## This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

OCTOBER 1995 – At its October 2 meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed reconstruction of Beulah Road, N.E. The project now being considered would include a two-lane, 30-foot maximum curb-to-curb width from Maple Avenue to the Town's corporate limit. The work would also include installation of either asphalt of concrete sidewalks on one or both sides of the street and replacement of the drainage ditches with curb and gutter.

OCTOBER 1985 - The Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority invites Vienna residents to participate in an official dedication of the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad Regional Park on October 6. The dedication will celebrate completion of the paving of the W&OD Trail between Alexandria and Leesburg, a distance of 38 miles, and construction of a separate 27-mile bridle trail between Vienna and Leesburg.

OCTOBER 1975 – The Town Council has passed a 120-day moratorium preventing palm reading businesses in the town and instructed the Town Attorney to draft an ordinance governing the operation of palm reading businesses with strict guidelines. Currently the Town Code does not provide for such businesses. Council's action came after a palm reader expressed interest in locating in the town.

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

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

## **Voter Registration**

Tuesday, October 11, is the last day to register to vote in the November 8 general election. Registration applications are available at various locations around the county, including the Town Clerk's Office at Vienna Town Hall, and may also be downloaded from the County Web site, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb.

To be eligible to vote, you must be a U.S. citizen, a Virginia resident and at least 18 years old on or before election day

For more information, call the General Registrar's Office at 703-222-0776. Recorded information is available 24 hours a day at 703-324-4700.

### No Campaign Signs in Right-of-way

The Department of Planning and Zoning reminds candidates for public office and their supporters that it is unlawful to place signs on street lights, utility poles, markers or other signs, or to place a sign within ten feet of the curb or edge of pavement. Property owners may erect signs for the candidates of their choice on their own property, and signs may be placed on other private property with the owner's permission.

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

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

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#### Halloween Parade

The 59th annual Vienna Halloween Parade will step off at 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 26, on Maple Avenue. See page 5 for parade information.

#### **Holiday Closing**

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, October 10, for Columbus Day. Trash will be collected as usual that day for residents on the Monday route.

#### Comprehensive Plan **Public Hearing**

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2006 Comprehensive Plan at its October 12 meeting, which begins at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. Copies of the updated plan for land use, transportation and community facilities in Vienna are available for public review at Town Hall. For more information, call the Department of Planning and Zoning at 703-255-6341.

#### Council Meets Oct. 4

Due to the observance of Rosh Hashana, the first Town Council meeting this month will be held on Tuesday, October 4, beginning at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall.

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## **Leaf Pickup Begins this Month**

Fall leaf collection will begin October 24 in south Vienna and October 28 on the north side of town. The complete schedule is given below.

ALL LEAVES MUST BE AT THE CURBSIDE PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED COLLECTION DAY FOR EACH PASS THROUGH YOUR AREA. ONCE YOUR STREET HAS BEEN COVERED, CREWS WILL NOT DOUBLE BACK.

Department of Public Works crews using leaf vacuum machines will collect leaves that residents have raked to the curbside. If you miss your vacuum collection dates, the Public Works Department will still collect your leaves; however, the leaves must be bagged and placed at the curbside for pickup with your regular trash. Up to 20 bags of leaves will be picked up on any single refuse collection day throughout

Please rake leaves just to the curbside, not into the street. Cars parked on leaf piles may catch on fire, and children playing in the leaves may be struck by a passing vehicle. Also, leaves may prevent rainwater from reaching stormwater inlets. Residents may wish to move vehicles off the street to avoid dust from the leaf vacuums when the weather is dry; the Town cannot be responsible for washing cars.

For more information about leaf collection, call the Public Works Department at 703-255-6381.

#### 2005 FALL LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Leaves must be at the curbside prior to the first scheduled collection day for each pass through your area

SOUTH VIENNA — OCTOBER 24-27 NOVEMBER 7-16 **NOVEMBER 28-DECEMBER 10** 

NORTH VIENNA — OCTOBER 28-NOVEMBER 4 NOVEMBER 17-26 DECEMBER 12-24

#### No Special Pickups During Leaf Collection

Because of fall leaf collection, no orders for Special Trash Pickups will be taken in October, November and December. The last day to order a Special Pickup for this year is Monday, October 3. Call 703-255-5727.

