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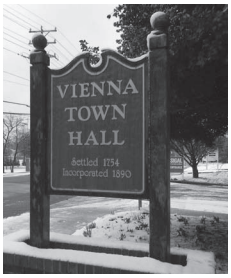
Town Offices Closed for Washington's Birthday

Town offices will be closed on Monday, February 17, in observance of Washington's Birthday.

Refuse will be collected as normal.



The Community Center will be open from 10 am to 3 pm; no classes or drop-ins will be held.

Meet With Your Legislators: February 1, 2014

Senator Chap Petersen and Delegate Mark Keam will discuss their legislative priorities and other anticipated issues for the 2014 Virginia General Assembly session at a public Town Hall meeting on Saturday, February 1, from 1 pm to 3 pm, at Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center Street S. Contact kathy@fairfaxsenator.com for more information. Watch it live on Cox Channel 27, FIOS 38 or online at www.viennava.gov.

Town Election Filing Deadline: March 4

Tuesday, March 4, is the filing deadline for candidates in the May 6 Town election. This year, voters will elect Mayor and three Town Council members for two-year terms beginning July 1. Candidates must be qualified to vote for and hold the office sought, a resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia for one year immediately preceding the election, and a resident, by the time of filing, of the Town of Vienna.

Candidates for office are required to file specific documents in order to appear on the ballot. The information packet for candidates is available at the State Board of Election's website, www.sbe.virginia.gov, or call toll-free 1-800-552-9745 and ask for the Election Services Division.

Last Chance to Order Leaf Mulch

Friday, February 28, is the last day to order a free delivery of ground leaf mulch from the Public Works Department. To place your order, call (703) 255-6388 and leave your name, address, daytime phone number and the number of loads to be delivered. One load is estimated to be 2.5 cubic yards (equivalent to 33-34 store bought bags.) Half loads are also available. Orders may also be placed online at www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=164. 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 house.
- 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 am and 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday (except holidays) through March 30. The mulch is stored on Town-owned property off Beulah Road near Glyndon Park. Look for the sign, "Free Leaf Mulch."

Town Council Actions

The following items are extracts of recent Town Council actions and are not official meeting minutes.
The most recent approved Town Council minutes, agendas and meeting videos are available online at www.viennava.gov/index. aspx?nid=567.
All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

December 16, 2013

- Accepted the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.
- Awarded the Center Street S Reconstruction contract to A&M Concrete Corporation in the amount of $508,176.50.
- Deferred the discussion on the Nutley Street and Courthouse Road traffic signal and sidewalk contract to the January 6 Town Council meeting.
- Awarded the Ninovan Road SE sidewalk construction contract to American Contractors in the amount of $18,755.

January 6, 2014

- Approved a new ten year franchise agreement with Cox Communications.
- Approved the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Vienna Police Department and the Commonwealth of Virginia Attorney General's Office for the Asset Forfeiture Transfer program.
- Set a public hearing for January 27, for the consideration of the vacation and sale of the public alley adjacent to 210 Center Street N.
- Set a public hearing for January 27, for the consideration of the vacation and sale of the public alley adjacent to 114 Ayr Hill Avenue NW.
- Referred a proposed single lot tree canopy ordinance in Chapter 18 of the Town Code to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation.
- Awarded the Beulah Road NE sidewalk construction contract to Sagres Construction in the amount of $67,200.
- Accepted the easement donation from WTG properties, approved the proposed Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority license agreement and the Dominion Power encroachment agreement related to the Ayr Hill Avenue NE sidewalk project.
- Awarded the Nutley Street and Courthouse Road SW traffic signal reconstruction and Courthouse Road SW sidewalk project to A&M Concrete Corporation in the amount of $680,000.

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VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

M. Jane Seeman, Mayor

Laurie Genevro Cole
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Planning & Zoning Director	Gregory M. Hembree, AICP	(703) 255-6341
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Deadline for the March issue is February 15.

Vienna Business Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following Vienna businesses who will celebrate milestone anniversaries in February 2014:

25 Years
Nova Dental Care

20 Years
Cameo Coins and Collectibles
IGS Diamonds
McKinney Financial Planning

15 Years
Mediclean Services
The Dress Code
The Write Place

10 Years
Cold Stone Creamery
Edith King

Upcoming Council Public Hearings

All public hearings are held at Town Hall, 127 Center St., S at 8 pm unless otherwise noted.

