

FEBRUARY 2008



Town of Vienna

Newsletter

Presidential Primary

On Tuesday, February 12, the Democratic and Republican Parties will conduct Presidential Primary elections. Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. For the location of your polling place and other election information, call the Fairfax County General Registrar's Office at 703-222-0776.

Trash Regulations Brochure Inside

An updated brochure outlining Vienna's solid waste regulations is printed on pages 5 and 6 of this newsletter. Please save the brochure and refer to it whenever necessary.

Holiday Schedule

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, February 18, in observance of Washington's Birthday. Trash will be picked up as usual that day for residents on the Monday collection route.

Business License Deadline Nears

Town businesses are reminded that March 3 is this year's 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. See page 4 for details.

Tyson's Task Force Public Workshops Scheduled

Fairfax County's Tysons Land Use Task Force was created to gather community input and recommend updates to the 1994 Tysons Comprehensive Plan that will promote mixed uses; facilitate transit-oriented development; enhance pedestrian connections throughout Tysons; increase the residential component of the density mix; improve the functionality of the area; and provide for amenities and aesthetics such as public spaces, art, and parks.

The following public workshops have been scheduled on the Preferred Alternative and Draft Task Force Recommendations – two land use prototypes and two transportation networks:

Wednesday, February 27, 7 p.m., Marshall High School

Thursday, February 28, 1 p.m., McLean Community Center

Thursday, February 28, 7 p.m., Westbriar Elementary School

Maps of the advanced prototypes have been posted on the task force Web site, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/tysonscorner/advaultpres_12102007.pdf.

The task force will use the final model and the results of the planning process to develop detailed recommendations for revising the Tysons Corner Comprehensive Plan. The task force's recommendations will be presented first to the County Planning Commission for its consideration and then to the Board of Supervisors.

For additional information on the Tysons Corner study, call the County Department of Planning and Zoning at 703-324-1380.

Vienna Among Regional Award Winners for Stormwater Education Campaign

The Town of Vienna was among several Northern Virginia local governments honored with one of the first Regional Partnership Awards presented by the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, a regional council of local governments in Northern Virginia. The awards honor regional cooperation to improve services, programs and activities.

Vienna and its partners were recognized for the Clean Water Partners Stormwater Education Campaign to teach residents how to prevent stormwater pollution and to aid the jurisdictions in meeting the education requirements of their municipal stormwater permits. For the third consecutive year, "The Call" radio advertisement was used in which a tough-talking storm drain scolds his neighbor, Johnson, for dumping his motor oil, over-fertilizing his lawn, and leaving his dog's waste on the ground.

Partner jurisdictions for this award are the towns of Vienna and Herndon; Fairfax, Arlington, Loudoun, and Prince William counties; the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, and Fairfax; Fairfax Water; and the Loudoun County Sanitation Authority.

Town Election Filing Deadline

Tuesday, March 4, is the filing deadline for candidates in the May 6 Town election. This year, voters will elect the Mayor and three Town Council members for two-year terms beginning July 1.

Candidates for office must meet certain qualifications and are required to file specific documents in order to appear on the ballot. The information packet for candidates is available on the State Board of Election's Web site, www.sbe.virginia.gov. For more information, call the Fairfax County Electoral Board at 703-324-4735.

"Beauty Spot" Awards

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

- Todd and Kathleen Coles, 326 Adahi Rd., S.E., for their Halloween decorations;
- The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St., S., for its landscaping.

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 or e-mail nriddel@viennava.gov.

The Community Enhancement Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (except November and December) at Town Hall. All interested citizens are welcome to attend.

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 OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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Vienna, Virginia

February 2008

VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

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Send news to Vienna Newsletter c/o Town Hall.
FAX 703-255-5722 e-mail pio@viennava.gov
Deadline for March issue is February 15.

Town Council Action

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

DECEMBER 3, 2007

- Approved the emergency purchase of fire hydrant parts, repair clamps, backwater valves, and other brass goods from Water Works Supply in the amount of \$15,000.

- Approved additional road striping by R. J. Merkel in the amount of \$5,000.

- Approved the final plat to resubdivide the property at 505 Highland St. and 530 and 538 Lincoln St., N.W., into four lots.

