# This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

JANUARY 1997 - Public meetings have been scheduled to give citizens in each quadrant of Vienna an opportunity to discuss traffic problems and possible solutions with E.L. Tennyson, a transportation engineer recently engaged by the Town to conduct a town-wide traffic calming study. At these meetings, citizens will be able to express their views on where the worst problems occur and offer suggestions for corrective actions.

JANUARY 1987 - The Vienna Lioness Club is looking for men with great legs - or not so great legs - to enter the Mr. Legs contest. Participants will help the Lioness Club raise funds for its community service projects by collecting cash "votes."

JANUARY 1977 - The Town Council will consider an ordinance January 17 that could fine people who use water for "nonessential" purposes during water shortages. The ordinance is being proposed in view of the water shortages last summer. Town officials had to request residents to stop all nonessential uses of water when the water level in the Town's storage tanks fell too low. Nonessential uses of water include watering lawns, washing cars, and filling swimming pools.

JANUARY 1967 – A contest is underway to name the Town's new beautification and community improvement campaign. First prize, donated by First National Bank of Vienna is your choice of a man's attache case, silver serving dish, season pass to the Vienna Theater, or \$25 in cash.

> CALL THESE NUMBERS 24 HOURS A DAY: Vienna Newsline — 703-255-6333

To Order a Special Pickup — 703-255-5727 "Mulch Line" — 703-255-6388

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## **Mulch Delivery**

The Public Works Department will deliver ground leaf mulch and ground wood mulch to town residents free of charge beginning in mid-January. Orders will be taken through February 28. To place your order, call the "Mulch Line" recording, 703-255-6388, and leave your name, address, daytime phone number, type of mulch desired (wood or leaf), and the number of loads to be delivered. One load is estimated to be about the size of a VW Beetle, or 2-2.5 cubic yards. Half loads are available on request.

Please note the following important conditions:

- · All mulch deliveries are based on availability of mulch.
- · Mulch deliveries will be placed only in the driveway at the end closest to the
- · Once mulch is delivered, it becomes the property of the homeowner, and the Town will not remove any excess mulch ordered.

Residents may pick up mulch themselves in any amount between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (except holidays) from January 2 through March 30. The mulch is stored on Town-owned property off Beulah Road near Glyndon Park. Look for the sign, "Free Leaf Mulch & Wood Mulch."

#### **EMERGENCY** Vienna, Virginia 22180-5799 (Voice & TDD) Business Hours Monday - Friday, **VIENNA POLICE** DIRECT The Town of Vienna does not dis-703-938-4900 (Voice) criminate on the basis of disability in the 703-255-5730 (TDD) admission or access to, or treatment or Non-Emergency employment in, its programs or activi-703-255-6366 (Voice) ties. The Director of Public Works has 703-255-5730 (TDD) been designated to coordinate compliance with the non-discrimination re-VIENNA TOWN HALL

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Vienna Town Hall

127 Center Street, South

8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



#### **Holiday Schedule**

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, January 1, for New Year's Day. NO TRASH PICKUP JANUARY 1. Trash ONLY will be picked up on Thursday, January 4, for residents on the Monday/Thursday collection route. NO CURBSIDE RECYCLING JANUARY 4. Town Hall will also be closed on Monday, January 15, for Martin Luther King, Jr., Day. Trash will be picked up as usual that day.

#### For Your Convenience

A payment drop box is now available in the Town Hall lobby next to the Finance Department entrance. If you are making a payment by check and do not need assistance, you may leave your payment in the drop box to avoid waiting in line. Any payment left in the box prior to closing will be credited to your account that day. Do not leave cash payments in the drop box. Please make all cash payments at the Finance Counter.

#### Talk with Your **State Representatives**

State Senator Jeannemarie Devolites Davis and Delegate Steve Shannon will hold a town meeting on Saturday, January 20, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Town Hall to discuss the 2007 Virginia General Assembly session. This year's General Assembly convenes on Wednesday, January 10. The Legislative Information System at the General Assembly Web site, http://legis.state.va.us, provides online tools to monitor and track bills.



# **Special Pickups Resume in January**

The Town's Special Pickup program will resume this month. To dispose of unwanted furniture, building materials, brush and other debris not included in the regular trash collection, residents can order a Special Pickup. Place discards at the curbside, then call the Special Pickup recording promptly at 703-255-5727 and be prepared to leave the following information: your name, address, daytime phone number, amount of debris, and type of debris.

