### This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

AUGUST 1992 – Effective August 1, the Town Council has banned smoking inside the Vienna Community Center and in all public areas inside Town Hall. Increasing evidence has linked passive exposure to tobacco smoke to a variety of health hazards, and it is the intent of the new policy to reduce the danger to the health of Vienna's citizens and employees.

AUGUST 1982 – At its August 16 meeting, the Town Council will discuss the subject of video games. The Board of Zoning Appeals recently rejected an application to install video games in a record shop, and another application to open a video arcade in a shopping center was withdrawn after a large number of citizens expressed opposition.

AUGUST 1972 – Forty-three more acres have been acquired by Fairfax County for the Vienna District Park. The park now includes 83 acres near the intersection of Old Courthouse and Nutley Roads. The park has been named "Nottoway," an Algonquin Indian word meaning "adder," also designating alien tribes.

CALL THESE NUMBERS 24 HOURS A DAY:
VIENNA NEWSLINE – 703-255-6333
POLICE INFO LINE – 703-255-6363
MAPLE AVENUE HOTLINE – 703-255-5756
TO ORDER A SPECIAL PICKUP – 703-255-5727

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

# Solicitors, Peddlers Must Have Permit

A solicitor or canvasser is defined as anyone who goes from door to door taking orders for merchandise such as magazines or services such as home improvements to be delivered at some future date, or requesting donations for a charitable purpose. Canvassers and solicitors are required to obtain a permit and a license from the Town and to show the license on request. They are also required to wear a badge issued and signed by the Director of Finance containing the words "Licensed Solicitor." Call the Director of Finance's Office at 703-255-6320 for more information on solicitors and canvassers.

A peddler is defined as anyone who carries goods such as candy or firewood from door to door for sale and immediate delivery. Peddlers are required to pay a license tax to the Town and must display the license on their vehicles. Call the Town's Business License Office at 703-255-6321 for more information on peddlers.

Residents who suspect that a solicitor or peddler is operating under fraudulent pretenses or that he may be "casing" the neighborhood for burglary targets should call the police, 703-255-6366.

#### 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)

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### 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 5 and 6 of this newsletter.

### Yard Sale Reminder

Each household in town may hold two yard sales per year. No permit is required. Two advertising signs, no larger than four square feet each, may be displayed on the property where the sale takes place, and four directional signs, no larger than two square feet each, may be placed on other private property with the owner's permission. Signs may not be exhibited more than two days prior to the start of the sale. Signs are not permitted on public property, in the public right-of-way (10 feet from the curb or edge of pavement), or on utility poles. Illegally placed signs will be removed. For more information, call the Planning and Zoning Department at 703-255-

## Calendar Deadline September 3

Tuesday, September 3, is the deadline for Vienna non-profit organizations to submit information about their community events for next year to be published in the 2003 Town Calendar. Address calendar items to the Public Information Office, Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center St., S., Vienna, VA 22180, fax 703-255-5722, or e-mail pio@ci.vi enna.va.us.

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# Why the Mess on Maple Ave.? Thriving Business Community Keeps Taxes Low for Town Residents

Phase II of the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project - from Park Street to East Street - is well underway, causing traffic jams and a lot of inconvenience for town residents as they drive through (or try to avoid) the construction zone. The Town Council and Town Staff have received a number of phone calls and letters from citizens questioning the value of a project that is creating such a mess and interfering with our daily lives.

To answer that question, one need only look at some other communities in the area that have been allowed to deteriorate. The Vienna Town Council is committed to the renewal, reconstruction and upgrading of its business community, which is indispensable to the vitality of any town and especially Vienna, situated so close to Tysons Corner and other high-density commercial development.

The Maple Avenue Enhancement Project is not just a matter of brick sidewalks, planter boxes and other aesthetic improvements. Its purpose is to draw shoppers to downtown Vienna, thus maintaining the commercial tax base, which amounts to over a quarter of local tax revenues. In this way, the Town will be able to continue its high level of municipal services without increasing the tax burden on residents.