- Conducted a closed session to discuss matters of real estate, specifically the sale and/or acquisition of certain property.

DECEMBER 17, 2007

- Following a public hearing, approved a revised site plan in the park and recreational zone for additions to and renovation of Vienna Elementary School. (*Approved 6-1, Cole voting nay.*)

- Approved a revised site plan and site plan modifications in the multi-family and commercial zones for additions to and renovation of Vienna Elementary School.

- Approved the final plat for the resub-division of the property at 201 Charles St., S.E., into two lots.

- Awarded a bid for manhole riser rings to Manhole Systems of Hudson, OH, in the amount of \$10,844.

- Adopted revisions to bond fees, residential water and sewer fees, water meter fees, and hydrant meter deposit fees.

*MINUTES & AGENDAS
FOR TOWN COUNCIL
AND BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
ARE AVAILABLE AT www.viennava.gov*

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 8. 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 NOMINEE ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF VIENNA AND WHY YOU FEEL HE/SHE DESERVES SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

NAME OF NOMINATING PERSON OR ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BEFORE MARCH 1, 2008, TO:
MAYOR JANE SEEMAN
CHARLES A. ROBINSON, JR., TOWN HALL
127 CENTER STREET, SOUTH
VIENNA, VIRGINIA 22180

FY 2009 Budget Process Underway

Preparation of Vienna's budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 has begun. Citizens who have suggestions about what items should be given priority for funding are encouraged to express their views in writing to Town Manager John H. Schoeberlein by Friday, February 1. Citizens will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed budget at a public hearing during the May 19 Town Council meeting.

February 1 is also the deadline for non-profit Vienna organizations to apply for donations of Town funds in FY 2009. For information on how to apply, call the Town Manager's Office at 703-255-6370.

FY 2008-2009 BUDGET CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 9	Distribution of proposed budget to public
Saturday, April 12	Budget work session, 9 a.m.
Monday, April 14	Budget work session, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 22	Budget work session, 7:30 p.m. (if needed)
Monday, May 19	Public hearing on proposed budget, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, May 20	Budget work session, 7:30 p.m. (if needed)
Monday, June 2	Budget adoption & appropriation of funds

Annual Financial Report Available

The Town of Vienna's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for fiscal year 2006-2007 is now available. Copies may be reviewed in the Finance Department at Town Hall or purchased for \$5 each.

The report summarizes the Town's financial position and the results of operations of the various funds and account groups. It also includes the auditor's report for FY 2007, information on internal controls for managing and safeguarding funds, and selected financial and demographic information covering the last 10 fiscal years.

Business License Deadline

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, 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.

Convenient Location & Friendly Service

SHOP IN VIENNA

Support Our Hometown Merchants

Last Chance to Order Mulch

February 29 is the last day to order a free delivery of ground leaf mulch or ground wood mulch from the Public Works Department. To place your order, call 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 2-2.5 cubic yards (about the size of a VW Beetle). Half loads are also available.

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 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. 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 & Wood Mulch."

For more information, call the Public Works Department at 703-255-6382.

By grinding leaves and brush into recyclable mulch, the Town saves thousands of dollars in landfill fees each year while providing residents with free mulch.

Welcome New Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in December:

Bien Etre A Spa for Well Being
skin care
165 Maple Ave., E.
703-774-5800

New ownership:
Maple Cleaners
348 Maple Ave., W.
703-255-7100

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http://www.viennava.gov/Town_Services/trash.htm

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HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Attention active and retired federal employees! NARFE is the association of nearly 350,000 federal workers and retirees united to preserve their retirement benefits. The local Vienna-Oakton Chapter of NARFE meets monthly (except July and August) at the Vienna Community Center. Vienna Mayor Jane Seeman will speak at the February 19 meeting, which begins at 1:30 p.m. In June and December the chapter sponsors a pot luck luncheon for members and guests. For information about NARFE, visit www.narfe.org or call chapter president Kathy Arpa at 703-205-9041.