Each residence is entitled to receive two free Special Pickups per year, with a limit of one dump truck load per pickup (about the size of a Volkswagon "beetle"). Additional pickups cost \$75 per load for all items except brush. The fee for additional loads of brush is \$25 each.

Special Pickups are for the sole use of the property where the debris has been generated and cannot be transferred to another property in the town. Place all items at the curb or edge of pavement in front of your property.

### See Page 4 for Special Pickup Guidelines

# **Business Licenses Must Be** Renewed Annually

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

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

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

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.

# TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

#### **OCTOBER 2, 2006**

- · Appointed Dan Dellinger to the Town Council to fill the unexpired term of Syd Verinder, which will expire June 30,
- · Conducted a closed session to discuss matters of potential litigation, and vacancies on Town boards and commissions.

#### **OCTOBER 23, 2006**

- · Approved a contract with Cintas Corp. for uniform rental services in the amount of \$27,109.
- · Approved a contract with Safeware, Inc., for clothing, uniforms and accessories in the amount of \$17,000.
- · Approved a contract with International Salt Co. for road deicing salt in the amount of \$31,872.
- · Accepted the resignation of Becky Hartley from the Board of Architectural Review.

- · Conducted a closed session to interview candidates for appointment to Town boards and commissions, and to discuss matters of litigation.
- · Extended the term of Planning Commissioner Emil Attanasi to May 21, 2007. Appointed Roy Baldwin to the Board of Architectural Review as the attorney member to fill the unexpired term of Becky Hartley effective October 24, 2006, to February 5, 2008. Appointed David Lamphear to the Board of Architectural Review effective October 24, 2006, to July 11, 2007. Appointed Andrew Meren to the Transportation Safety Commission for a two-year term effective October 24, 2006.

#### **NOVEMBER 6, 2006**

George E. Lovelace

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Michael J. Polychrones

· Awarded a contract to Vermont Systems, Inc., to install on-line recreation program registration software and provide on-site training for Parks and Recreation Department employees in a total amount not to exceed \$15,000.

- · Accepted a special projects grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of \$198,000 for the Vienna Town Green pro-
- · Awarded a bid to Mid-Atlantic Waste Systems for a truck cab and chassis with a 25-cubic yard rear loader for the Street Maintenance Division in the amount of \$152,108.
- · Awarded a bid to MSC Equipment, Inc., for a truck-mounted sewer rodding machine for the Water and Sewer Division in the amount of \$55,235.
- · Awarded a bid to American Disposal Service for commercial trash service in the amount of \$15,978.36 for one year.
- · Conducted a closed session to discuss matters of litigation.

#### **NOVEMBER 20, 2006**

- · Conducted a closed session to discuss vacancies on Town boards and commissions and to interview a candidate for appointment.
- · Appointed Clishia L. Taylor to the Community Enhancement Commission for a two-year term.
- · Approved signage for Oriental Rug Weavers, 144 Church St., N.W.

Dog Tag Renewal

Residents are reminded that all Town

#### TOWN STAFF

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dog licenses must be renewed by January 31 each year. Dog tag applications are available in the Finance Department at Town Hall, by mail, and online. The fee is \$10 for a fertile dog and \$5 for an infertile dog. A current rabies vaccination certificate is required to obtain a license, and a spay/ neuter/infertile certificate is required for a reduced price license. For more information, call 703-255-6323.

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Tuesday	2	Windover Heights	Doard of Review 7:30 p.m.	6	Mayor's Advisory Committee	16		23		30	Transportation Safety Commission	
Monday		New Year's Day Town Hall closed	NO TRASH PICKUP	∞	Town Council	15	Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Town Hall closed	22	Town Council work session & mid-year budget review	29	Town Council	
Sunday	All meetings are held	at Vienna Town Hall at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise		7	Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week	14		21		28	5 - 2 - 3	



# Spread the Word About Safe Routes to School

By John Sweeney Legislative Committee Chairman Safe Routes to School Program Manager Louise Archer Elementary School

In 1969, approximately 50% of children in the U.S. walked or biked to school, and 87% of children living within one mile of school did. Today, fewer than 15% of schoolchildren walk or bike to school. As a result, kids today are less active, less independent, and less healthy. Many factors have contributed to the reduction in children walking and bicycling to school, including distance to school, traffic-related danger, weather, and fear of crime. So what can we do to reduce or eliminate these barriers to walking and biking to school? Enter the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program, www.saferoutesinfo.org.