Upcoming Public Hearings:

No public hearings are currently scheduled for February 2014. *View page 3 to see Town Council meeting dates.*

Mayor Seeman, Council Members Cole and Polychrones Announce Retirement

During the December 16 Town Council meeting, longtime Council member Laurie Genevro Cole announced her decision not to seek a seventh term during this year's Town election. In addition, during the January 6 Town Council meeting, Council member Michael Polychrones and Mayor M. Jane Seeman both announced their intent not to seek re-election this year.

Seeman, who has served for 18 years on the Vienna Town Council - the last 14 as Mayor, has been a Vienna resident since 1968 and was first appointed to the Town Council in 1996 to fill the unexpired term of the late Councilman Rodger W. Seeman. Throughout her time on Council, she has been involved with various boards including the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, Towns Association of Northern Virginia and the Tysons Partnership, and is a member of Historic Vienna, Inc., Rotary Club and numerous community organizations, including the Patrick Henry Library where she has volunteered more than 3,000 hours. She is planing to read a wide variety of books in her retirement as well as travel more.

Cole has been a resident of Vienna since 1986 and was first elected to Town Council in 2002 and has served as a Council member for twelve years. Prior to serving on Council, she has served on the Community Enhancement Commission (Chair), Planning Commission (Chair) and the Board of Zoning Appeals. Cole has been involved with and supported the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, Louise Archer Elementary School PTA, Music Friends of the Fairfax County Library and actively volunteered for Vienna youth sports. She is currently volunteering as a pro bono attorney through the Veterans Consortium Pro Bono program and is a member of the Vienna Optimist Club of Greater Vienna and AAUW Vienna Branch. She is looking forward to spending more time with her family and traveling.

Polychrones is a life-long Vienna resident and was first appointed to Town Council in 1996, and has served for 17 years on Council. Prior to serving on Town Council, he was appointed to the Transportation Safety Commission and the Planning Commission. During his time on Council, he has served as President of the Virginia Municipal League, a member of the VML Executive Committee and the Beltway Improvement Task Force for Fairfax County. He is active in the community and through the years has been involved with the Vienna Jaycees and the Vienna Host Lions Club. He and his wife Patti are planning to relocate out of the area.

Vienna voters will elect three council members and Mayor during the May 6, 2014 elections. Tuesday, March 4, is the filing deadline for candidates in the May 6 Town election. For more information, visit www.viennava.gov.

Watch Town Council Meetings Live!

Can't make it to Town Council meetings? No problem! Watch them live from the comfort of your own home on Cox channel 27, Verizon FIOS channel 38 or streamed on the Town's website at www.viennava.gov.

All Town Council meetings will be recorded and available on demand on the Town's website and rebroadcast during the week following the meeting on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm and Thursdays at 10 am and 9 pm.

Town Council meetings are typically held on the first and third Mondays of each month at 8 pm. For the complete schedule, view the 2014 Town calendar.

February Town Meetings

Meetings are at Town Hall, 127 Center Street S, at 8 pm unless otherwise noted.

Monday, 3rd: Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, 4th: Windover Heights Board of Review

Monday, 10th: Town Council Work Session

Wednesday, 12th: Planning Commission

Thursday, 13th: Town/Business Liaison Committee, 7 pm

Wednesday, 19th: Board of Zoning Appeals

Thursday, 20th: Board of Architectural Review

Monday, 24th: Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, 25th: Transportation Safety Commission

Wednesday, 26th: Planning Commission

Thursday, 27th: Community Enhancement Commission, 7:30 pm

Sewer Backups are Expensive; Backup Insurance is Not!

The Town of Vienna makes every attempt to prevent sewer backups from occurring. Sewer lines are specially designed to reduce accumulation and stoppages. In addition, a maintenance crew is devoted to inspecting and cleaning sewer lines throughout the Town on a regular basis. Degreasing chemicals are also injected into lines in areas that are prone to stoppages, such as those near restaurants and apartments. Even with this rigorous maintenance schedule; however, backups can still occur.

All insurance companies writing homeowner policies in Virginia offer special coverage for damage resulting from backups of drains and sewers, and this additional protection is available at reasonable rates. For information on obtaining sewer backup coverage, contact your insurance company. The Town's insurance carrier rarely approves claims resulting from sewer backups unless negligence in maintaining the system can be shown. Therefore, residents are encouraged to protect their property by obtaining sewer backup insurance.

Board and Commission Spotlight: Planning Commission

The Vienna Planning Commission is a nine-member board charged by State statute with approving preliminary subdivision plats and making recommendations to the Town Council on final plats, site plan modifications, changes in zoning, amendments to the zoning ordinance and revisions to the Town's Comprehensive Plan. Commissioners also provide recommendations to the Board of Zoning Appeals on applications for conditional use permits.