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FIRE & RESCUE

**EMERGENCY** 

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VIENNA POLICE

DIRECT

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)

## TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

#### JUNE 20, 2005

- Conducted a closed session to interview candidates for appointment to Town boards and commissions.
- Approved the following site plan modifications for the conversion of the White Oak Tower, 301 Maple Ave., W., into office condominiums: area required for one parking space; location of parking spaces; loading space area (approved 6-1, Polychrones voting nay); and parking space and loading area improvements.
- Approved the purchase of equipment and services for the Police Department's Computer Aided Dispatch, Law Enforcement, Records Management and Mobile Data Systems.
- Awarded a contract for design and construction management of the Vienna Town Green project to Lardner/Klein Landscape Architects in an amount not to exceed \$211.884.

- Approved the purchase of playground equipment for Glyndon Park from Cunningham & Associates in the amount of \$36,508.42.
- Approved a contract with Am-Liner East for sewer rehabilitation at an estimated cost of \$216.997.
- Awarded the annual contract for general construction services to Sagres Construction Corp. at an estimated cost of \$4,471,434.
- Approved the purchase of bricks for repairs on Maple Avenue and Church Street from Potomac Valley Brick & Supply of Rockville, MD, at an estimated cost of \$15,415.
- Approved the expenditure of \$76,500 for use of Lorton Landfill.
- Approved the purchase of an asphalt zipper from Asphalt Zipper, Inc., at an estimated cost of \$68,000.

- Approved a number of contracts for the purchase of supplies and services by the Public Works Department in FY 2006.
- Reappointed the following Town officials for FY 2006: Town Manager John H. Schoeberlien, Town Attorney Steven D. Briglia, Town Treasurer Philip R. Grant and Town Clerk Carol A. Orndorff.
- Adopted amendments to the motor vehicle code to bring it into conformance with new State law.

#### JULY 11, 2005

- Following a closed organizational meeting, appointed Council members to various committees for FY 2006.
- Following a public hearing, reversed the decision of the Windover Heights Board of Review concerning an application for modifications to the property at 288 Windover Ave., N.W. (approved 6-1, Seeman voting nay).
- Approved the final plat to resubdivide the property at the northwest corner of Courthouse Road and Pleasant Street, S.W., into three lots.
- Approved final payment of \$681,263.73 to Verizon for undergrounding of telephone utilities for the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project.
- Accepted a \$50,000 State grant to the Police Department with a local match of \$12,500.
- Awarded a bid for three police motorcycles to Renegade Harley Davidson in the amount of \$55,779.
- Approved renewal of the contract for printing/mailing of the Town newsletter by GM Printing in the amount of \$17,077.68.

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## TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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#### VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

M. Jane Seeman, Mayor

Laurie Genevro Cole Edythe Frankel Kelleher George E. Lovelace Michael J. Polychrones Maud F. Robinson Sydney H. Verinder

#### **TOWN STAFF**

Town Manager
Director of Public Works
Chief of Police
Director of Finance
Director of Parks & Recreation
Director of Planning & Zoning
Town Attorney

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Dennis W. King
Col. Robert A. Carlisle
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## DAR in Vienna ... (continued from page 9)

Lena Fitzhugh Stuntz, regent from 1940 to 1942, was the mother of Mayo Stuntz, co-author, along with his wife Connie, of This Was Vienna, Virginia and other local histories, Mr. Stuntz has spoken to the chapter about local history and has received the National Society's DAR History Medal for his contributions to our heritage.

Garnet Lee Reilly and her family moved from Washington to Vienna in 1937 and lived on Maple Avenue near Lewis Street. Because Fairfax High School did not offer journalism classes, Mrs. Reilly commuted by trolley to finish high school in Washington. Her sister worked at the post office for Mrs. Ruff while attending Fairfax High School. The former Lee home was moved back and is now on Windover Avenue. Mrs. Reilly lives in a retirement community in Loudoun County and remains a chapter mem-

In 1922, a marker was placed at the site of the first Fairfax County Courthouse, built in 1742 at Freedom Hill between Vienna and Tysons Corner. Over the years, the marker has been moved and rededicated due to road improvements. It is currently mounted on a large stone at the northwest corner of Old Courthouse and Chain Bridge Roads. More recently, the chapter has placed markers on the graves of Revolutionary soldiers who lie buried in Vienna.

Follin Lane on the eastern edge of Vienna is named for John Follin, Revolutionary ancestor of Susan Greene Leigh, an active member for the past three decades and chapter regent from 1984 to 1986. John Follin, a sailor, was buried near his home, where he raised 26 children by two wives. His grave was moved to Arlington, and his property is now owned by the Catholic church.

Thanks to Grace Karish, Public Relations Chairman for the Fairfax County Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, for providing the information for this article. Inquiries about the chapter may be directed to Jenny Inskeep at jinskee@erols.com or to the Chapter Regent, Martha Cole, at jcole18@cox.net. For membership information, visit the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution at .www.dar.org.