Safe Routes to School is a national and international movement to create safe, convenient, and fun opportunities for children to bicycle and walk to school. Safe Routes to School provides a variety of important benefits to kids and their communities, including improved health, reduced traffic congestion, better air quality, and enhanced neighborhood safety. Finally, this movement is part of the solution for the alarming nationwide trend toward child obesity and inactivity.

In July 2005, Congress established a national Safe Routes to School program. The program, which was signed into law in August 2005, dedicates a total of \$612 million towards SRTS from 2005 to 2009. The purposes of the program are:

- · To enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school;
- To make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age; and
- To facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity of schools.

When I first read about the program in the national PTA newsletter, I remember thinking, "This definitely seems like a worthwhile initiative, and plenty of money has been set-aside to implement the program. But what can I do? How can I get involved?" Well, as you might expect, there are plenty of Web sites with tons of information on this subject. As I read through information from these Web sites, it became clear that this program ties in closely with other PTA goals. With that in mind, I decided to introduce the SRTS concept at the very next Louise Archer PTA Board meeting. Since early 2006, I have been gathering information and "spreading the word" about SRTS. By contacting local, county, and state officials and organizations, I have (at the very least) raised their awareness of this program.

In June of last year, we personally observed the Louise Archer students' "commuting" methods." I was surprised how many students were dropped off via car by their parents. In addition, we distributed a bikeability and walkability survey to all of the families in our school. Again, I was surprised how many of the parents felt that walking and bicycling were relatively unsafe in our community.

Recently, the Town of Vienna has become interested in our Safe Routes to School initiative. In response to the Town's sidewalk study, we have shared the walkability and bikeability survey results (which include many specific comments about the condition of the sidewalks). In addition, I briefed the Town's Transportation Safety Commission on our Safe Routes to School initiative.

We are hard at work gathering information necessary to submit our project and program grant applications. We have already identified both infrastructure and education needs. In addition, we will continue to work with our local community and county/state government officials to keep them informed and gain their support.

If you would like more information, please feel free to contact me, *Jsweeney21@cox.net*, use the Web site above, or use the contacts listed below. Most of all, please spread the word about the Safe Routes to School program.

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#### Comment from the Council Table

# **Metro Tunnel a Priority for 2007**

By Laurie Genevro Cole Vienna Town Councilwoman

Happy New Year! Time to put away the well-worn calendar for 2006 and get out the new one for 2007, with its fresh, unmarked pages ready to chart our activities for the coming year. Individually and as a Town, we set our priorities and commit our time. What will we focus on among all the pressing issues and demands?

At the top of my Town list for 2007: working for a tunnel for Metrorail through Tysons Corner, and against the elevated rail proposal. Of course there are many other challenges that the Town Council will have to address this year – funding, services, and development are just a few – but the immediate need for public involvement and the long-term effect on Vienna make the tunnel vs. elevated rail decision of utmost importance to our Town.

What's at stake? In my opinion, the elevated rail option will result in higher long-term cost to Vienna taxpayers (through our county, state and federal taxes), increased traffic congestion, lengthy disruption from construction, visual pollution, and harm to our neighborhoods and businesses.

This is a huge project, with many facets, but I'll offer two items for your consideration. First, according to tunnel advo-

cates, the long-term maintenance cost of a tunnel would be \$5 million less per year than elevated rail. Those maintenance costs come from Metrorail's chronically challenged operating budget, not the capital funding that is building the extension. So any short-term savings on construction mean long-term costs on maintenance.

Second, the physical structure of elevated tracks will be a blight on Tysons and Vienna. At some points the rail will be 65 feet above ground. Imagine being in a Metro car on a rail the height of a flyover ramp at the Springfield Mixing Bowl. Imagine living in northeast Vienna and seeing that out your window. Add to that the image of an 1,800 foot-long wall, up to 40 feet high, running along Route 7. How does this plan promote a more pedestrian-friendly Tysons Corner?

There are many more aspects to this issue – federal funding, competitive bidding, construction plans, timing – than can be addressed in this space. To learn more about the project from both sides of the issue, you can visit two Web sites: <a href="http://ty sonstunnel.org">http://ty sonstunnel.org</a> (sponsored by proponents of the tunnel option) and <a href="https://www.dullesmetro.com">www.dulles metro.com</a> (the site for the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project).

At the December 4, 2006, Council

Councilwoman Cole

meeting, Mayor Seeman and I offered a resolution to support consideration of the tunnel option and a competitive bidding process for the Metrorail extension through Tysons. Your Town Council unanimously approved the resolution. (see article below).