Recent activities include the development of recommendations on a number of new subdivisions, conditional use permit applications for a variety of uses and the 2014 update to the Comprehensive Plan.

The Vienna Planning Commission meets at 8 pm on the second and fourth Wednesdays in January through June, August and September, the second Wednesday and fourth Thursday in October and the second Wednesday in November and December. Meetings take place in the Council Chambers at Town Hall and interested citizens are invited to attend. Commission members include Chairperson Jim Hendricks, Charles Anderson, Walter Basnight, Jr., William Daly, Jr., Michael Gelb, Stephen Kenney, David Lanphear, Melvin McCoy and David Miller. Citizens may contact the Planning Commission through its clerk, Jennifer Murphy at (703) 255-6349 or jmurphy@viennava.gov.

Business License Renewal Due March 3

Town businesses are reminded that March 3 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 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 to use the tax rate. Businesses with gross receipts of $50,000 or less pay only the minimum license fee of $30 per year.

License tax renewal forms were mailed at the end of January, and forms are also 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.

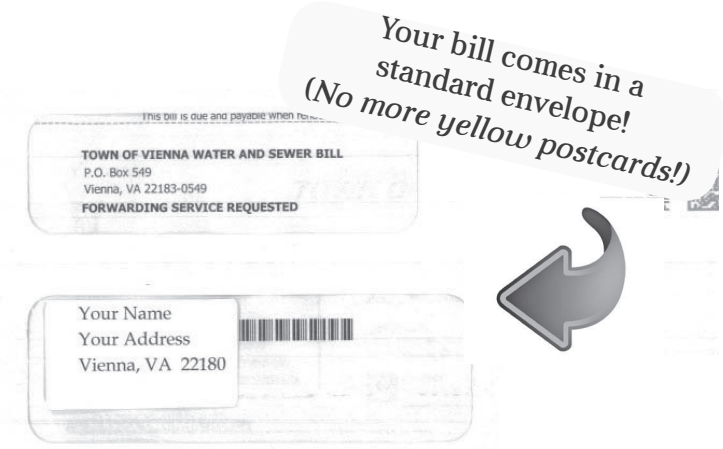
Register Your Business on Shop Vienna

Included in this year's business license renewal is registration for Shop Vienna. Learn how you can better promote your business at www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=1034.

Be On The Lookout for Your Water and Sewer Bill!

The yellow postcard is gone! In July 2013, the Town upgraded the Water and Sewer bills to an 8 ½ x 11" bill in a standard envelope. Water and Sewer is billed quarterly and a ten percent late fee applies to any payment received after the due date. You can avoid late payments by signing up for automatic payment by ACH on our website at www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=254.

If you have any questions, please contact Water and Sewer Customer Service at (703) 255-6385.



Annual Financial Report Available

The Town of Vienna's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, is now available for review online at www.viennava.gov/Archive.aspx?AMID=39. It is also available for review in the Finance Department at Town Hall or can be purchased for $5 per copy.

The report summarizes the Town's financial position and results of operations of the various funds and account groups. It also includes the Auditor's Report on FYE 2013, information on internal controls for managing and safeguarding Town assets, and selected financial and demographic information from the last ten years.

According to the report, the Town ended last fiscal year in stable financial condition. General and Debt Service Funds ended the year with combined revenues of $22,623,153, a decrease of $52,503 or 0.23 percent from the previous year. The main driver of this decrease was the receipt of over $500,000 in seized assets in 2012. Additionally, meals taxes rose $196,333 or 9.7 percent and property taxes rose $262,296 or 2.9 percent. The meals taxes increase was mainly due to a number of new restaurants and general increased business.

Total expenditures and transfers of the General and Debt Service funds increased by $517,220 or 2.2 percent from the preceding year. The increase was due to retirement payouts for three department heads who retired in 2013 plus re-grading and new hires in the police, finance and information technology departments.

Last year's Water and Sewer operating revenues increased $1,064,351 from 2012 or 17.5 percent, ending the year at $7,129,668. This was primarily due a 19 percent increase in the combined water and sewer rates in 2013. Operating expenses ended the year at $6,137,921, a decrease of $69,460 or 1.17 percent. This decrease was due to aggressive management of expenditures in an effort to recoup the losses from the prior year.