This project will be completed in the fall. Until then, residents are urged to continue to patronize their favorite shops, restaurants and other businesses and to be patient with the temporary inconvenience in reaching them.

# **Tax Exemption Extended For Property Improvements**

The Town Council has approved an extension of Vienna's revitalization tax exemption program through September 1, 2007. The Town provides a partial real estate tax exemption for the renovation, rehabilitation or replacement of certain residential and commercial structures.

For single-family homes, the following requirements must be met in order to qualify for the exemption:

- The structure must be at least 25 years old.
- The improvement must increase the assessed value of the structure by a minium of 25%.
- The improved structure may not exceed the total square footage of the footprint of the original structure by more than 30% and may not cause lot coverage of the site to exceed 25%.

For more information about the Town's tax exemption program, call the Real Estate Office at 703-255-6325.

## TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

#### MAY 20, 2002

- Conducted a public hearing on the proposed Town budget for fiscal year 2002-03.
- Conducted a public hearing on the proposed real estate tax rate for fiscal year 2002-03.
- Adopted a resolution supporting the continuation of the Northern Virginia Regional Partnership.
- · Recommended Charles Brewer to the Fairfax County Circuit Court for appointment to the Town's Board of Zoning Appeals to fill the unexpired term of Laurie Cole.
- Conducted a closed session for the annual performance review of the Town Manager and Town Clerk.

#### **JUNE 3, 2002**

· Conducted a public hearing on a proposed increase in the cigarette tax.

- · Conducted a public hearing on extending the revitalization tax exemption to September 2007.
- · Referred to the Transportation Safety Commission for review and recommendation a request for limited on-street parking in the Church Street business dis-
- · Approved an agreement with Fairfax County and the Vienna Elementary Replacement Lighting Coalition for replacement of the lights at Caffi and Waters Fields. Approved award of a bid for the lights to S. Rock/Esatabrook Corp. in the amount of \$225,000. The Town's portion of the funding, \$65,000, will be paid at the completion of the project.
- · Renewed the contract for tree maintenance and removal with Davey Tree Expert Co. in an amount not to exceed \$20,-000 for fiscal year 2002-03.
- Awarded a bid for asphalt repair to Mount Vernon Asphalt & Paving at a total price not to exceed \$17,920 per year.

- · Awarded a bid for backhoe rental to Hertz Equipment Rental Corp. at a total cost not to exceed \$9,765.
- · Awarded a bid for plastic trash bags for sale to town residents to Calico Industries of Junction, Maryland, with a cumulative total price of \$7,408. (Approved 5-2, Boudreau and McCormick voting nay.)
- · Awarded a bid for stone for street work to Chantilly Crushed Stone at an esimated total price of \$12,901.
- Adopted an ordinance correcting the 1974 Oblique Street Ordinance of Vacation.
- · Adopted an amendment to the personnel code concerning leave for Town
- Adopted the budget for fiscal year 2002-03. (Approved 6-1, McCormick vot-
- Set the tax rate for fiscal year 2002-03 at 28½¢ per \$100 assessed value. (Approved 6-1, McCormick voting nay.)
- · Conducted a closed session to discuss a contract proposal for legal services.

#### JUNE 17, 2002

- Approved the purchase of a banner congratulating the James Madison High School Warhawks state championship baseball team to be placed in the school outfield.
- · Conducted a closed session to interview applicants for appointment to Town boards and commissions.
- Reappointed Howard Springsteen to the Transportation Safety Commission for a two-year term.