Every voice is important, so please add yours to the discussion. Contact your elected representatives (town, county, commonwealth and federal) and let them know your opinion on this issue.

Best wishes for peace, health and happiness in 2007.

### Town Green Seeking Program Sponsors

The Vienna Parks and Recreation Department is seeking sponsors for community concerts, stage productions, and a children's series at the Town Green. Preliminary plans include Tuesday Tales (children's story time), One Act Wednesdays (one-act plays), Tunes at Noon (lunchtime concerts), and Concerts on the Green (Friday and Saturday evening concerts). These events will be open to the public free of charge.

The Town Green is scheduled to open in May 2007 and is sure to become a community focal point. For more information on sponsorship opportunities, contact Amy-Jo Hendrix or Cathy Salgado at 703-255-6360.

Town Council minutes & agendas are available at www.viennava.gov.

# Council Resolution Urges Consideration of Tysons Tunnel

At its December 4 meeting, the Town Council adopted a resolution calling for consideration of a tunnel through Tysons Corner as part of the construction of a Metrorail line from East Falls Church to Dulles Airport.

The resolution urges the Commonwealth of Virginia to:

- 1. Conduct public, competitive bidding of the final design and construction work for the Metrorail extension through Tysons Corner;
- 2. Simultaneously consider construction of the extension via a 3.5-mile tunnel under Tysons Corner; and
- 3. Conduct side-by-side competitive bidding of the extension as a tunnel and as elevated rail.

The resolution also expresses agreement with the Summary of Issues of the group TysonsTunnel.org, a coalition of the McLean Chamber of Commerce, community and business leaders, and concerned citizens. Residents who favor an underground Metrorail extension through Tysons Corner can visit <a href="https://www.tysonstunnel.org">www.tysonstunnel.org</a> to sign an online petition of support.

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### **Call Promptly for Your Special Pickup**

Please call the Special Pickup number, 703-255-5727, as soon as debris is placed at the curbside. Piles of trash that go uncollected for weeks on end because of residents' failure to call for a Special Pickup are an eyesore and a potential health and safety hazard

It is illegal to place debris in the public right-of-way without arranging for a Special Pickup. When an illegal pile of trash is spotted by or reported to Town personnel, the resident will receive a notice to call for a Special Pickup within 48 hours. If no action is taken by the resident after the notice is issued, the Town will seek legal remedy to gain compliance with the Town Code.

### **Special Pickup Guidelines**

The amount and type of debris allowed are limited to the following:

- 1. Discarded furniture, swing sets and playground equipment.
- 2. Sod and brush.
- 3. 300 pounds of scrap metal per residence, small automobile parts such as engine blocks, transmissions and tires. All tires must be removed from the rim.
- 4. Trees and limbs of a diameter greater than 1½ inches and less than 6 inches, and no more than 8 feet in length.
- 5. Building materials (not generated by contractor), which shall include the following items: wood, broken concrete, bricks or block, fences, drywall, and paneling. Each residence shall be limited to 300 pounds (approximately two wheelbarrow loads) of masonry items such as concrete, brick, block, stone, rock, etc. per pickup.
- 6. Please refrain from placing piles of brush under power lines or trees, or close to shrubs, walls or vehicles. Place all piles in an open area accessible to a crane truck.
- 7. All sharp items such as box cutters, razors, saw blades and large panes of glass should be wrapped in several layers of newspaper.
- 8. In the interest of safety, parents should caution their children not to play in or around debris placed at the curb for a Special Pickup.

The following items will **not** be picked up:

- 1. Gas tanks.
- 2. Fuel oil tanks.
- 3. Pressurized tanks such as propane, air or freon.
- 4. Mounted tires. (Town crews will pick up the tire and the rim as long as they are separated.)
- 5. Tree stumps and tree parts over 6 inches in diameter. Large tree stumps or tree parts over 6 inches can be disposed of at the Fairfax County Transfer Station located on West Ox Road or at the Fairfax County Landfill located in Lorton.
- 6. Paint cans. Hazardous materials such as fuel tanks, paints, solvents, insecticides, fluorescent light tubes, etc. can be disposed of through the Fairfax County Hazardous Waste Disposal Program. The drop-off center for hazardous waste is the I-66 Citizens' Recycling and Disposal Facility located at 4618 West Ox Rd. (just beyond the Fire & Rescue training academy). Call 703-324-5068 for further information.
- 7. Biohazardous waste including needles and syringes.
- 8. Contractor generated material.
- 9. Brush and trash that are mixed.
- 10. Dirt.
- 11. White goods, which include stoves, dishwashers, refrigerators, window air conditioners, whole house air conditioners, microwave ovens, hot water heaters, garbage disposals, washing machines, dryers, cook-tops, dehumidifiers and furnaces.