General obligation debt of $1,636,667 from issues dated 1998, 1999, 2002, 2006 and 2010 was retired during the year, and new debt of $6,310,000 was issued in 2013, bringing the total outstanding general obligation debt to $15,216,668 at year end. This balance represented 0.4 percent of the fiscal 2013 assessed property values, well within the Town's legal debt limit.

The Town's cash reserves were invested in U.S. Government Securities and interest-bearing deposit and cash accounts during the year. At year-end, $23,008,786 or 78 percent was invested in the State's Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) accounts and $4,938,399 or 16.7 percent was invested in the Virginia State Non-Arbitrage Program (Virginia SNAP). Total interest income for the year was $55,273, up $16,878 from the year before. The 44 percent increase was due to a slight increase in the rates earned at LGIP of 0.16 percent compared to 0.15 percent in 2012, plus the funds invested at SNAP at an average rate of 0.236 percent.

Tax-Aid Program at SunTrust, February 3 - April 15

The AARP Tax-Aide program is the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax preparation service, available to low- and middle-income taxpayers with special attention to those age 60 and older. AARP Tax-Aide is administered by the AARP Foundation in cooperation with the IRS.

Tax-Aide volunteers are trained to assist with filing the 1040 form and the more standard of the schedules, including Schedules A and B. (Taxpayers with complex tax returns are advised to seek paid tax assistance.) Since 1968, AARP Tax-Aide volunteers, trained in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service, has helped nearly 50 million taxpayers file their tax returns each year.

From February 3 through April 15, Tax-Aide volunteers will be at SunTrust Bank, 515 Maple Ave E, Monday through Friday from 10 am to 2 pm. No appointment is required. You do not have to be retired or a member of AARP to benefit from this free program.

All tax returns will be filed electronically. All taxpayers MUST bring a government-issued picture ID and Social Security cards or other official documentation for yourself and all dependents. For more information, call 1-888-227-7669 or visit www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide.

The AARP Tax-Aide program also provides online tax counseling as a public service. AARP Tax-Aide volunteers are trained to understand individual federal tax issues, especially the provisions of the tax code that affect older people. Please limit your questions to federal taxes only. AARP Tax-Aide volunteers will review your questions, and you will receive an answer by email within three to five business days. Visit www.aarp.org/taxaide.

Nominate Your Favorite Business for a Community Service Award

The Vienna Town/Business Liaison Committee invites nominations of businesses and business owners for the 2014 Carole Wolfand Community Service Award. The award is given each year to a Town business entity or owner in recognition of outstanding contributions to the community life and spirit of Vienna.

To nominate a business or owner, submit: (1) business name of nominee, (2) business address of nominee, (3) business phone number of nominee, (4) description of contribution/action to be considered and why (200 words or less), and (5) name, address and phone number of nominator.

Submit entries by March 7, to Town/Business Liaison Committee, c/o Joseph Pudlick, Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center Street South, Vienna, VA 22180 or by fax to (703) 255-5729 or email to tblc@viennava.gov (put "TBLC award" in subject line.)

English Ivy: Beautiful, but Invasive

By Susan Stillman, Community Enhancement Commission

It is a great time of the year to notice deep dark green foliage on the trees in town. This lovely deep green starts from the ground and sometimes grows so profusely that it appears to be the leaves of the tree. But the tree's leaves have all fallen and the new growth isn't out yet so what can it be? It's a vine and it is probably English Ivy.

English Ivy is so vigorous that it kills the trees it inhabits. Ivy kills the tree because it eliminates the trees ability to manufacture it's own food from sunlight, a process known as photosynthesis. It only takes a couple of years once the ivy makes it's way into the canopy to kill your tree, therefore the best control is to keep it from growing up the trunk of the tree and it isn't hard to do.

To remove the ivy, cut the ivy's vine at the base of the tree (you don't want or need to pull the ivy off the tree as the vine will die and fall off eventually). Pull the ivy back on the ground, removing it from the area. Better to remove the ivy periodically from the tree base than to have to pay to remove the tree when it dies.

Trees add thousands of dollars of resale value to your property along with their beauty and shade, saving you money on air conditioning in the summer. Dead trees are dangerous and are expensive to remove.

Recycling at Northside: Drop Off Used Motor Oil, Antifreeze and Batteries

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries is Saturday, March 1, from 8 am to 2 pm at Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill Street NE (entrance at the dead end of the street). This service of the Public Works Department provides citizens a convenient and environmentally responsible way to dispose of vehicle waste products. For more information, call (703) 255-6380.

February Recycling Events

The following recycling opportunity is provided by Fairfax County. For more information on this event, contact Ben Boxer at (703) 324-5052 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/recycling.