### **Welcome New Businesses**

The following business licenses were issued in August:

Joshua's Party Services catering, support & personnel 118 Kingsley Rd., S.E. 703-898-0152

Data Dimensions Tek Corp. computer consultant 310 Dominion Rd., N.E. #200 703-587-4633

Intex Construction contractor 510 Orrin St., S.E. 571-233-5700

Truc Phan Nail Salon nail care 101 Pleasant St., N.W. 703-242-7877

Katherine Gray art & paintings 322 West St., N.W. 703-319-0650

Real Property Investment Management real estate 345 Holmes Dr., N.W. 703-319-2287

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

Congratulations to the following businesses, both commercial and home occupations, celebrating milestone anniversaries in October: 10 years - Allen S. Garai, DDS; Contemporary G.P.; Fairfax Medical Laboratories; George W. Hodges; Mattress Warehouse of Vienna; Oscar's Improvements; Posh; The Italian Gourmet.

## Vienna Names in the News

The Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce recently presented its service awards for 2005: Business of the Year – All Star Movers (Billy Thompson, owner); Business Person of the Year -Carole Wolfand, Vienna Paint & Decorating; Entrepreneur of the Year - Katherine Hutt, Nautilus Communications; New Member of the Year - Russell Brannan, United Stor-All; Citizen of the Year - Stacey Capra, organizer of the Vienna Relay for Life; Non-profit of the Year – Optimist Club of Vienna; Lifetime Service Award -Julian Johnson and D.H. Scarborough, Johnson & Scarborough CPAs.

Vienna Postmaster Al Miller welcomed guests to "American Advances in Aviation," a first day of issue ceremony held during ththis year's Americover 2005 Stamp Show at the Tysons Corner Sheraton Premier. Mayor Jane Seeman also participated in the ceremony. The new commemorative stamps depict ten classic American aircraft from the 1930's, '40's and '50's

### "Beauty Spot" Award

Vienna's Community Enhancement Commission recognizes town residents and businesses for their beautification projects. The latest Beauty Spot award goes to:

\* CVS, 337 Maple Ave., E., for the display of historical photos of Vienna adorning its windows.

Citizen suggestions for Beauty Spot awards are welcome. Send them in care of the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna, VA 22180.

## No Dogs Allowed

Reminder to pet owners: With the exception of guide dogs for the blind and other service animals, dogs are not allowed inside restaurants and many other businesses.

Dogs must be on a leash when off the owner's property, and dog owners are required to clean up after their pets when out for a walk.

#### Comment from the Council Table

## Hats Off to Our Business Community

By George E. Lovelace, Vienna Town Councilman

One of the factors that contributed to Money magazine naming Vienna the fourth best place to live in the U.S. is our viable business community. This did not happen by accident. For many years, it has been the goal of the Council to provide an atmosphere conducive to a healthy business environment that compliments our small town character.

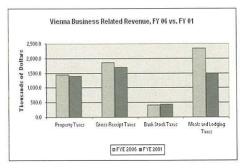
Studies have shown that most small towns, such as ours, cannot support both a vibrant business core and superstores (big box). The advent of a big box frequently causes the closing of some local businesses. We want to keep our local businesses because their interconnected relationships are so important to our economy. Retail businesses bank with local banks and create opportunities for service providers such as CPAs, graphic artists and specialty enterprises. This means money is being recycled within the community.

Restaurants, beauty parlors, barber shops, drug stores, grocery stores and other retail establishments provide a place for the informal socialization with neighbors which is essential to maintaining our quality of life and a sense of connection in the community. Above all, there is a value to the community in doing business with neighbors whose kids go school with our kids and who participate in civic and volunteer service organizations.

Business owners tell me that Vienna's small town character, the opportunity to be involved in the community and the visible efforts by the Town to improve the attractiveness of the business core are major factors that attracted them and encourage them to stay. In return, our businesses do an outstanding job of keeping the business core well maintained and inviting.

Town businesses contribute significantly to the revenue generated for the Town. Based on the current budget, revenues to be collected from or by businesses in town total \$6,033,612. This represents almost 31% of the General Fund and Debt Service Fund budgeted expenditures, excluding the Water and Sewer Fund's share of annual debt service. Revenue sources consist of property taxes, gross receipts taxes, bank stock taxes, and meals and

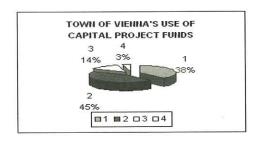
lodging taxes collected by businesses in the food service industry. The chart below compares these revenues for FY06 versus FY01.