### **No White Goods**

White goods are not collected as part of the Special Pickup program. White goods include stoves, dishwashers, refrigerators, window air conditioners, whole house air conditioners, microwaves, hot water heaters, garbage disposals, washing machines, dryers, cooktops, dehumidifiers and furnaces.

Many appliance dealers will remove an old unit when a new one is delivered. Also, residents may take white goods to the Fairfax County I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Rd., or the I-95 Landfill Complex, 9850 Furnace Rd. in Lorton. There is a \$1 disposal fee for each appliance. The hours of operation are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

### No Contractor Debris In Special Pickups

If you employ contractors for home renovations or other services, they must take any waste away with them. The Town's Special Pickup program is meant to aid residents in disposing of bulky materials after performing the work themselves. Contractor-generated waste material will not be picked up.

# Donations to CHO Help Your Neighbors

Instead of using a Special Pickup to dispose of unwanted furniture and other household items, consider donating them to the Committee for Helping Others (CHO). You'll help a neighbor in need and you'll get a receipt for tax purposes. Beds of all sizes (except king size), including baby cribs, are especially needed, as are dressers, sofas, dining tables and chairs. Appliances in good working condition are also accepted. To arrange for a pickup of your donation, call CHO at 703-281-7614.

Looking for a worthwhile New Year's resolution? Help the needy in your community by volunteering for one of CHO's committees: family emergencies, food closet, clothes closet, furniture, transportation, or meals on wheels.

# **FY 07-08 Donation Requests Due**

Friday, February 2, is the deadline for non-profit Vienna organizations to apply for donations of Town funds in fiscal year 2007-2008. Applications should be addressed to Town Manager John H. Schoeberlein, Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center St., S., Vienna, VA 22180-5799. All requests must include the following information:

- Name of the organization and names and addresses of its officers;
- Purpose of the organization and a description of its programs and activities;
- Percentage of members or participants who live in town or who own or are employed by town businesses;
- Organization budget showing all income and expenses for the year in which the donation will be used;
- Amount of funding requested from the Town;
- Purpose for which the donation will be used;
- Synopsis of the fund-raising activities being conducted during the current year;
- Statement signed by the principal officer that membership or participation is open to all residents and business people in town without regard to race, national origin, religion or sex.

#### Citizen Budget Input Welcome

Citizens who have suggestions about what items should be given priority for funding in the Town's FY 07-08 budget are encouraged to express their views in writing to the Town Manager in care of Town Hall. The deadline for comments is February 2.

# Recycled Cell Phones Benefit Police And Developing Countries

Do you have an unused cell phone sitting on a shelf or in a drawer? The Vienna Police Department, at 215 Center St., S., is a drop-off point for donating mobile phones as well as pagers and PDAs (such as Palm Pilots).

The Police Department has partnered with CollectiveGood, a company that recycles cell phones in an environmentally and socially responsible manner, and the Police Department receives a small payment for each device turned in. Funds are used for the Personal Safety for Women programs presented three times each year at the Vienna Community Center.

Why recycle cell phones? The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has established that mobile phones count as hazardous waste, due to their content of lead, mercury, cadmium and arsenic. Recycling your old cell phone and keeping it out of the landfill is an easy way to help protect the environment.

CollectiveGood sends recycled phones to developing countries, where they serve useful, longer lives and offer affordable communications, in many cases the first modern communications.

For more information, contact Officer Virginia Palmore at the Vienna Police Department, 703-255-6396, or e-mail palmore@ci.vienna.va.us.

### **Christmas Tree Pickup**

Christmas trees will be collected during the month of January. Place trees at the curbside on the second collection day of the week to be picked up along with recyclables. Trees should be unadorned (no tinsel).

# Help Available for Snow Removal

Vienna area teens are available to shovel snow and help with other odd jobs. The teen and the person needing the work decide on the amount to be paid for the service. Teens can sign up at the Vienna Community Center, and residents can call 703-255-6360 to be matched with a young worker.

The Town requests that sidewalks be cleared of snow and ice for the safety of pedestrians, especially schoolchildren.

Town businesses that hire snowplows to clear their parking lots should make sure that snow is not piled onto adjoining sidewalks or pushed into the street. Also, it is illegal to block handicapped parking spaces with snow.

