Home for Less Than You Expected Monday, June 25, 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; pre-registration in writing requested.

### SENIOR CITIZENS

55 Alive Mature Driving Program, sponsored by AARP, will be held on two consecutive Saturdays, June 16 and 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The course covers the effects of aging and medications on driving, basic driving rules, license renewal, local traffic hazards, adverse road conditions, and accident prevention measures. Graduates of the course could receive a discount on their car insurance. The fee is \$10 per person and pre-registration is required.

Pickleball clinic Friday, June 1, from noon to 1 p.m. Pickleball, a cross between tennis and badminton, is easy to learn and can be played by anyone regardless of athletic ability. The clinic will include a demonstration and lessons from experienced players. Free of charge; no registration required.

**Free blood pressure check** Wednesday, June 13, from 10 to 11 a.m. by members of The Medical Team. Pre-registration requested.

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