Sunday, February 23: *Electric Sunday*, 10 am to 3 pm, I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax

Vienna Recycling
Recycling At Northside: Recycling your car batteries, oil and antifreeze on Saturday, March 1, 8 am to 2 pm at Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill Street NE. For Town of Vienna residents only.

Working together to end world hunger.

STOP HUNGER NOW

stophungernow.org

Save the Date

Saturday, April 5, 2014
9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
James Madison High School
Vienna, VA

Come help us assemble rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and a flavoring mix including 21 essential vitamins and minerals into small meal packages. The meal packages are then shipped around the world to support school feeding programs and crisis relief. All ages welcome!

Community Volunteers to Be Honored

Mayor M. 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 Volunteer Reception on Tuesday, April 8, 2014. Please fill out and return this form to Mayor Seeman at the address provided below. Nominations must be submitted before March 3, 2014.

Nomination Form for Outstanding Volunteers

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please describe the nature of the volunteer work performed by the nominee on behalf of the Town of Vienna and why you feel he/she deserves special recognition:

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Name of nominating person or organization: _____

Address: _____

_____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please return this form before March 3, 2014 to:
Mayor M. Jane Seeman
Charles A. Robinson, Jr. Town Hall
127 Center Street South
Vienna, VA 22180

NIGHT "OWL" WALK

NORTHSIDE PARK

(MEET AT THE ENTRANCE OFF OF THE W&OD TRAIL)
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 AT 4:45 PM
FREE; NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Recommended for ages 7 and up
Rain or Shine

Experience Northside park at night and learn about some of the nocturnal animals that live in our area. Bring your coats and flashlights as we explore a beautiful conservation park at dusk! A naturalist will make a presentation on the animals we might hear or see in the park prior to the walk.

Presentation begins at 4:45 pm and the children's portion will start at 5:00 pm. Both presentations will be followed by a 20 minute walk through the park. The tour will follow a somewhat rocky and uneven trail around the park, so please wear appropriate footwear. Part of the tour will be conducted in silence so hikers can hear the wildlife.

For more information on the Owl Walk, visit www.viennava.gov or call (703) 255-6360.

Welcome Downtown Vienna Dental to Vienna!

New Business Ribbon Cutting & Open House

Downtown Vienna Dental
115 Park Street SE, Suite 201
Thursday, February 6
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Open House
6:15 pm Ribbon Cutting
Light Refreshments

Residents are encouraged to stop by and meet the staff, tour the facility and learn about the services that they provide and the technologies they use in their practice.

Train Station Open House

The Vienna Train Station, located on Dominion Road along the W&OD trail, will be open to the public on Saturday, February 15, from 1 to 5 pm.

The open house is hosted by the Northern Virginia Model Railroaders and boasts a realistically depicted model railroad that existed in North Carolina in the 1950s. Free admission; donations accepted.

For more information, visit www.nvmr.org.

Vienna Theatre Company's "This"
RUNS THROUGH FEBRUARY 9

Vienna Theatre Co.'s production of "This" opens Friday, January 24, and runs Friday and Saturday nights at 8 pm through February 8, with Sunday matinée performances at 2 pm on February 2 and 9, 2014. Shows are held at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street SE.

Written by Melissa James Gibson and directed by Tom Flatt, "This" is a bright, tart and melancholy comedy that captures the uncertain steps of a circle of friends entering the choppy water of middle age. The New York Times dubbed "This" the best new play to open off Broadway in the fall of 2009.

Tickets are $13 for general admission and are available in advance at the Vienna Community Center or at the door. Reserve tickets by e-mailing vtcshows@yahoo.com. For more information, visit www.viennatheatrecompany.org.

(l-r) Shannon Benton as Jane and Rikkie Howie as Marrell
Photo by Jocelyn Steiner

**Some strong language, not recommended for children.*

NEWS FROM VIENNA PARKS & RECREATION

All classes are held at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street SE, unless otherwise specified.
Register for Parks & Recreation classes online at: www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=545.
Registration for Spring classes begins February 12 for in-town and February 19, for out of town residents.

SPORTS AND FITNESS

Vienna Men's Softball League begins in March - registration is now open! A temporary roster and a $100 non-refundable deposit is required at the time of registration. Registration is accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Register by Fri., Feb. 21; league play begins Mon., Apr. 28 at Southside Park. For a registration packet, contact Brandy Wyatt at (703) 255-5721 or bwyatt@viennava.gov.