The Town/Business Liaison Committee (T/BLC) presents snow removal awards to businesses and residents that do an excellent job in removing snow from their driveways and/or sidewalks, or help others in removing snow. To make a nomination or for more information, e-mail *tblc@viennava.gov* or call the Planning and Zoning Department at 703-255-6341.

# Town Budget Receives Award

For the 13th 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 2006-2007 budget, is the highest form of recognition 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.

Copies of Vienna's budget are available for public review at Town Hall.

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### HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Vienna Girls Softball League registration for spring 2007 is now open. Online and mail-in information is available at www.vgsl.org. Walk-in registration will be held at the Vienna Community Center on Saturday, January 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. T-Ball, Coach Pitch, 10U, 12U and 13+ divisions will open practice in March for league play beginning in April and ending in early June. Softball clinics will be held this month and next.

Vienna Baptist Church will begin a year-long 50th anniversary celebration with a service on January 21. Several special events are planned for 2007, including a homecoming and community weekend in June and a community ecumenical Thanksgiving service in November. Vienna Baptist Church is located at 541 Marshall Rd., S.W. (corner of Marshall Road and Ware Street). For more information, call 703-281-4400 or visit www.vbc-va.org.

The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna will hold an open house and registration for the winter session of its "Adventures in Learning" program for people age 50 and older on Thursday, January 11, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Unitarian-Universalist Church, 2709 Hunter Mill Rd., Oakton. Classes will be held each Thursday, January 18-March 8, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and include Tai Chi, bridge, world affairs, and more. The fee of \$35 covers up to four classes. For more information, call 703-281-0538.

Five Hills Garden Club will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday, January 16, at Vienna Presbyterian Church. Floral designers Muriel and Harlin Turner will be the special guests. Refreshments and a light lunch will be served. For more information, call Diane Rice at 703-281-2125.

Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., N.W., is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Classes in nature painting, oriental brush, and watercolor begin in January, and the figure drawing studio welcomes walk-ins. For information, visit www.viennaartssociety.org or call 703-319-3971.

Epiphany Preschool will begin registeration for the 2007-2008 school year on February 12. Half-day classes are available for 3 and 4-year-olds. For more information, visit the school at 1014 Country Club Dr., N.E., or phone 703-938-2391.

Vietnam Veterans of America,

Chapter 227, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, January 18, at Neighbor's Restaurant in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center. Dr. Lewis "Bob" Sorley, Vietnam War veteran and author, will discuss the Army of South Vietnam's battlefield performance. For more information, call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or visit www.geo cities.com/vva 227.

Vienna Host Lions Club meets at 6:15 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at American Legion Post 180, 330 Center St., N. For information, call Al Naurock at 703-938-3334 or visit www.vi ennahostlions.org.

Breakfast buffet, sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 180 and the Sons of the Legion, will be open on Sunday, January 21, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Legion Post, 330 Center St., N. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under age 12. For more information, call 703-938-9535.

Northern Virginia Model Rail-roaders will host an open house at the Vienna Railroad Station, corner of Dominion Road and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E., on Saturday, January 20, from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is free; donations accepted. See an operating HO scale model railroad. For more information, call 703-938-5157 or visit www.nvmr.org.

Welcome Club of Northern Virginia will hold its monthly luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday, January 4, at Westwood Country Club. Orthopaedic surgeon and U.S. Army Col. Richard Sutton will speak on preventing osteoporosis. For reservations and more information, call 703-281-6225 or e-mail dlboguts@cox.net.

Vienna Arts Society will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday, January 11, at the Vienna Community Center. Professional landscape painter Bill Schmidt will demonstrate his painting techniques. For more information, visit www.viennaartssociety. org.

February 10 is the entry deadline for the Bland Memorial Music Scholarship Contest for students through grade 12. The competition will be held February 24 at the Vienna Assembly of God Church. Prizes will be awarded in instrumental and vocal categories, and winners will advance to compete for scholarships at the state level. The contest is sponsored locally by the Vienna (Host) Lions Club. For application forms and information, call Akin Oduolowu, 703-263-9314, Al Naurock, 703-938-3334, or Nancy Volpe, 703-938-7716.

Pancake breakfast, sponsored by the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department (VVFD) and Auxiliary, will be held on Saturday, February 10, from 8 a.m. to noon in the Flame Room at the fire station, 400 Center St., S. Meet VVFD personnel at the newly renovated station house. The price for the all-you-can-eat menu of pancakes, sausage, bacon, juice and coffee is \$6 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens, \$3 for children age 12 and under, and free of charge for kids under 3. For more information, call 703-938-2678 ext. 6 or visit www.vvfd.org.