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### **TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER**

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#### VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL M. Jane Seeman, Mayor

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

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### 10 31 Saturday 30 N Friday 00 Town/Business Liaison Committee 6:30 p.m. Board of Architectural Review Thursday 1 Planning Commission 21 Planning Commission Board of Zoning Appeals WednesdayCOMING NEXT MONTH... Sept. 2 – Labor Day. Town Hall closed. Trash pickup as usual. Sept. 7 – Recycle oil, batteries, antifreeze at Nutley Street Property Yard, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. 9 Transportation Safety Commission Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m. Tuesday5 Town Council Monday Augus All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week Sunday

### HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

"Tales Along the Way," stories for all ages, will be told on Saturday, August 10, from 2 to 3 p.m. under a tree on the lawn of the historic Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. Free of charge. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy Dr. Frank D'Aquila's folk tales and original stories. In case of rain, the program will be held indoors. Sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc., the town's non-profit organization for restoration and preservation. For more information, call 703-938-1734.

The Vienna Farmers' Market is growing! The market is open behind Vienna Town Hall every Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon offering a wide variety of farm-fresh produce, including corn, peaches, tomatoes and raspberries. Also available at the market are cut flowers, breads and pastries, mozzarella cheese, fresh-squeezed orange juice, and more. For additional information, call Karyn at 703-861-7784.

The Nottoway Park Farmers' Market is open each Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and the adjacent Plant Clinic is open from 9 a.m. to noon. For information, call Ed Bielecki at 703-281-

VIP Vienna is a new support group for visually impaired persons and their families to exchange ideas, find resources and hear informed speakers. The group's next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 15, from 10 a.m. to noon at Patrick Henry Library. To register and for more information, call the Fairfax County Access Services Office at 703-324-8380.

Congratulations to Madison High School students Eric Fletcher and Sarah **Thomas**, winners in the 2002 Critics and Awards Program (CAPPIES) for excellence in high school theater. Eric received the Featured Actor in a Play Award, and Sarah received the Cameo Actress Award.

Vienna Choral Society, directed by Robert Leggett, will hold its first rehearsal of the season at 7 p.m. Monday, August 26, at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Rd., S.W. New members are welcome; no audition required! Yearly dues are \$50, and members may purchase music at the rehearsal. Four concerts are scheduled during the season along with a trip to England in June. For more information, call 703-255-5508 or 703-319-9697.

Northern Virginia Senior Softball is seeking players for Fall Ball, a 32-game season in September and October. Games will be played Tuesday and Thursday mornings on fields around Fairfax County. NVSS is a slow-pitch league open to women age 40+ and men age 50+. You will be assigned to a team according to your skill level. The \$35 fee includes a hat and T-shirt. For more information, call Dave, 703-524-5576, or Joyce, 703-860-

Vienna Jaycees' "Restaurant Outing of the Month" will be held at Busara in Tysons Corner on Tuesday, August 20, at 7:30 p.m. No fee; just pay for your own meal. Have fun and get to know some Vienna area 20 and 30-somethings! For more information, call Karen at 703-281-1255.

Travelers Aid at Dulles Airport needs more friendly volunteers to provide information, directions and assistance to visitors. Morning, afternoon and evening shifts are available seven days a week, and volunteers are asked to make a commitment to work one 3-4 hour shift per week. For more information and to register for training, call 703-572-7350 or email vol unteer@mwaa.com.

Vienna Arts Society Gallery in the Village Green Shopping Center is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. A new show, "Through the Eyes of an Artist" featuring watercolorist Janice Burns, opens August 11. For information, call 703-319-3971 or visit www.viennaartssociety.org.

Citizens interested in conservation and environmental issues are invited to attend a "Green Breakfast" at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, August 3, at the Old Country Buffet in the Fair City Mall, Route 236 and

Pickett Road in Fairfax City. The program will feature a presentation on Fairfax County's watershed management initiative and stream mapping project. No reservation is required. For more information. contact Sally Ormsby, Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District Director, via e-mail at sormsby@erols.com.

Health Fair at Fresh Fields Whole Foods Market, 143 Maple Ave., E., will be held on Thursday, August 22, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The day will include a variety of health screenings and information, all free of charge. Sponsored by the Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce. For reservations and more information, call the Chamber office at 703-281-1333.

Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce has announced the winners of its 2002 service awards. Congratulations to Business Person of the Year Barbara McHale of Weichert Realtors; Business of the Year Fresh Fields Whole Foods Market; Entrepreneur of the Year Karin Collis of Karin's Custom Images; and Citizen of the Year Kenneth Plumb whose contributions to the community include serving as an auxiliary officer with the Vienna Police Department.

19th Amendment Celebration, a tea sponsored by the Fairfax League of Women Voters to commemorate the 82nd anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution — the women's suffrage amendment - will be held on Sunday, August 25, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Tysons Westpark Hotel. The celebration will include tea and sweets, live music by Michelle Vargo and stories from the suffrage movement. The cost is \$19 per person, and reservations are required before August 10. Call 703-256-

Attention Crafters! The Vienna Woman's Club is accepting applications for its annual Harvest Bazaar, which will be held November 9 at the Vienna Community Center. For information and an application, call 703-573-3926.

### Fund-raising Walk Through SW Vienna Saturday, August 17

"Out of the Darkness," a 26-mile overnight walk for suicide prevention, is scheduled August 17-18. The walk will begin at the Annandale campus of Northern Virginia Community College at dusk on Saturday, August 17, and end at daybreak the following morning in Washington, D.C.

Approximately 2,000 walkers are expected to participate in this event. which will raise funds for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. The group is expected to reach Vienna at about 8:30 p.m. August 17, entering the town at Nutley Street and Marshall Road and proceeding through southwest Vienna. After a brief stop at the Vienna Community Center, the walkers will head out of town on the W&OD Regional Trail.

The Vienna Police Department will provide officers along the walk route to ensure the safety of the participants and handle any traffic disruptions. No street closings are anticipated.

For more information about the Out of the Darkness walk, call 1-800-825-1000 or visit the web site www.Be ThePeople.com.

### **Street Light Out? Call Virginia Power**

Street lights help to deter crime and improve traffic and pedestrian safety at night. To help keep Vienna safe during nighttime hours, citizens are requested to report any malfunctioning street lights to Dominion Virginia Power toll free at 1-888-667-3000. Malfunctions may also include a light being on during daylight hours.

pole number (located on the pole) as well as the street address to speed up repair service.

sible for street light repairs.



Mayor Jane Seeman led a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Northside Public Works Facility open house held June 15. Several hundred town residents toured the new facility that day, and four-year old Jimmy Reeping of Kingsley Road, S.W., was the lucky winner of a drawing for a toy truck. The new facility houses the Town's Public Works operations - vehicle and equipment maintenance, street maintenance, general maintenance, sanitation, and water and sewer - which recently moved from the Nutley Street Property Yard. The Nutley Street facility is scheduled to be redeveloped for use by the Town's Parks Maintenance Division.

### **Welcome New Businesses**

The following businesses licenses were issued in June:

Yumei Sun child care 614 Echols St., S.E. 703-255-3982

Veterinary Holistical & Rehab 360 Maple Ave., W. #A&B 703-759-2102

Jasmine Moghissi, M.D.

703-281-5560

527 Maple Ave., E. #204

If possible, be prepared to give the

The Town of Vienna is not respon-

Acupuncture & Self-healing 301 Maple Ave., W. Dogwood Bldg. #G 703-242-9065

Mohawk Design web development 902 Myers Cir., S.W. 703-319-2275

The Center for Laser Surgery 431 Maple Ave., W. 703-319-7030

Vision of Beauty beauty salon 403 Maple Ave., E. 703-938-0218

Anytickets.net marketing 1414 Cottage St., S.W. 703-205-2440

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

Congratulations to G-M Printing & Duplicating, celebrating its 20th anniversary in business this month