During the last five years, total revenue from these sources has grown by over \$1,000,000, a 20% increase. This is indicative of the healthy economy of the Town as well as that of the surrounding area. (This includes an increase in meals and lodging tax revenues generated by an additional 1% enacted during this period.)

Food service businesses such as restaurants, fast food and delis are a thriving industry in the town. Meals and lodging taxes collected on behalf of the Town by these businesses are estimated to bring in \$2,328,000 during FY06. This revenue is used exclusively to fund projects that improve services to our residential community and offsets what would be higher residential property tax bills.

As the chart below shows, over \$30 million worth of capital projects have been funded since 1990, including \$12.7 million for streetscape, storm water control, street reconstruction and new sidewalks; \$14.6 million for new Town facilities and major equipment purchases; \$4.5 million for water and sewer improvement projects; and \$1.1 million to pay debt issues and project management costs.

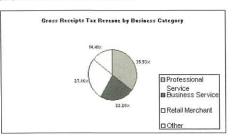




Councilman Lovelace

It's noteworthy that the number of businesses serving prepared meals has increased from less than 50 to over 70 since the Town enacted the meals and lodging tax in 1990.

Based on last year's filings, over 86% of the Town's gross receipts tax revenues come from professionals, retail merchants, service firms and others (14.41%), as shown in the chart below.



No less significant is the participation by businesses in the community. They support schools and scholarships, athletic leagues, civic activities such as the Halloween parade and public services such as the Fire and Police Departments. They are always there when needed, and they respond without hesitation.

When we support our town businesses, we are supporting our community as a whole. When we patronize Vienna businesses, we are supporting ourselves. You no doubt have heard the saying, "You don't miss something until it's gone." It is imperative that we support our business community and encourage our friends to do the same. The town government must continue to be sensitive to the needs of businesses and ensure that they remain a vital partner in our community.

Shop, Shop, Shop until we drop... it will ensure a prosperous community!

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## Town Residents Pay County Personal Property Tax, but Don't Need Decal

Town of Vienna motor vehicle decals are renewed every year on April 15 (April 17 in 2006). Fairfax County personal property tax is due every year on October 5, and Fairfax County motor vehicle decals are also renewed at that time. If you live within the town limits you only need a Vienna decal, NOT a Fairfax County decal. So, if you have a valid 2005 Vienna decal, it is good until April 17, 2006.

If you have recently moved to Vienna and need to register your vehicles, or if you have new vehicles to register, please note that Vienna vehicle decals are reduced to half price on October 1 each year, and further reduced to one-third price on January 15. The charges are:

	April 15-Sept. 30	Oct. 1-Jan. 14	Jan. 15-April 15
Cars and trucks 4,000 lbs. and under	\$20	\$10	\$6.67
Cars and trucks over 4,000 lbs.	\$25	\$12.50	\$8.33
Motorcycles	\$10.50	\$5.25	\$3.50

Residents are reminded that Town vehicle registrations can be transferred for only \$1 upon presentation of the old decal.

If you have questions about Town of Vienna motor vehicle decals, please call the Finance Department at 703-255-6323 or visit www.ci.vienna.va.us. For information about Fairfax County personal property tax on motor vehicles, call 703-222-8234 or visit www.co.fairfax.va.us/dta.

## Preparedness, Not Panic, Is Key to Coping with Emergencies

Do you have enough water? Where are your important personal documents? If your home lost power, do you have a battery-powered radio to stay informed? These are among the essentials needed to cope during weather or man-made emergencies.

According to a survey conducted last year by the American Red Cross, only 40% of Americans have assembled the basic supplies needed to take care of themselves, their families and their neighbors during an emergency. This lack of preparedness poses a challenge not only to individuals but also to first responders, governments and businesses. Taking responsibility for your own home emergency supply kit will help you play a key role in national preparedness.

Remember how vulnerable the Washington, D.C., area is to incidents that could require tapping into a home emergency supply kit, including hurricanes, snow storms, power outages, terrorist attacks and other crises.

Citizens are encouraged to prepare or update a home emergency supply kit ready for use at any time. You and your family must be prepared to "Ready...Pack...Go" to a basement, interior room, public shelter, friend's house or other safe area. By gathering water, non-perishable food, prescription medications, flashlights, first aid kit, important documents and other supplies, you can take personal responsibility for your safety and the safety of your family and neighbors during an emergency or extended crisis.

Home emergency supply kit checklists are available at a number of Web sites including the Red Cross, www.redcross.org/preparedness.