Argentine Tango in Vienna! An evening of Argentine Tango social dancing will be held at the Vienna Community Center the second Friday of each month from 8 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$10 per person. For more information, visit www.tangocolor.com.

Potomac Valley Shetland Sheepdog Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, January 15, at the Dunn Loring fire station, 2148 Gallows Rd. Veterinarian Mary Galloway will discuss vaccinations. For more information, visit www.shetland sheepdog.us.

# Community Volunteers to Be Honored

MAYOR JANE SEEMAN INVITES YOU TO NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER IN RECOGNITION OF HIS/HER SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF VIENNA. MAYOR SEEMAN PLANS TO HONOR THESE VOLUNTEERS AT THE MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 10. PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THIS FORM TO MAYOR SEEMAN AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN BELOW. NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE MARCH 1.

#### NOMINATION FORM FOR OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS

NAME OF NOMINEE:
ADDRESS:
TELEPHONE NUMBER:
PLEASE DESCRIBE THE NATURE OF THE VOLUNTEER WORK PERFORMED BY THE NOMIN ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF VIENNA AND WHY YOU FEEL HE/SHE DESERVES SPECIAL RECOGNITION:
NAME OF NOMINATING PERSON OR ORGANIZATION:
ADDRESS:
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TELEPHONE NUMBER:

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM <u>BEFORE MARCH 1, 2007, TO:</u>
MAYOR JANE SEEMAN
CHARLES A. ROBINSON, JR., TOWN HALL
127 CENTER STREET, SOUTH
VIENNA, VIRGINIA 22180

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# **Welcome New Businesses**

The following business licenses were issued in November:

Cannon Clutter Control professional organizer 204 Park Terrace Ct., S.E. #29 703-346-4764

Skinintelligence skin care
115 Beulah Rd., N.E. #200E
703-255-7237

New ownership: Flowers on Cedar Lane 278 Cedar Lane, S.E. 703-204-9647 Church Street Cellars *gourmet wine store* 111 Church St., N.W. 703-250-0550

My Sister's Closet clothing boutique
111 Church St., N.W.
#203B

703-255-4760

Innovative Mortgages *mortgage brokerage* 301 Maple Ave., W. #510 703-652-1501

1st Empire Financial training service 301 Maple Ave., W. #510 703-652-1500

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 January: 40 years – Savia's Hairstyling, Vienna Drug Center, Vienna Optical Co.; 30 years – Brooke Rental Center, Hope Center for Advanced Veterinary Medicine, Fairfax Auto Parts of Northern Virginia, Kellogg, Williams & Lyons, Ken Foley Custom Homes, Radio Shack; 20 years – Brinson Co., Christine Dunbar, Westwood Cleaners; 10 years – GP Building, H&R Block, Nancy Lee Asman, Noelia Brush, Specialized Orthopaedic Service.

# Nominate a Town Business for Community Service Award

Vienna's Town/Business Liaison Committee's annual community service award recognizes town businesses that demonstrate a commitment to the community through cooperation and sharing.

Award-winning contributions may be personal, in-kind, or financial and may benefit town residents, other businesses, non-profit organizations, the town government, or the community at large. Examples include shared parking or other physical resources, beautification projects, and support for youth sports teams.

To nominate a business or individual business owner, the following information should be submitted:

- · Name, address and phone number of nominee
- Description of the contribution/action to be considered and why (200 words or less)
- · Name, address and phone number of person making the nomination.

Only in-town Vienna businesses are eligible for the award, and nominations must be received by January 30 to be considered. Send nominations to: Town/Business Liaison Committee, c/o Julie Morris, Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center St., S., Vienna, VA 22180. Nominations marked "TBLC Award" may also be faxed, 703-255-5729, or e-mailed, tblc@ci.vienna.va.us.

The award will be presented at the Mayor's reception for outstanding community volunteers on April 10.

## Vienna Names In the News

The Vienna Optimist Club raised over \$32,000 for childhood cancer treatment and research at its first annual Walk for Growing Hope, held on October 7. Thanks to all who participated and made donations, and to walk chairman Bob McCormick.

The Vienna Woman's Club has named Gary Lose Police Officer of the Year for 2006. Officer Lose is currently assigned to the Criminal Investigations Bureau as a detective. The award was established in 1957 to recognize outstanding police service to the citizens of Vienna.