JUST FOR KIDS

Jr. Video Game Design, for ages 6 to 10, gives kids the opportunity to see how professional games are made using Platinum Arts Sandbox and will be held Sat., Mar. 1 through Apr. 5, 1 to 2 pm. The cost is $139 for residents and $173.75 for out of town participants.

JUST FOR TEENS

Club Phoenix After School Program for grades 6 through 8 runs Monday, 12:30 - 6:30 pm and Tuesday through Friday, 2:30 to 6:30 pm. Registration is required. Contact Tammy Funk at (703) 255-5736 to register your teen.

Teen Etiquette will be held on Sat., Feb. 1, 10 am to 12 pm and will teach your teen everything they need to know about table manners. The cost is $40 for residents and $50 for out-of-town participants, plus a $5 materials fee due the day of class.

POTPOURRI

Family Skate Nights are held on Friday nights, 6:30 to 8 pm in the Community Center gym. The cost is $1 per person and is appropriate for the whole family! Participants need to bring their own skates and safety equipment; no scooters, roller skates and in-line skates only. Parents are required to stay and are invited to participate!

Indian Meal will give participants the opportunity to make a quick and delicious Indian meal with a vegetarian and non-vegetarian dish. The class will be held on Sat., Feb. 1, 10 am to 12 pm. The cost is $40 for residents and $50 for out of town participants.

TRIPS

The Philadelphia Flower Show trip will take off from the Vienna Community Center at 8 am on Thurs., Mar. 6, and return at 7 pm. This year's show will turn the Pennsylvania Convention Center into a 10-acre living canvas. The cost is $69 for residents and $86.25 for out-of-town participants. Register early to reserve your spot!

JUST FOR MATURE ADULTS

Taxing the Dead will be held on Mon., Feb. 10, 10 am to 11:30 am. No registration required.

Free Blood Pressure Check, Wed., Feb. 12, 10:45 am to 11:45 am at the Community Center. No reservation required.

Boys Workshop: Awakening the Inner Leader

Saturday, March 22
12 pm - 4 pm
Boys ages 11 to 15
Teen Center

This free program will assist in helping young boys build a stronger and more positive self-image, support growth of positive self-esteem and strengthen basic life skills. The event is hosted by Coach Mark "Pudge" Gormand, Vienna Police Department officers and other speakers, and will discuss working as team players, how to be in successful relationships and making positive choices.

This program is free; however, preregistration is required. Register by contacting Tammy Funk at (703) 255-5736 or tfunk@viennava.gov.

Parent Workshop - How to Talk to Your Kids About Healthy Relationships will be held on Wed., Feb. 26, 7:30 - 9:00 pm at the Club Phoenix Teen Center, 120 Cherry Street SE. This workshop is designed to help parents understand what a healthy teen relationship looks like and the warning signs of an unhealthy relationship. Preregister by contacting Tammy Funk at (703) 255-5736 or tfunk@viennava.gov. Free.

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Your old magazines and paperback books 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 publications in sturdy plastic bags at the usual location on the last Tuesday of each month from 9 am to 7 pm. (Be sure to remove mailing labels from magazines.) First-time donors may call Florence Roseborough at (703) 281-2498 for information. *No collection will be held December through February.*

Epiphany Preschool, an outreach of Epiphany United Methodist Church, is now registering students for the 2014/2015 school year. To schedule a tour or for more information, please call the office at (703) 938-2391 or email epiphanypreschool@vacoxmail.com.

The Fairfax County Chapter of the National Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) will meet on Fri., Feb. 7, at 10:30 am at the Oakton Regional Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton, for the annual Good Citizens Award celebration. Chapter meetings are typically the first Friday of each month, at 10 am and are a great opportunity to talk to others about joining DAR. Please contact Mrs. Diane Wright at diwright.fairfaxdar@verizon.net or (703) 476-9705 if you are interested in attending or joining the DAR.

Historic Vienna, Inc. is preparing its next exhibit, *The History of the Country/General Store*, which will open on Sat., Mar. 1, and tell the story of these local businesses through images, objects and artifacts. If you have any items which might have been found for sale in such a store circa 1880 to around 1905 and would like to loan them to HVI for the exhibit, please contact Museum Chair Mike Berger at smberg@erols.com or call (703) 938-3784.

Breakfast Buffet, Sun., Feb. 16, 8 am - 12 pm, Vienna's American Legion Post 180, 330 Center Street N. Adults $8, children $3: omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, etc. Open to the public, proceeds benefit Girls State. For more information, call (703) 938-1379.