#### **Council Action**

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- Authorized future debt issue proceeds to reimburse capital project expenditures made in advance.
- Authorized the purchase of equipment through a capital lease in FY 2006.
- Approved FY 2006 recruitment, legal and procurement advertising with the *Washington Post* and *Washington Examiner* in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 each.
- Awarded FY 2006 software and hardware support for the Town's central financial system to Sunguard/Pentamation Enterprises in an amount not to exceed \$33,500.
- Appointed Tara Voigt to the Transportation Safety Commission and Deborah Brehony to the Board of Architectural Review, each for a two-year term.
- Approved a site plan modification of the required number of off-street parking spaces for the conversion of the White Oak Tower, 301 Maple Ave., W., into office condominiums (approved 4-3, Cole, Lovelace and Robinson voting nay).

# Maple Ave. Banner Applications Available October 3

Application forms to display banners across Maple Avenue in 2006 will be available in the Public Works Department at Town Hall beginning Monday, October 3. Applications may be submitted by non-profit community organizations any time through November. Organizations displaying banners this year will automatically receive application forms in the mail.

Banner space will be awarded in December via a lottery. Each banner will be displayed for two weeks.

NEW IN TOWN? There's 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. LessonAid 2005, held at Westwood Country Club on September 10, raised over \$3,000 for victims of Hurrican Katrina. In addition to donations collected on site, Tennis Director Joni Hannah and her staff donated all fees collected from tennis lessons given that day.

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. Regular donors may leave boxed or bagged publications at the usual location on the third Tuesday of the month from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. *only*. (Be sure to remove mailing labels from magazines.) First-time donors may call Florence Roseborough at 703-281-2498 for information.

Parade of Homes, sponsored by the Northern Virginia Building Industry Association, will be held Saturday and Sunday, October 8 and 9, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Meet some of Northern Virginia's custom home builders and see the latest trends in building, design and decorating. Tickets are \$10 per family group and may be purchased at the Brehony home, 511 Park St., S.E., or any of the other homes on the tour. For a complete list, go to www.virginiapa rade.com. Proceeds will benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Register now for the Vienna Jaycees' 5K Turkey Trot scheduled for 8 a.m. Sunday, November 13, begining at the Vienna Community Center. The registration fee before October 31 is \$20 for ages 15 and older (\$5 discount for ages 14 and under), and proceeds benefit the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. For a printable entry form and more information, visit www.viennajay cees.org. To register online, go to www. active.com.

Ducks Unlimited, Potomac Valley Chapter, will hold a banquest and auction at Westwood Country Club on Wednesday, October 19. Doors open at 6 p.m. Auction items will include framed wildlife art, decoys, outdoor equipment and more. Tickets are \$75 per person and \$125 for couples. Proceeds benefit the conservation of North American wetlands. For more information, call Wayne Mills, 703-283-1421, or Walter Mess, 703-532-4288.



In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Fairfax County Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, chapter members (pictured with Mayor Seeman) presented a teak bench to the Town. The bench is located next to the W&OD Trail at the Vienna Community Center.

## Local DAR Chapter Began in Vienna

The Fairfax County Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) was chartered on October 14, 1905, at a Vienna home in what is now the Windover Heights Historic District. Since then, the chapter has grown to 196 members, 28 of whom have a Vienna mailing address, including registrar Jennifer Inskeep, historian Mary Ann Mercier and librarian Joyce Turner.

The chapter will celebrate its centennial with a dinner at Westwood Country Club on Friday, October 14. In addition, members are purchasing chances to acquire an oil painting by Oakton artist Sarina Harris of the house where the chapter began 100 years ago, as well as a packet of notecards featuring a photograph of the house, and a matted and framed photograph of the house. Proceeds will benefit the Virginia State DAR Regents' project for maintenance of the old Customs House in Yorktown that was damaged by Hurricane Isabelle in 2003.

Each year, the chapter asks the Mayor to proclaim February as American History Month, and Constitution Week is proclaimed each September. Students at Madison and Oakton High Schools receive the DAR's Good Citizen Awards from the Chapter, and at the end of each school year the chapter gives numerous history and citizenship awards to outstanding elementary school students.

The chapter's history is intertwined with that of the town. Annette Gibson Berry, a charter member and regent from 1924 to 1926, lived in the house on the northeast corner of Park and Church Streets that is listed on the Town's register of historic sites. The current membership includes Mrs. Berry's granddaughter, two great-granddaughters and the wife of her great-grandson.