Town resident **Judy Frigiola**, who won a new Mustang in a raffle held by **James Madison High School**, would like to thank the school and **Gardner Britt** of **Ted Britt Ford**, who donated the car and then agreed to switch the Mustang for a Focus so the cash savings could be used to pay taxes on the prize. The new car comes at just the right time as Frigiola's daughter heads off to graduate school in Indiana.

Dr. Kathryn Thompson of the New Life Wellness Center, 243 Church St., N.W., recently completed an eight-month clinical training program in Nutrition Response Testing, a non-invasive method of analysing the body to determine nutritional deficiencies or imbalance, and which nutrients are needed to improve health.

# **Brochure Available** on Historic Sites

Vienna's "Virginia 2007 Community Committee," created to plan local activities in celebration of the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown in 1607, has published a brochure listing the structures, sites and places on Vienna's historic register as a legacy project. The brochure is available free of charge at Town Hall, the Vienna Community Center, Patrick Henry Library, and the Freeman House.

The historic register was created in 1988 to encourage recognition of and interest in Vienna's historic sites.

For more information, contact Cathy Salgado, 703-255-6356, or e-mail *salgado* @ci.vienna.va.us.

# 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 or visit www.viennava.gov. All activities are held at the Vienna Community Center unless stated otherwise.

#### <u>MANAGING YOUR MONEY</u> & YOUR ESTATE

Why Good Wills Go Bad will be presented on Monday, January 8, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Join attorney David Hoffman for a discussion of Virginia will law, organizing your assets, when to change your will, talking to your executor, reducing probate, will copies, do-it-yourself tax plans and more. Free of charge; no advance registration required.

#### HEALTH AND FITNESS

Adult spring co-ed softball league registration is underway. Games will be played Sunday mornings at Southside Park beginning April 22. The registration fee of \$400 per team includes 10 regular season double-header games, umpire fees, softballs, a post-season tournament, and awards.

Men's softball league games begin April 9 at Southside Park. The fee is \$450 per team, and the registration deadline is February 23. For a league information package, contact Keith Fees at 703-255-6352 or e-mail fees@ci.vienna.va.us.

The Truth About Osteoporosis: Fact vs. Fiction is the topic of a free seminar on Tuesday, January 23, from 7 to 8 p.m. Dr. Kathryn Thomas of New Life Wellness Center will discuss what you can do to prevent or reverse osteoporosis.

#### AT THE TEEN CENTER

Babysitters training for boys and girls age 12 and older will be offered on Saturday, January 13, from noon to 7 p.m. A certified American Red Cross instructor will teach basic child care, safety, first aid, and what to do in emergency situations. The fee is \$60 for town residents.

**DDR (Dance Dance Revolution)** tournament for grades 6-8 is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Friday, January 19. Free of charge. Compete in the dance-off for fun and prizes.



The Vienna Theatre Company will present the comedy I Hate Hamlet January 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27 at 8 p.m. and January 21 at 2 p.m. (signed performance) at the Vienna Community Center. Tickets are \$9 general admission and \$8 for students and senior citizens age 65 and older, available at the Community Center and at vtcshow@yahoo.com. For more information call 703-978-7818. In the photo above, the ghost of John Barrymore (Jeff Breslow) challenges a reluctant popular TV actor (Andy Izquierdo) to play Hamlet with Barrymore's guidance.

Open Mic Comedy Night for middle school students will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday, January 5. Admission is free. Budding comedians are invited to practice their jokes in front of a live audience.

#### <u>POTPOURRI</u>

Personal Safety for Women will be held in four parts – January 22, 24, 29 and 31 – 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 to help women be more confident in an attack situation. The fee is \$5 for town residents plus a \$15 materials fee.

Basic first aid and CPR/AED instruction will be offered on Saturday, January 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Students will learn to deal with emergen-

cies such as choking, cardiac arrest, and physical injury, and those passing the exam at the end of the course will receive an American Safety and Health certification card valid for two years. The cost for the class is \$60 for town residents.

Eastern Seaboard from Maine to Key West, the first in a series on America's great road trips and scenic drives, will be presented on Monday, January 22, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Steve Lemon will narrate big screen DVD images of Niagara Falls, back roads of Vermont, the Blue Ridge Parkway and more. Free of charge, but registration required.

The Art of Mosiacs, a new class for ages 18 and older, will meet on Sundays, January 14-March 4, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. No experience is required and all tools are provided. The cost is \$80 for town residents plus a \$70 materials fee.

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