Scrapbooking weekend to benefit the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, will be held at the fire station, 400 Center St., S., February 1 from 6 p.m. to midnight and February 2 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Bring your own materials or purchase supplies and get expert advice from on-site vendors. The registration fee of \$55 includes lunch on Saturday, snacks, and a goody bag filled with products and coupons. Dinner will be sold both nights. For information and a registration form, call 703-281-5797 or e-mail amy.vernon@vdfd.org.

TaxAide volunteers will be at SunTrust Bank, 515 Maple Ave., E., February 1-April 15, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. No appointment is required. The AARP TaxAide 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. You do not have to be retired or a member of AARP to benefit from this program. All volunteers are trained in tax preparation and certified by the IRS. For more information, call 1-888-227-7669 or visit www.aarp.org/taxaide.

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 227, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, February 21, at Neighbor's Restaurant in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center. Marc Leepson will speak about the unknown Civil War battle that saved the nation's capital from a confederacy attack. For more information, call 703-255-0353

or visit www.vva227.org. The chapter is accepting entries for its Vince Kaspar Awards for poetry and visual art. The contest is open to high school juniors and seniors. Entries must be postmarked by March 1. For information, contact Bruce Waxman at 703-323-0269 or bruce_waxman@vva227.org.

Historic "Little Library," located on the grounds of the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., hosts a children's hour on the second Saturday of each month from 10 to 11 a.m. featuring stories and songs for ages 4-12. The library is open the first Sunday of each month from 1 to 4 p.m. Members of Historic Vienna, Inc., provide a history of the building and its role as Vienna's first library. For more information, call 703-938-5187 or e-mail sj@historicviennainc.org.

Casino Night & Taste of the Town, sponsored by the Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce, will be held at Westwood Country Club on Saturday, March 1, from 7 p.m. to midnight. Enjoy casino games, samples from local restaurants, live and silent auctions, and prize drawings. The cost of \$75 per person includes two drink tickets, "casino cash" for gaming, and food tastings. For more information, call 703-281-1333 or visit www.vtrcc.org/casino.

Crop for the Cure, a scrapbooking event to benefit the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer, will be held on Saturday, February 23, at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. The fee of \$35 per person includes the resources and expertise of seven Creative Memories consultants, mini-clinics, raffles, lunch and refreshments. To register and for more information, contact Rebecca deGuzman at 703-849-0809 or rebecca_deguzman@yahoo.com.

Vienna Woman's Club will meet at 1 p.m. Wednesday, February 13, at the Vienna Community Center. Guest speaker will be Veronica Li, author of *Journey Across the Four Seas - A Chinese Woman's Search for Home*. For more information, call 703-620-0952.

Northern Virginia Model Railroaders will host an open house at the Vienna Railroad Station, corner of Dominion Road and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E., on Saturday, February 16, 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 Golden Girls of Northern Virginia senior women's softball league invites women age 40+ to join them for the 2008 season. All skill levels are welcome. Games are played on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings in Vienna. For more information, call Donna at 703-938-0387 or visit www.goldengirls.org.

Bland Music Scholarship Contest for students through grade 12, will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, February 23, at the Vienna Assembly of God Church. Cash 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 Peggy Smith at 703-938-5829.

Nature photography exhibit will be held at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens on Saturday and Sunday, February 9 and 10. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday. A donation of \$5 is requested. Activities will include guest speakers, book signings, photo critiques, camera check-ups, and the opportunity to photograph hawks and owls. Sponsored by the Northern Virginia Alliance of Camera Clubs. For more information, visit www.meadowlarkphotoexpo.org or call 703-255-3631.

Five Hills Garden Club will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday, February 19, at Vienna Presbyterian Church. John Peter Thompson of Behnke Nurseries will present a slide program on ways to lighten the workload in the garden. Lunch will be served. For more information, e-mail therices3@cox.net.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Final performances of the Vienna Theatre Company production, "Prelude to a Kiss," will be February 1 and 2 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$9 for students and senior citizens (65 and older).

Antiques show and sale February 22, 23 and 24. 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.

Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition will perform in concert at 2 p.m. Sunday, February 10. Free admission.