In 1927, Mrs. Berry sponsored a new member, Lillian Chamblin Ruff, who lived on Lawyers Road across from Church Street, next to the current Vienna post office. Mrs. Ruff and her husband later moved to a house that was recently torn down on Chain Bridge Road near Sutton Road. In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed Mrs. Ruff postmistress of Vienna, to replace a Republican postmaster. She retired in 1960, the year after the post office on Church Street was dedicated. When she died in 1981, Mrs. Ruff had been a member of the chapter for over half a century. Her daughter-in-law, two granddaughters and a granddaughter-in-law are current members.

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## HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Fire Prevention Week Open House Saturday, October 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St., S. For details, call 703-938-2678 or visit www.vvfd.org. Among the equipment on display at the open house will be VVFD's new American LaFrance Eagle 1250 gpm pumper with a 500-gallon water tank and a 40-gallon foam tank.

Vienna Woman's Club will dedicate a bench at the Vienna Community Center to mark its 50th anniversary. The ceremony will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, October 12. The club will celebrate its anniversary with a champagne reception at Westwood Country Club on Sunday, October 16. All current and former members are welcome. For information, call 703-938-1581 or703-938-6632.

Fall variety sale to benefit Friends of Homeless Animals will be held on Saturday, October 15, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. Sale items include books, china, clothing, jewelry, baked goods, small furniture, pictures, crafts and much more. Donate taxdeductible items at the Community Center between 5 and 9 p.m. Friday, October 14. For more information, call 703-385-0224.

Youth Volunteer Fair will be held at Patrick Henry Library on Saturday, October 15, from 2 to 4 p.m. Teens looking for ways to earn community service hours are invited to meet with representatives from a wide variety of local organizations to learn about available volunteer opportunities.

League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area will hold meetings this month on the topic of gangs in Fairfax County. The Vienna meeting will be held at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, October 11; call 703-938-7304 for location. For more information call 703-658-9150 or visit www.lwv-fairfax.org.

Greater Vienna Baseball Golf Classic, sponsored by Vienna Little League and the Vienna Baseball Foundation, is scheduled for Friday, October 14, at Fairfax National Country Club beginning at 9

a.m. The cost of \$125 per person or \$450 per foursome (\$100 for seniors over 65 and all public servants or \$350 per foursome) includes 18 holes of golf, cart, range balls, box lunch, after-golf buffet, beer/sodas and lots of prizes. All proceeds will go to support youth baseball in Vienna. Register online at www.viennabase ballfoundation.org. For more information e-mail Bill Cervenak, cerv1939@aol.com, or Taylor Roberts, tsavage@tariffnet.com.

Historic Vienna Inc. will hold its fall membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. Friday, October 14, at the Vienna Community Center. Guest speaker will be Vienna native Beverly "Bly" Hardy Straube, Senior Curator for the Jamestown Recovery Project of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities at Jamestown Island. "Digging up Dirt on Jamestown: Ten Years of Archaelogical Rediscovery," will explain the significance of Jamestown and its beginning as America's birthplace. For more information, call Paul Snodgrass at 703-560-6631 or e-mail paulsnodgrass@cox.net.

Louise Archer Elementary School is selling Sally Foster wrapping paper, Harry London Chocolates, and bath and body products to help pay for field trips, cultural activities andother school programs. For a catalog or to place an order, call the school at 703-937-6200 by October 7 or go to the Sally Foster online store, www.sallyfoster. com, and select Louise Archer as the school to benefit. Products will be delivered in early November.

#### Attention crafters and vendors!

There's still time to be part of the Vienna Woman's Club Harvest Bazaar and Fall Festival on Saturday, November 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. For information and an application, call, 703-620-2593, 703-352-3057 or 703-938-7716.

Welcome Club of Northern Virginia invites newcomers and other interested residents to its luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday, October 6, at Rivercreek Country Club in Leesburg. Talbot's will present a fashion seminar, "Bringing

Your Style Up Close and Personal." For reservations and more information, call 703-242-0217.

Northern Virginia Model Rail-roaders open house at the Vienna Rail-road Station, corner of Dominion Road and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E., will be held on Saturday, October 15, from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is free; donations accepted. See an operating HO scale model railroad. For information, call 703-938-5157 or visit www.nvmr.org. The Town's red caboose will also be open to the public that day, courtesy of the Optimist Club of Vienna.

Newcomers Club of Vienna and Friends will hold a luncheon meeting at noon Thursday, October 10, at Marco Polo Restaurant. Club members will model fall fashions from Draper & Damon of Fairfax. For more information, call Barbara Power at 703-978-8572. Other club activities include a book exchange, day trips and tours, and bridge and bowling leagues.

