

**MARCH 2008**



*Town of Vienna*

# Newsletter

## **Business License Renewal Deadline**

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, below which the tax does not apply. 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](http://www.viennava.gov). For more information or assistance in figuring license taxes, call 703-255-6321.

## **Talk with Your Congressman**

U.S. Representative Thomas M. Davis III will host a town meeting on Saturday, March 8, from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. Citizens are invited to discuss the current Congressional session as well as issues affecting them at home in the 11th District.

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*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.*

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## Survey on page 10

## **Planning Commission Studies Church Street Parking**

The Town Council has directed the Planning Commission to analyze the adequacy of parking and other parking issues in the Church Street Pedestrian District. The Commission will gather data, solicit information and suggestions from businesses and the public, and make recommendations addressing both short-term and long-term parking needs.

The public may submit their views on Church Street parking by going to the Town Web site at [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov) to complete a short survey. Responses can be submitted electronically. Individuals without Internet access may complete the survey form on page 10 of this newsletter and bring or mail it to the Planning and Zoning Department at Town Hall.

The Planning Commission has already mailed survey forms to property and business owners on Church Street to gather information concerning parking habits of employees and customers, as well as other information. This survey is also available online or may be obtained from the Planning and Zoning Department.

All responses should be submitted by March 16.

## **Future of Tysons Corner Subject of Public Forum**

"Tysons Future: Gridlock or Smart Growth?" a forum to discuss issues associated with "urbanizing" Tysons Corner, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 6, at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave. Residents of Vienna, McLean, Great Falls, and other Northern Virginia communities are invited to attend.

Community leaders and Fairfax County personnel will share insights on the options under consideration by the Tysons Corner Land Use Task Force, which was commissioned by the Board of Supervisors in 2005 to make recommendations on how to foster the economic vitality of Tysons Corner in the 21st century, and their impact on the local economy, transportation network, schools, and infrastructure. The planning process assumes that Metrorail will come to the area and that both residential and commercial density will increase.

Participants will include Vienna Town Councilwoman Laurie Cole; task force member and former Dranesville District Supervisor Stu Mendelsohn; Dranesville School Board representative Jane Strauss; Chief of Policy and Plan Development, County Department of Planning & Zoning, Sterling Wheeler; and Providence District Council chairman Charlie Hall. There will be ample time for citizen input.

The forum is sponsored by the McLean Citizens Association. For more information, visit [www.mcleancitizens.org](http://www.mcleancitizens.org).

# Traffic-calming Report on April 7 Council Agenda

At its April 7 meeting, the Town Council will consider the final report of a town-wide traffic-calming study. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall, and citizens are encouraged to attend and comment on the report.

The firm of ATCS, P.L.C., was contracted by the Town Council last year to conduct the traffic-calming study, which was to address key locations in town, including those that already have traffic-calming measures in place, focusing on residential streets. The study assesses cut-through traffic and speeding in residential areas.

A draft of the report was presented to the Vienna Transportation Safety Commission at its February meeting, and copies are available for public review in the Public Works Department at Town Hall. The draft may also be viewed at the Town Web site, [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov). The final version should be available in mid-March.

## “Vienna At Your Service” Features Public Works Department

Join Mayor Jane Seeman at the next “Vienna at Your Service” meeting on Tuesday, March 11, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill St., N.E. Director of Public Works Holly Chu and her staff will give a tour of the facility and discuss the services provided by the Town’s largest department.

Vienna at Your Service was designed to give citizens the opportunity to learn more about the operations of Town departments. The May 13 meeting will highlight the Town Council.

Citizens are asked to register with the Parks and Recreation Department for each session they wish to attend. For more information, call 703-255-6360.

### TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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Deadline for April issue is March 15.

## Town Council Action

*All votes are unanimous  
unless noted otherwise*

**JANUARY 7, 2008**

- Authorized the Town staff to assist the Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce with the development of an Oktoberfest and Taste of the Town. A proposed agreement outlining details of the event will be submitted to Council for approval. All Town staffing costs are to be reimbursed by the Chamber.

- Approved the installation of a speed hump on Tazewell Road, N.W., the exact location to be determined by the Department of Public Works.

- Approved construction of a concrete retaining wall along the new sidewalk at 200 McHenry St., S.E., at a cost of \$1,500.