The Ayr Hill Garden Club will meet on Mon., Feb. 24, at 1 pm at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road, and will feature an illustrated presentation on the important role bugs play in our lives and gardens by Dr. Michael J. Raupp, Professor of Entomology at the University of Maryland and a well-known expert on insect. He is a prolific author and maintains the informative website www.bugoftheweek.com. He is also a frequent guest on radio and television from NPR to the Dr. Oz Show to Jay Leno. Anyone interested in attending, please contact Cherie Lejeune at latripp24@gmail.com or (203)400-3668 so that preparations for extra food and seating can be made.

Mardi Gras Party, Sat., March 8, 8 pm, featuring the music of Terry Lee Ryan. Tickets $25 before Feb. 23, $25 after. Contact (703) 938-9535 or www.Legion180.net.

The Welcome Club of Northern Virginia is a social club offering activities that include monthly luncheons with program, a tea group, bridge/game groups, wine groups and a book review group, just to name a few - truly something for everyone! Whether you're a new or long-time resident, new friendships await. Thurs., Feb. 6, is our next luncheon with a special Black Heritage month program. For information about the Club and how to register for the luncheon, visit www.welcomeclubnvirginia.com.

Vera Bradley Bingo! Come out for a day of fun, play to win Vera Bradley items and help raise money in the fight against breast cancer. "Play for a Cure," Sat., Feb. 22, doors opening at 11:30 am at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Deptartment, 400 Center Street S. The cost to play is $30 in advance or $35 at the door. One hundred percent of the funds raised will go to the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. Food and drinks will be available. For tickets or more information, contact Jen Schwab at jenschwab84@yahoo.com or (703) 560-9782.

PFLAG Fairfax, a community group for Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, and FLY, a social group for LGBTQ youth and allies ages 12 (with parental permission) to 19, will meet concurrently on Tues., Feb. 4, 7:30 to 9:00 pm in the Program Building at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road. FLY also holds Teen Lounges on the third Friday of every month, alternating movie/pizza nights at UUCF with meet-ups at various locations. Email wf.pflag@gmail.com or go to FLY's Facebook page for time and place. www.facebook.com/groups/fly.pflag/

Chili Cook Off, Sun., Feb. 23, 5-8 pm, $8 at Vienna's American Legion Post 180, 330 Center Street, N. Call (703) 938-9535 for information.

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Koinonia Koffeehouse, Sat., Feb 8, 7 to 10 pm at Our Lady of Good Counsel, De Sales Hall, 8601 Wolftrap Road. Open mic, light refreshments, good fellowship. If you are a performer, we have a friendly audience for you. If you enjoy live performances, we have performers! Information: Patrice Roe, development@olgcva.org, (703) 896-7424.

Purchase fruits from Vienna Adventist Academy, 340 Courthouse Road, SW. The academy is selling California Navel Oranges, Temple Oranges, FL and CA Mandarins, Grapefruit, and Tangerines. Orders must be placed by Fri., Feb. 14. The fruit will be available for pickup Fri., Feb. 28 and Sun., Mar. 2. For more information or to order, please contact the school office at (703) 938-6200 or viennaadventistacademy@gmail.com.

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 227 will meet on Thurs., Feb. 20, at 7:30 pm at Neighbors Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane. Richard Hellman will discuss "US-Israel Relation: Why They Matter." The public is invited to attend; admission is free. For information, call (703) 255-0353 or visit www.vva227.org.

The 52nd Annual James A. Bland Music Contest, sponsored by the Vienna Host Lions Club, will be held on Sat., Feb. 22, at 1 pm at the Vienna Assembly of God Church, 100 Ayr Hill Avenue. The contest will include vocalists and instrumentalists who will each present a song or piece of no more than eight minutes and will be judged by local experts in their field. Cash prizes will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place winners in each category. The 1st place winners move up to the next level of competition. Information and an application can be obtained by contacting Lion Nancy Volpe at (703) 938-7716, (703) 851-1313 or n.volpe8@verizon.net. The deadline for applications is Mon., Feb. 17.

The Vienna Woman's Club will once again award three $1,000 scholarships to Vienna high school seniors living in the 22180-22182 zip codes. You need not be a 4.0 student, but have a burning desire to further your education. Both young men and women are encouraged to apply. Applications are available by contacting your high school career center, Jo-Lynn Westlund at (703) 698-1237 or at www.viennawomansclub.org. Deadline is Fri., Apr. 11.