Vietnam Veterans of America,

Chapter 227, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, October 20, at Neighbor's Restaurant in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center. Chapter member Marc Leepson will discuss his book, *American Flag, An American Biography*. For more information, call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or visit www.geocities.com/vva227.

Used book sale at Patrick Henry Library, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, November 5. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. For information, call 703-938-0405.

Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., N.W., is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. "Art in Miniature" is the title of the featured exhibit October 4-26. For more information, call 703-319-3971 or visit www.viennaartssociety.org. The Vienna Arts Society Gallery in the Village Green Shopping Center is open Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. "European Vacation" is the theme of this month's show featuring the work of Charlotte Potashnik. For more information, visit the Web site or call 703-319-3220.

#### 59th Annual



# 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 26th on Maple Avenue Branch Road to Center Street

"Best Town in America...Fourth in the USA, #1 in Our Hearts" Grand Marshals – D.H. Scarborough & Julian Johnson







Kids are invited to walk in the parade in their Halloween costumes.

Meet at 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot of Virginia Commerce Bank,

374 Maple Ave., E. (same place as last year).

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Parade Information 703-255-6360
Vienna Parks & Recreation Department

Parade sponsorships avaiable.
For details, call the Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce at 703-281-1333 or visit www.vtrcc.org.

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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

"Cops and Kids Run" for children ages 6-14 will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 1, at police headquarters, 215 Center St., S. The fun run is designed to promote good relations between the police and Vienna area youth. Refreshments will be provided, and all kids who participate will receive a free T-shirt. Children ages 6-8 must be accompanied by an adult. Free of charge; registration is required.

The Vienna Theatre Company will present the hit Broadway thriller "Deathtrap" October 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 and 29 at 8 p.m. and October 23 at 2 p.m. (signed performance). Tickets are \$9 general admission and \$8 for students and senior citizens age 65 and older.

Vienna Community Band will present a free family concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, October 30. Come in your Halloween

Club.

provided.

and a costume contest.

costume! For more information, call Patricia O'Keefe at 703-281-4077 or visit www.seas.gwu.edu/~carroll/vienna.

Antiques show and sale October 7-9. Hours are 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Dealers will show and sell a variety of furniture and collectibles. Admission is \$4.50 per person.

Quarterly coin and stamp show November 5 and 6. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Free admission. Sponsored by the Northern Virginia Coin Club. For information, call Darren M. Coker at 703-532-

#### DAY TRIPS

**Halloween Happenings** 

day, October 28. Guided tours will be given at 7:30, 8:15, 9:15, 10 and 10:45 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 each and must be purchased in advance at the Community Center.

Park at sundown Friday, October 21. Admission is free. Bring lawn chairs or blankets

for seating. For information on which PG-rated film will be shown, call 703-255-

from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Community Center gym. Admission is free. Come in cos-

tume! There will be carnival games, prizes and fun for everyone. Sponsored by Vi-

enna Parks and Recreation, the Optimist Club of Vienna and the Vienna (Host) Lions

Friday, October 21, from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Free of charge. Celebrate with games, food

Club Phoenix at 6:30 p.m. Friday, October 14. Free admission; popcorn and sodas

7842 after noon on October 19 and for weather information on the day of the show.

Volunteer ghouls needed; call Keith Fees at 703-255-6352.

Haunting in the Park for ages eight and up will be held at Glyndon Park on Fri-

"Hallow Screen!" will feature a family Halloween movie outdoors at Glyndon

Halloween party for children ages 4-12 will be held on Saturday, October 22,

Halloween party for 6th graders will be held at Club Phoenix Teen Center on

"Scary Flicks" movie double feature for middle school students will be shown at

Civil War tour to Brandy Station, sponsored by Vienna Parks and Recreation and Historic Vienna, Inc., is scheduled for

Friday, October 21. A charter bus will leave at 8:30 a.m. from the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., and return around 5 p.m. The fee of \$75 for town residents includes transportation, description of the 1863 Battle of Brandy Station, exterior tour of the Auburn plantation, lunch at the Inn at Kelly's Ford and a final stop at the Graffiti House, a Civil War

hospital that contains a display of wartime

graffiti.

Visit historic Jamestown on Tuesday, November 1. Leave the Community Center at 8 a.m. and return around 8 p.m. The cost of \$60 per person includes transportation, orientation at the Jamestown Visitors Center and self-guided walking tours of Jamestown Settlement and Jamestown Island. Sponsored by Vienna's Virginia 2007 Committee and Vienna Parks and Recreation.