BUS TRIPS

Philadelphia Flower Show Thursday, March 6. This year's theme is "Jazz It Up," celebrating the culture of New Orleans. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 8 a.m. and return around 7 p.m. The cost of \$60 for town residents includes transportation and admission to the show with all-day re-entry privileges.

Atlantic City Overnighter March 20 and 21. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 10 a.m. Thursday and return around 7:30 p.m. Friday. The cost for town residents of \$172 per person single occupancy, \$130 double occupancy and \$121 triple occupancy includes transportation, casino package, buffet breakfast, and overnight accommodations at the Tropicana Hotel and Casino. Registration deadline February 20.

HEALTH & FITNESS

Men's softball league games begin April 7 at Southside Park. Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. For a league information package, call Keith Fees at 703-255-6352 or e-mail fees@viennava.gov. Registration deadline February 29.

Adult spring co-ed softball league registration is underway. Games will be played at Southside Park on Sunday mornings beginning April 20. The registration fee of \$400 per team includes 10 regular season double-header games, umpire fees, softballs, a post-season tournament, and awards.

Break-It-Down Zumba sample session to introduce this new aerobics dance class will be held on Saturday, February 9, from 10 a.m. to noon. Zumba incorporates movements from salsa, merengue, samba and other popular Latin dances to strengthen and shape the body. The fee is \$15 for town residents.

Basic first aid and CPR/AED instruction will be offered on Saturday, February 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Students will learn to deal with emergencies 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 one year. \$60 for town residents.

MANAGING YOUR MONEY & YOUR ESTATE

Estate Planning Made Simple will be presented on Monday, February 11, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Attorney David Hoffman will explain the fundamental laws behind estate planning. Free of charge, no advance registration required.

AT THE TEEN CENTER

Dining skills class for ages 13-17 will be held on Saturday, February 9, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Teens will learn about the duties of hosts and guests, silverware selection, and many other dos and don'ts. The fee is \$40 for town residents.

Super Bowl party will kick off at 5 p.m. Sunday, February 3. Activities will include football follies, dodge Nerf football, and plenty of pre-game snacks. Free of charge.

Blues music party will be held on Friday, February 8, from 4 to 6 p.m. Learn about the great artists in the history of the blues and how to play the harmonica and kazoo, then join the new Club Phoenix Blues Band. Free of charge.

Valentine's Day baby shower for Club Phoenix Director Brandy Wyatt will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. February 14. Celebrate the new arrival with food and party games. Free of charge.

Celebrate leap year at a dance party on Friday, February 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. A DJ will play your favorite tunes. Free of charge.

POTPOURRI

Personal Safety for Women will be held in four parts – February 4, 6, 11 and 13 – from 7 to 10 p.m. Vienna Police Officer Trent Nelson 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.

Enjoy a movie matinee on Thursday, February 7. Community Center auditorium doors open at 1 p.m. with showtime at 1:10 p.m. Free of charge; no registration required. Bring your favorite munchies! Call for information about which popular film will be shown.

Photography contest applications will be available beginning February 1. The show is scheduled for March 15 and 16, and is open to amateur photographers. The entry fee is \$10 per person with a limit of four photos and a maximum of two in any one of eight categories, including nature, pictorial, scenic, portraiture, architecture, animals, photojournalism and digital. There is a separate contest section for middle school and high school students. Local professional photographers will judge the entries.

Tea Party in Occoquan



Vienna Parks and Recreation recently sponsored a trip to Occoquan for lunch at the Pink Bicycle Tea Room and a short walking tour. Participants included (seated l-r) Barbara Klick, Emmy Mearver, Dadia Stern, Harriet Miller (standing l-r) Freida Giroir, Catherine Cissel, Patricia Fuksa, Louise Hoh, Mayor Jane Seeman, and Recreation Program Coordinator Cheryl Harlan. Upcoming trips include the Philadelphia Flower Show on March 6 and the Atlantic City overnighter March 20 and 21.

Vienna Names in the News

Nicholas Kilmer, son of Green Hedges School founders Kenton and Frances Kilmer, returned to the school last fall for its 65th anniversary celebration. He spent a full day visiting classes and was honored at a faculty/staff tea and a reception for alumni parents. An unexpected highlight of the visit featured a trip to a local home where he was treated to a viewing of an original painting by Frederick Frieseke, his maternal grandfather, who was a celebrated American impressionist painter. His paternal grandfather was "Trees" poet Joyce Kilmer. Nicholas Kilmer is a teacher, writer and artist who lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Normandy, France.