August 2002

### Town Council Action ... (continued from page 2)

- Awarded a contract for Town Attorney services to Steven D. Briglia effective July 1. (Approved 5-2, McCormick voting nay, Briglia abstaining.)
- Awarded a bid for printing and mailing of the Town Newsletter for fiscal year 2002-03 to G-M Printing & Duplicating Co. at a price of \$15,480.
- Referred to the Transportation Safety Commission for review and recommendation a petition from residents of the 100 block of Moore Ave., S.W., for traffic calming devices.
- Adopted a resolution authorizing the purchase of equipment through a capital lease
- Awarded a bid for fencing at the Vienna Dog Park to Long Fence in the amount of \$7,333.
- Awarded a bid for the Parks and Recreation Department quarterly brochure to Silver Communications Corp. in an amount not to exceed \$11,880 for fiscal year 2002-03.
- Concerning the disposition of a bid for heating and air conditioning equipment maintenance, this item is to be re-bid to include all Town owned buildings.

- Approved the following bid awards and contract extensions: private landfill usage; traffic marking; purchase of unleaded gasoline; purchase of tires and tubes; purchase of motor oils, lubricants and greases; purchase of diesel fuel; purchase of asphalt; and uniform and walk-off mat rental.
- Adopted amendments to the motor vehicle code to bring it into conformance with newly adopted state law
- Adopted an ordinance extending until September 2007 the partial property tax exemption for certain rehabilitated, renovated or replacement structures on residential and commercial property.
- Adopted an ordinance increasing the cigarette tax rate.
- Granted July 5 as a holiday for Town employees.
- Approved the purchase of a trailermounted changeable message board with cell phone option from Protection Services at a total price of \$21,300.
- Reappointed Philip R. Grant as Town Treasurer, John H. Schoeberlein as Town Manager and Carol A. Orndorff as Town Clerk.

### **Town Limits Number of People per Home**

Many residents rent out part of their homes, or if they own more than one residence, may rent the second. Your Vienna Planning and Zoning Department reminds you that the Town limits the number of individuals who can live in any residential dwelling.

Either a "family" or "family equivalent" is permitted to occupy a single-family home, townhouse, condo or apartment. The Town Code defines these terms as follows:

- A family is one or more persons related by blood or marriage occupying a single housekeeping unit and using common cooking facilities. In addition to the persons related by blood or marriage, not more than two boarders or lodgers are permitted.
- A family equivalent is two or more individuals *not* related by blood or marriage and not exceeding four persons.

Private apartments that are separated from the main dwelling unit and "in-law suites" are prohibited by the Town Code.

For more information, call the Planning and Zoning Department at 703-255-6341. A business license is required for renting out more than two properties. For business license information, call 703-255-6321.

### VDOT Schedules Beulah Road For FY 2004-05

The Virginia Department of Transportation has scheduled a bid advertisement date of fall 2004 for the reconstruction of Beulah Road, N.E., and winter 2007 for Branch Road, S.E. The Town Council had requested that Beulah Road receive priority over Branch Road on the VDOT schedule due to the rapidly deteriorating roadway along Beulah.