- Approved a one-time salary adjustment for eight police officers to correct an administrative calculation error.

- Appropriated \$419,193 from the fiscal year 2007 General Fund encumbrance reserve to the fiscal year 2007 General Fund.

## Noise Restrictions on Council Agenda

At its March 17 meeting, the Town Council will consider a proposed amendment to the noise ordinance that would prohibit construction activity by commercial firms on federal holidays in addition to Sundays.

Residential property owners and occupants, and non-profit organizations, would be allowed to work on dwellings on Sundays and holidays, but could not begin work until 9 a.m. Currently, a 7 a.m. starting time is allowed.

The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall, and all interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

# Report Housing Violations to Planning & Zoning Department

Your Vienna Planning and Zoning Department reminds you that the Town limits the number of individuals who can live in any residential dwelling. Only a “family” or “family equivalent” is permitted to occupy a single-family home, townhouse, condo, or apartment. The Town Code defines these terms as follows:

- A family is one or more persons related by blood or marriage occupying a single housekeeping unit and using common cooking facilities. In addition to the persons related by blood or marriage, not more than two boarders or lodgers are permitted.
  - A family equivalent is two or more individuals not related by blood or marriage and not exceeding four persons.
- Private apartments that are separated from the main dwelling unit and “in-law suites” are prohibited by the Town Code.

For more information or to report violations, call the Planning and Zoning Department at 703-255-6341. The Town staff works closely with Fairfax County’s code enforcement “strike team” to control illegal boarding houses, hoarding, and other health and safety violations in Vienna neighborhoods.

## Tax Relief Offered to Senior and Disabled Low-income Homeowners

Both the Town of Vienna and Fairfax County offer real estate tax relief for low-income homeowners who are 65 years old and over, or permanently and totally disabled. To qualify, the following requirements must be met:

- Total household income of \$72,000 or less. This amount excludes \$6,500 of income of relatives, other than the spouse, who reside in the household. Also excluded is \$7,500 of any income received by a disabled homeowner. 100% tax relief is given for total combined income of \$52,000 or less, 50% tax relief between \$52,001 and \$62,000, and 25% tax relief between \$62,001 and \$72,000.
- Total combined assets of no more than \$340,000. This amount excludes the value of the residence, up to one acre of land, and household furnishings.
- Disabled persons applying for the first time must show evidence of disability.

In addition to real estate tax relief, Fairfax County provides rental grants and relief from personal property tax for one automobile per household.

Applications for 2008 for all programs are due April 1. This date may be extended to December 31 of next year for first-time filers or if hardship conditions exist which, through no fault of the applicant, prohibit applying by April 1.

For more information and to obtain Town application forms, call 703-255-6325. For County applications, call 703-222-8234.

## Give Your Home An Energy Audit

The greenhouse gas emissions from the average house are equivalent to two average automobiles. By making improvements – sometimes as simple as fixing leaks, adding insulation, or installing a hot water heater blanket – you can reduce your energy use. A home energy audit is the first step to assess how much energy your home consumes and to evaluate what measures you can take to make your home more energy efficient. A do-it-yourself home energy audit is available at the U.S. Department of Energy Web site; go to [www.eere.energy.gov/consumer/your\\_home/energy\\_audits](http://www.eere.energy.gov/consumer/your_home/energy_audits).

## Fairfax County Budget Timeline

Fairfax County Executive Anthony H. Griffin presented his proposed budget for fiscal year 2008-09 to the Board of Supervisors on February 25. The presentation will air on the County’s cable channel 16 on Friday, March 7, at 9 p.m. It also will air as part of the Board of Supervisors meeting replay on Saturday, March 1, at 10 a.m. In addition, it is available as video-on-demand at the County’s Web site, [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable), throughout the month of March.

A Board of Supervisors budget workshop has been scheduled for Saturday, March 8, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Laurel Hill Golf Club, 8701 Laurel Crest Dr., Lorton, and budget committee meetings are scheduled for March 28 at 1 p.m. and April 18 at 3 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Rooms 9 and 10.