Town resident **Toni Letaw** has been selected as a master player into the Washington Metropolitan Slow Pitch Softball Hall of Fame. As a member of the Golden Girls Senior Women's Softball League, she has played on many national championship teams, including the 1995 World Series, where she was named Most Valuable Player. She also plays with the co-ed Northern Virginia Senior Softball League.

Howard Springsteen has been named Vienna's Citizen of the Year by the *Times Community Newspapers*. As president of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, he oversaw a major renovation of the fire station and helps organize the annual Turkey Trot and other fundraisers for VVFD. He also serves on the Town's Transportation Safety Commission and is active in other community organizations.

Vienna resident **Danika Saxon**, a home-schooled 7th grader, won first place at the local and regional levels in the "Patriot's Pen" youth essay-writing contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Her essay, "Why I Am an American Patriot," was among more than 115,000 entries submitted nationwide in the annual contest for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students.

**Be a Sponsor...
Be a Volunteer...
Be a Friend
of the Town Green**



Last year over 25 performances were held at the new Town Green, and this year over 40 performances are planned. Join the Friends of the Vienna Town Green to keep this new tradition alive for our community!

The Town Green provides a unique and versatile space for community gatherings. During the spring, summer and fall of 2008, artists spanning a wide variety of genres will entertain there. The Friends of the Vienna Town Green was established to provide support, in every way, in order for these popular free events to continue. The Friends are committed to raising 100% of the costs associated with each event through annual memberships, corporate sponsorships, and other donations.

To join or receive additional information go to www.viennava.gov and click on the Parks and Recreation page, or contact Cathy Salgado at 703-255-6356 or csalgado@viennava.gov.

Recycle Electronics

Did you know? Several major manufacturers participate in electronics recycling programs. In fact, some will even come to your home and pick up your old computer, printer, etc. free of charge when you purchase a new one from them. Contact your manufacturer for details.

A list of local organizations that accept used electronics for reuse and recycling is available at the Fairfax County Web site, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/mat-comp.htm. Please read the descriptions carefully as the types of equipment accepted vary substantially among locations. Remember to ask if a fee is charged.

Winter Storms Still Possible

Despite record mild temperatures in January, Vienna could still see a snow storm before the winter is over. Residents who are physically able are requested to shovel snow from sidewalks next to their property and to clear ice and snow from fire hydrants near their homes. In case of an emergency, firefighters will be able to respond much quicker if the hydrants are accessible.

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 Community Center, and residents can call 703-255-6360 to be matched with a young worker.

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.

If you feel that any businesses or citizens have done an excellent job in removing snow from their driveways and/or sidewalks, or helped others in removing snow, please nominate them for the Town/Business Liaison Committee's snow removal award. To make a nomination and for more information, e-mail tblc@viennava.gov or call the Planning and Zoning Department at 703-255-6341.

Recycle Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Batteries

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries is Saturday, March 1, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill St., N.E. (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 703-255-6381.

Too often, used oil is improperly poured down storm drains or into sewers. Just one quart of oil can pollute 250,000 gallons of water, releasing toxic metals such as lead, cadmium and arsenic into the environment. Recycled oil is a valuable resource that can be re-manufactured into new fuels.

Antifreeze, like oil, can contaminate water and should never be disposed of in drains or sewers. In addition, antifreeze stored around the house presents a great danger to children and pets; it tastes sweet but is deadly poison.

Improper disposal of automobile batteries is a leading cause of lead contamination in landfills and energy recovery facilities. In Virginia it is illegal to dispose of automobile batteries with refuse.

Dispose of waste products properly and never dump anything down a storm drain! When it rains, the water that runs down your street "disappears" down the storm drains. Have you ever stopped to wonder where the water goes? Storm drains do not lead to wastewater treatment facilities. Any substance that goes into the storm drain goes directly into a local stream and eventually makes its way into the Chesapeake Bay.