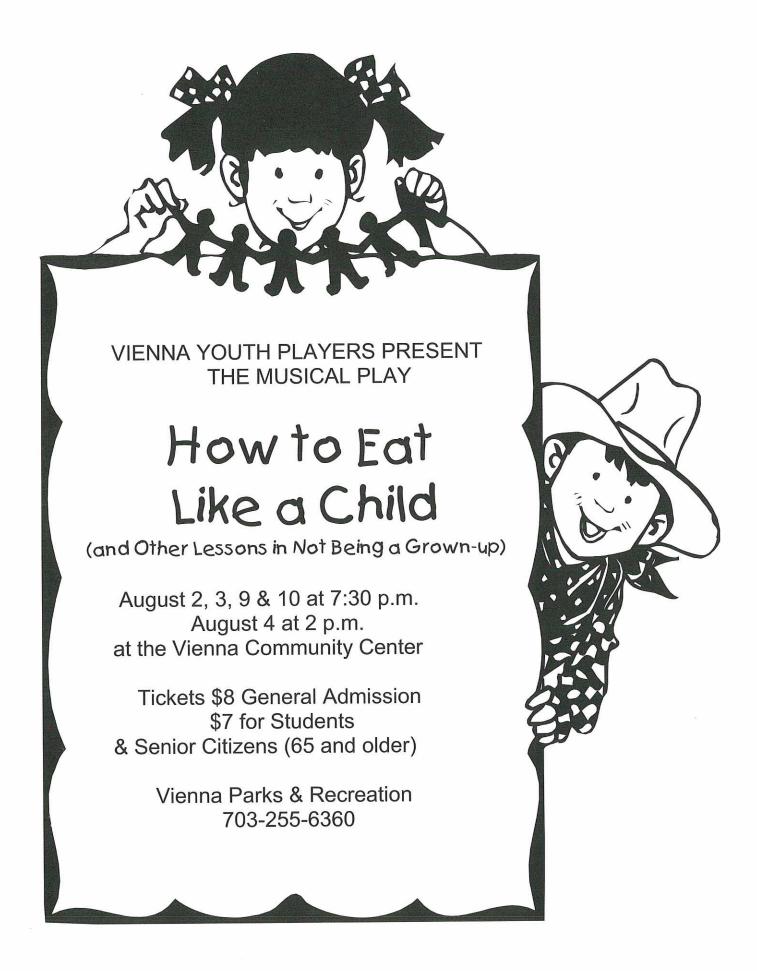
VDOT has also informed the Town that if funds are needed to maintain the structural integrity of Beulah Road before the project is advertised, construction funds can be used for resurfacing in distressed areas.

# Citizen Comment Cats Versus Dogs

From a Delano Drive resident: "Last month, a Mill Street resident commented that all pets should be treated the same and that all animals should be on leashes when outside. Well, okay, I would like for all dog owners to pay for a Vienna Cat Park with their hard-earned tax dollars. Doesn't that sound as silly as a dog park? (Oh, yeah, we've already done that.)

"If you don't have a yard, use common sense before you purchase a 45-lb. dog and expect taxpayers to finance your leisurely strolls with Rover. We have bent over backwards with our wallets and our patience while their dogs are barking at all hours of the day and night. Yet they still complain. In these times there are greater things to debate than Cat v. Dog."

Citizens are invited to submit comments for use in the Town of Vienna Newsletter. Comments must be made in writing or via e-mail (pio@ci.vienna.va.us) and received by the 15th of the month to be included in the following month's newsletter. Your name, address and daytime phone number are required. This information will not be published.



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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

Quarterly coin and stamp show August 3 and 4. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Free admission. About 15 stamp dealers and 45 coin dealers will participate. Sponsored by the Northern Virginia Coin Club.

#### **BUS TRIP**

Enjoy the casinos at Midway Slots in Delaware on Thursday, August 22. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 10 a.m. and return about 8 p.m. The cost of \$20 per person includes transportation and buffet meal. Reservation deadline August 15.

### SPORTS & FITNESS

Family Inline Skating Day for kids and their parents will be held on Saturday, August 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Two concurrent skating lessons will be offered, one for children and one for adults, with all participants brought together for a group skate at the end of the day. The cost is \$50 per person with discounts available for additional family members. Equipment rental available for \$10 extra. Advance registration required.

Summer youth sports camps scheduled in August will teach kids the basic skills and fundamentals of fencing, baseball and basketball, and the "all sports" camp will give a sampling of several popular sports. Camps are held at various times and locations. Price discounts are available for multiple camps or for more than one family member.

Adult drop-in basketball is offered each Monday and Wednesday, and volleyball on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Admission is \$3 for out-oftown players and free of charge for Vienna residents. A valid photo ID with proof of residency must be presented at the door. Drop-in table tennis is held on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:45 to 10:30 p.m. No

charge for table tennis, but call ahead to check on room availability.