Deepen Your Awareness and Understanding of Christian Healing will be held Saturday mornings 9:30 am - 12 pm, Feb. 22 through Mar. 29, at Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Road. This 6-week class is based on the book "Stretch Out Your Hand: Exploring Healing Prayer," by Tilda Norberg and Robert D. Webber, and is based on values of freedom, confidentiality and safety. Members of the local community are welcome. Class size is limited to ten (first come, first served). Sign up by calling (703) 938-6521 by Sat., Feb. 1. For more information, visit www.holycomforter.com.

Holy Comforter's Music Ministry sponsors monthly evening services on the last Sunday of each month, at 5:00 pm in St. Mary's Chapel that are in a contemplative style, offering a unique opportunity to decompress and prepare for the week ahead. Taizé, a contemplative worship, will be held on Sun., Feb. 23, at 5 pm, 543 Beulah Road, is a powerful and moving combination of song and scripture featuring lush greenery, incense, candles, icons and considerable time spent in silent meditation. Questions? Call the church office, visit our website www.holycomforter.com or find us on Facebook.

Imagination Squared, the Vienna Arts Society's second annual exhibition of 10-inch square canvases displays many original paintings and collages by artists from around the region. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Tues. - Sat., 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, Feb. 4 through Mar. 1. Drop by the Art Center at 10:30 am on Thurs., Feb. 13, to enjoy light refreshments, see the show and watch Sari MacFarlane demonstrate her inventive method of painting. Free and open to the public. (703) 319-3971 www.ViennaArtsSociety.org

NARFE (National Association for Active and Retired Federal Employees) Vienna Oakton Chapter 1116 will meet on Tues., Feb. 11, at 1:30 pm at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street. The guest speaker will be Mike Bouchard, Principal, Security Dynamics Group LLC, former Special Agent in Charge, Dept. of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) who will discuss dealing with a mass threat in a crowded environment. All members and their guests are invited. Free. For further information please contact (703) 281-5123.

Alabaster Watch and Clock Shop Celebrates 40 Years in Vienna

On December 27, 2013, John Alabaster's Watch & Clock Shop, located at 301 Maple Avenue W, celebrated 40 years of serving Vienna residents and visitors!

Since 1973, the shop has changed locations a few times (first opening at 101 Pleasant Street, moving to a space in the Vienna Shopping Center and then ultimately landing at its current location on Maple Avenue), and has continued to provide the same reliable service. John Alabaster and his team are looking forward to another 40 years in Vienna!

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This Month in History

From the Vienna Newsletter Archives

February 2004: The Vienna Town Council amended the Town's program of tax relief for elderly and disabled residents, increasing the asset cap from $160,000 to $190,000. The increase makes the Town's tax relief asset cap the same as Fairfax County's.

February 1994: The Vienna Police Department is now a participating agency in the LoJack alarm system, a car security system designed to lead to rapid recovery of stolen vehicles. LoJack alarms are transmitters hidden in a vehicle. When the vehicle is reported stolen, the LoJack begins to transmit. Police vehicles equipped with LoJack tracking computers can receive the signal from up to five miles, track the vehicle, locate and recover it.

February 1984: A task force of Vienna residents has completed its review of the Route 123/Old Courthouse Road/Heads Hill Farm area. A proposed amendment to the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan would allow commercial development in that area rather than the townhouse development provided for in the current plan. The task force recommends unanimously against any change, not only to buffer the town's residential areas but also to avoid setting any precedent for extending commercial development along Route 123.

February 1974: A proposed network of bikeways, designed to provide access to schools, parks, recreation areas and shopping centers has been proposed by the Vienna Bikeway Committee, which plans to hear residents' comments on the proposed network on February 16. The Bikeway Committee was established by Council last September to design a bikeway system that would serve in both recreational and commuting capacities.

Welcome New Businesses

These businesses received business licenses during the month of December.

I Hair Salon
Beauty Salon
302 Maple Ave W
(703) 272-8340

Inga Sloat
Dental
303 Maple Ave. W A
(703) 272-8596

Downtown Vienna Dental
Dentist
115 Park St SE 201
(703) 965-4450

FatSource
Skin Care

Hunter Mill District Community Summit, March 1

On Saturday, March 1, Hunter Mill Supervisor Cathy Hudgins will host a summit of discussions and presentations by local officials and County agencies, with an emphasis on the Hunter Mill District. The public is invited to attend this summit from 8:30 am to 1 pm at Frying Pan Farm Park Visitor Center, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon.

The program will include presentations on the proposed FY2015 County budget, a virtual tour of the Hunter Mill district and the Hunter Mill Huddle with a State of the District discussion. For more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill or call (703) 478-0283.