Tour Channel 10, Fairfax Public Access TV, on Thursday, October 20, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Get a behind-the-scenes view of the facilities and learn about opportunities to become involved in the world of television production and promotions. Free of charge; advance registration required. Transportation to the studio is on vour own.

#### AT THE TEEN CENTER

"Neighborhood College," a leader-

Girls Group will resume monthly

ship program for students in grades 9-12, will be held each Tuesday. October 18-November 15, from 5:15 to 7:30 p.m. Learn how to run effective meetings, make decisions within a group and work in a multicultural environment. Free of charge. For more information, call Isabel Taramasco at 703-787-4962 or e-mail Isbel. taramasco@ fairfaxcounty.gov.

meetings in October. The Girls Group provides a setting where high school girls can discuss issues such as dating, college, health and beauty, and also sponsors trips and classes. Free of charge.

Babysitting fundamentals, for boys and girls age 12 and older, will be offered on Saturday, October 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 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 \$30 per person includes a manual and certificate upon completion. Bring a bag lunch and a doll.

#### MATURE ADULTS

Square dancing class will be offered October 24 and 31 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The easy-to-follow dance routine provides a moderate workout and will improve coordination. \$20 for town residents.

Create your own cookbook using your family's unique recipes, traditions, photos and memories each Friday, October 28-November 18, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Diane King, former editor-in-chief of Pillsbury Cookbooks, will teach you how to research, design and publish your cookbook. The cost for all four sessions is \$30 for town residents and includes a take-home cookbook of recipe favorites shared by class members.

Home Makeovers, a three-part series with Remax realtor Denene Crabbs, will be held November 2, 9 and 16 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Topics include creating an allergen-free home, which home improvements most enhance the resale value of your home, and retirement lifestyle options. Free of charge; registration required.

#### **POTPOURRI**

Personal Safety for Women will be held in four parts - October 24 and 27, and November 7 and 9 – from 7 to 10 p.m. Officer Virginia Palmore of the Vienna Police Department will teach basic crime prevention and risk reduction measures plus physical self-defense techniques. The fee is \$5 for town residents plus a \$15 materials fee.

Parents of preschoolers can learn how to help their kids develop creativity through art at a workshop on Tuesday, October 11, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Topics will include the importance of art in children's lives, buying art supplies for home use and ideas for easy and fun art activities. \$25 for town residents plus a \$6 materials fee.



#### VIENNA FALL FAMILY FUNANZA

OCTOBER 8, 2005 - 12:00 - 4:00 P.M. SOUTHSIDE PARK OFF OF ROSS DRIVE

Shows & Demonstrations

12:30 p.m. - Helicopter Landing & Tour Fairfax County Police Helicopter Unit 12:30 p.m. - Washington Metropolitan Airport K9 Demo 1:30 p.m. - Fire Investigator Terry Hall and VANDA the Accelerant Dog Demo Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Equipment 2:30 p.m. - Demonstration by the U.S. Custom K9

Children's Fun & Games

Petting Zoo Roving Clowns, Balloons Moon Bounce, Obstacle Course, Bungee Run & Rockwall Air Brush Tattoos, Face Painting Food & Drinks 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. - Magic Show with James Wand

#### IT'S ALL FREE TO CELEBRATE THE TOWN AS ONE OF THE TOP FIVE BEST PLACES TO LIVE!!

Contact the Vienna Parks & Recreation Department for info. 703-255-6360, or check the Website at www.ci.venna.va.us. Parking available at Yeonas Park and at the Ware Street entrance to Southside Park. For weather changes call 703-255-7842 day of after 10 a.m.

#### WE WILL BE COLLECTING MONETARY DONATIONS FOR HURRICANE KATRINA VICTIMS

## **Town Cleanup Day November 5**

The annual fall Cleanup Day, sponsored by Vienna's Community Enhancement Commission, will be held rain or shine on Saturday, November 5, from 9 a.m. to noon. Individuals, families and community service groups are invited to participate in making Vienna a more beautiful community.

Clean up your own neighborhood, or be assigned an area of town that needs attention. Check in at the Vienna Community Center on cleanup day to receive garbage bags and gloves. Walk-ins are welcome; however, organizations are asked to sign up by November 1. For more information, call Cathy Salgado at 703-255-6356.

Organization Registration Form — Deadline November 1, 2005

Mail to: Vienna Parks & Recreation Department

120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna, VA 22180			
Yes, our organization is interested in participating in the November 5 Town Cleanup Day. Please contact us to arrange participation.			
No, but contact us regarding other community service projects.			
Name of Organization Contact person			
Address			
Home phone # Work phone #			
Number of volunteers Age range Area of interest			

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