Youth open gym hours for ages 10-12 are scheduled on Mondays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., and Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. The gym is open for ages 13-17 on Mondays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., and on Wednesdays and Fridays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

### **MATURE ADULTS**

Check out these ongoing free activities for seniors:

Fitness class Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to noon. Exercises are designed to help build physical endurance, and the program is paced according to the participant's age and physical condition.

**Table tennis** Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. Players of all ability levels are welcome.

Pickleball Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Pickleball, a cross between tennis and badminton, is easy to learn and can be played by anyone regardless of athletic ability. The group meets at the Glyndon Park tennis courts through August.

Canasta each Tuesday from 1 to 3 p.m. "Canasta Packet" available for those new to the game or for players needing a review of the rules.

**Mah-jongg** each Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m. The first Thursday of the month is for beginners.

Free blood pressure check for senior citizens on Wednesday, August 14, from 10 to 11 a.m. by members of The Medical Team.

### AT THE TEEN CENTER

Club Phoenix summer hours are 2-9 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 7-11:30 p.m. 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.

**Middle school students** are invited to enjoy music by a DJ on Friday, August 16, beginning at 6 p.m. Free of charge.

#### **POTPOURRI**

Enjoy a family movie outdoors at Glyndon Park beginning at dusk (about 8:45 p.m.) Friday, August 16. Free admission. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Call 703-255-7842 after noon on August 14 to find out what G-rated film is scheduled. Parents are required to stay with their children during the show.

Auditions for the Vienna Theatre Company's fall production of "Same Time Next Year" will be held August 6 and 7 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Come prepared to do a cold reading from the script.

The Book Club is a collaboration between the Patrick Henry Library and the Vienna Community Center. The evening group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, August 19, to discuss *Passing On* by Penelope Lively. The day group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, August 29, to discuss *Member of the Wedding* by Carson McCuller. For more information, call Karen O'Meara at 703-938-0405.

Discount tickets to Kings Dominion and Busch Gardens are available at the Community Center Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Checks only will be accepted, payable to Town of Vienna.

Group reservations may be made for the picnic shelters at Glyndon Park and Meadow Lane Park. Both parks offer lighted tennis courts, basketball courts, ballfields, playground equipment, picnic areas and restrooms. The shelter at each park may be reserved for groups of up to 75. The fee for Town of Vienna groups is \$25 for a maximum of five hours plus a \$25 key deposit for use of the restrooms.

# 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 resume FOR SERVICE AS AN ADVISOR TO TOWN COUNCIL:	e) AND SPECIFIC EXPERIENCE THAT WOULD PREPARE YOU
ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS (Please list courses taken that we	ould relate directly to public administration/problem solving.):
Membership on boards and commissions often entails several excommissions meet at least once monthly, with an occasional ext	vening meetings throughout the year. Normally, most boards and tra meeting per month.
CAN YOU EXPECT TO BE AVAILABLE FOR THESE MEE	TINGS?
S THERE ANY PARTICULAR EVENING(S) PER MONTH	ON WHICH YOU COULD NORMALLY <u>NOT</u> BE AVAILABLE?
HAVE YOU SERVED, OR DO YOU CURRENTLY SERVE, IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN:	ON BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS?
N WHAT CIVIC OR SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS ARE YO	OU ACTIVE?

WOULD YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN SUCH ORGANIZATIONS OR YOUR PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION(S) OR BUSINESS ACTIVITY POSE ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST OR INAPPROPRIATE ASSOCIATION AS A MEMBER OF A TOWN BOARD OR COMMISSION?
IN A FEW WORDS, PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR INTERESTS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND INDICATE HOW YOUR APPOINTMENT TO A BOARD OR COMMISSION WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE OVERALL QUALITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN VIENNA:
WHICH BOARD OR COMMISSION INTERESTS YOU MOST?
WHY?

Note: The Town's boards and commissions have a small number of members, and relatively few vacancies occur each year. Your application, therefore, may not be acted on immediately but may be held in a citizen "talent bank" until such time as a vacancy, or other 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 Beautification 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.