Don't Risk a Disruption in Water Service!

Before you mail your payment for water and sewer service, make sure you have included the account number and the service address. Without this information, the Water and Sewer Division may not be able to credit the proper account.

Happenings Around Our Town

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Go Warhawks! Spring sports at James Madison High School begin February 25. Visit www.warhawkssports.org for individual team announcements pertinent to pre-season and for the VHSL physical form, athletic participation policy, and emergency care card that should be turned in to the coach or the Activities Office before February 25. For more information, call the Activities Office at 703-319-2360.

Vienna/Oakton Vision Impaired Resource Group will meet at 10:15 a.m. Thursday, February 21, at Patrick Henry Library. Senior group exercise instructor Joey Wagner will present a program on chair-assisted exercise. For information or transportation, call Rhoda Stevens, 703-281-9679, or Steve Sedgwick, 703-255-0515.

Open House at Summit Christian Academy will be held on Saturday, February 23, from 1 to 4 p.m. The school offers grades K-8 and before- and after-school care. For more information, call 703-698-7458 or visit www.summitvienna.org. Summit Christian Academy is located at 8200 Bell Ln. off Cedar Lane.

Vienna AARP Chapter 754 will meet at the Vienna Community Center for a pot-luck luncheon and bingo at 12:30 p.m. Monday, February 4. A business meeting and entertainment will be held at 1 p.m. February 11.

Vienna Toastmasters will meet at the Vienna Community Center the second and fourth Wednesday in February at 7:30 p.m. Are you afraid to get up and speak in front of others? You are not alone, but Toastmasters can help you overcome your fears in a fun and friendly atmosphere. For more information, call 703-268-5001.

Vienna Girls Softball League online registration for girls ages 5-18 is now open at www.VGSL.org. Spring practice begins in March and league play starts in April for players at all skill levels. Details and an optional mail-in registration form also are available at the Web site. Regular registration closes February 22.

February

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise					1 Donation requests/ citizen input due for FY 2009 budget	2
3 Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week	4 Town Council	5 Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.	6 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	7 Police Chief's Advisory Committee 7 p.m.	8	9
10	11 Town Council work session	12 Town/Business Liaison Committee 7 p.m.	13 Planning Commission	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15	16
17	18 <i>Washington's Birthday</i> Town Hall closed	19	20 Board of Zoning Appeals	21 Board of Architectural Review	22	23
24	25 Town Council	26 Transportation Safety Commission	27 Planning Commission	28 Community Enhancement Commission 7:30 p.m.	29 Last day to call for mulch delivery in 2008	

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This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

FEBRUARY 1998 – Among the Vienna Police Department’s goals for 1998 is the establishment of a pilot “photo red light” program at three intersections to monitor red light violations. While the number of citations for this offense nearly doubled in 1997, the average number of violations still averages two to four per hour.

FEBRUARY 1988 – The Fairfax County government is encouraging citizens to test their homes for radon. This odorless, colorless and tasteless gas has been found at elevated levels in some homes in the Washington metropolitan area. Exposure to high radon levels has been associated with an increased risk of developing lung cancer.

FEBRUARY 1978 – The Town Council has approved those provisions of the proposed Fairfax County charter that relate to the powers of towns. The question of the Town’s right to become a city and the power of town’s like Vienna to annex parts of the surrounding county, although not changed by the proposed County charter, will almost certainly be one of the more controversial matters of general law to be considered by the 1978 Virginia General Assembly.

FEBRUARY 1968 – Mayor Jim Martinelli invites everyone to an open house on February 22 at the Vienna Community Center’s new two-story addition. A major portion of the building was financed through public subscription, “a gift of the citizens of Vienna to ourselves and to our children, as our investment and faith in the future of our town.”

INFORMATION 24 HOURS A DAY:

Vienna Newsline — 703-255-6333

To Order Mulch — 703-255-6388

To Order a Special Pickup — 703-255-5727

www.viennava.gov

Sewer Backups Are Expensive! Backup Insurance Is Not!

The Town of Vienna makes every attempt to prevent sewer backups before they occur. Sewer lines are specially designed to prevent 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 very 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.