## Eliminate Mosquito Breeding Places

Fairfax County health officials are asking residents to be conscious of the need to eliminate mosquito breeding places around their homes such as small pools of water in rain gutters, tarps or covers, trash can lids, etc. Mosquitoes can breed in as little as a teaspoonful of water.

Culex pipiens, a mosquito commonly found in our area, is known to have transmitted the West Nile virus to humans after picking up the virus from infected birds.

To learn more about the West Nile virus and what you can do to reduce mosquito breeding around your home, call the County Health Department at 703-246-2300.

Again, the best method of mosquito control is prevention. This means eliminating potential breeding locations from your property and changing the water regularly in containers such as birdbaths and wading pools.

# Lightning *CAN*Strike Twice

Your Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department reminds you: These are the dog days of summer, those hazy, hot and humid days when there is always the chance of an afternoon thunderstorm. And thunderstorms bring lightning. Please be aware of approaching thunderstorms and take precautions to avoid becoming a victim of a lightning strike.

There are some locations that are extremely dangerous and should be avoided during thunderstorms. These include athletic fields; golf courses; swimming pools and other bodies of water; and areas around wire fences, overhead wires and isolated trees. Also, you should not talk on the telephone or take a shower during a thunderstorm. The best places to be during a thunderstorm include inside a home, large metal frame building, automobile with metal top (not convertible) and city streets shielded by nearby buildings.

# Town Code Requires Plantings to Be Kept Trimmed

Citizens are reminded to keep bushes, hedges, and other plantings on their property trimmed so that they do not obstruct the vision of motorists or impede pedestrians and bicyclists. The Town Code restricts the height of plantings, fences and shrubbery to three feet above the curb level within 25 feet of an intersection. Keeping foliage trimmed makes it easier to see approaching vehicles. If you have questions or complaints about obstruction of vision at intersections, please call the Planning and Zoning Department at 703-255-6341.

The Town Code also prohibits tree branches and other vegetation from encroaching on any sidewalk or right-of-way. If you have questions or complaints about obstruction of sidewalks or rights-of-way, please call the Public Works Department at 703-255-6382.

Every resident's effort to keep plantings trimmed will help make Vienna a safer and more attractive community, and all the walkers and bicyclists in your neighborhood will appreciate it!

PLEASE NOTE: Before cutting any tree, shrub or other plant near your home, first make sure it is on your property and not a neighbor's. Also, cutting trees in parks or on other public property is prohibited. If you are unsure whether a tree is on your property or in the public right-of-way (within 10 feet of the curb or edge of pavement), check with the Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360.

Although not required by the Town Code, citizens are also asked to help control grass and weeds growing up through cracks in the sidewalk and between the sidewalk and street. This unwanted growth detracts from Vienna's beauty and can lead to costly concrete and asphalt repairs. The Town government recognizes the problem of upkeep in rights-of-way, but it simply does not have the personnel required to maintain these areas as it would like and must rely on citizens to help in controlling grass and weeds around their property.

# Dog Owners Reminded To Clean Up After Pets

The Town of Vienna has a "pooper scooper" ordinance that requires dog owners to clean up after their pets when out for a walk. Please be a responsible pet owner and don't allow your dog to foul the lawns of neighbors. Tip: The plastic sleeves used on newspapers make excellent pooper scoopers!

Also, signs are posted in several Town parks to remind pet owners that dogs are not allowed on athletic fields, tennis and basketball courts, playgrounds, and picnic areas because of the nuisance and potential health hazard to park users. The Town Animal Warden is authorized to fine pet owners found in violation of these laws.

Dog owners are reminded that it is against the law to let dogs run at large on private or public property (except at the Vienna Dog Park). Dogs must be restrained by a dependable leash and controlled by a responsible person when off the property of the owner. Dogs found running at large may be picked up by the Animal Warden, and owners charged with dog-at-large violations must appear in court. Fines increase with each offense to a maximum of \$500.

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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