Public hearings on the FY 2009 fiscal plan have been set for March 31 and April 1 and 2 at 7 p.m. with the School Board presentation to the Board of Supervisors scheduled on April 1 at 6 p.m. Those wishing to speak at any of the public hearings should contact the Office of the Clerk to the Board at 703-324-3151 to place their name on the speakers list, or sign up online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/bos/speaker\\_bos.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/bos/speaker_bos.htm).

The Board has scheduled the budget markup session for Monday, April 21, at 10 a.m. The formal adoption of the budget is scheduled to take place on Monday, April 28, at 10 a.m. during the regularly scheduled Board meeting.

All of the Board’s public hearings will be held in the Board Auditorium of the Government Center and will be televised live on Channel 16.

Staff from the County Department of Management and Budget are available to speak to homeowners associations and other community organizations regarding the proposed fiscal plan for 2009. To arrange for someone to speak to your group, call 703-324-2391 or e-mail [DMBinfo@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:DMBinfo@fairfaxcounty.gov).

*Vienna’s proposed budget will be available for public review beginning Wednesday, April 9, at Town Hall and Patrick Henry Library.  
For information, call 703-255-6350.*

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# NEWS FROM VIENNA PARKS & REC

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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](http://www.viennava.gov). All activities are held at the Vienna Community Center unless stated otherwise.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Amateur photography contest** and exhibit Saturday, March 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, March 16, from noon to 3:30 p.m. Entries will be accepted Thursday, March 13, from 5 to 9 p.m. and Friday, March 14, from noon to 3:45 p.m. Ribbons will be awarded in eight categories: animals, architecture, nature, pictorial, scenic, photojournalism, portraiture, and digitally enhanced. There will be a separate contest section for students in grades 7-12. The entry fee is \$7 per person. Entries are limited to four photos per person and two per category. Thanks to the Vienna Photographic Society for its assistance with this event.

**Family Skate Night** will be held each Friday through April 25 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Admission is \$1 per person. Bring your own roller skates or in-line skates and safety equipment. Parents are required to stay with their children and are welcome to participate.

## INFANT/PRESCHOOL

**Free sample class** for "Classic Tales 'n Tunes" will be held on Monday, March 31, at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. for ages 18 months-4 years and at 11 a.m. for infants-17 months. This multi-sensory program nurtures children's development through music and movement. Regular classes begin April 3.

## SPORTS & FITNESS

**Adult soccer clinic** for beginners and intermediate players will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 1-May 8, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Participants should bring their own soccer ball, water bottle, shin guards, and sneakers or cleats. \$60 for town residents.

**Adult spring tennis league** begins March 29. Men's singles games will be played on Saturdays and women's singles games on Sundays at Meadow Lane and Glyndon Parks. Each league member will

play a minimum of seven matches during the season. The fee is \$15 for town residents.

**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.

**Step-by-step zumba**, new aerobics dance program, is taught at a slower pace than most zumba classes. Zumba incorporates movements from salsa, merengue, samba and other popular Latin dances to strengthen and shape the body. Classes will be held on Fridays, March 14-April 18, from 11 a.m. to noon. The fee is \$60 for town residents.

**Gentle yoga and mindfulness meditation** aims to boost energy, relieve anxiety, enhance concentration, improve sleep, and increase flexibility, strength and balance. Class is held each Tuesday, February 26-April 1, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. The cost of \$48 for town residents will be pro-rated up to the third class session.

## BUS TRIP

**Make your reservation now** to tour Maymont Mansion in Richmond on Wednesday, May 14. A charter bus will leave at 8 a.m. and return at 6 p.m. The cost of \$80 for town residents includes transportation, tour of the 33-room house, tram tour of the grounds, box lunch, and tea at the Cuppa Tea Company in Richmond's Fan District.

## AT THE TEEN CENTER

**Be safe and smart when out and about.** Learn how to defend yourself, recognize personal boundaries, manage conflict, build healthy relationships, and keep safe in difficult situations. This course, taught by instructors from Prevention Education for Adults, Children and Teens,

will be held Wednesdays, April 2-23, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. \$25 for town residents.

**Spring break 3-on-3 basketball tournament** for 6th, 7th and 8th graders will be held on Thursday, March 20, from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Teams can be all boy, all girl or co-ed. The fee of \$10 per team includes beverages and prizes for the tournament winners. Can't find a team? Call Keith Fees at 703-255-6352.

**Babysitters training** for boys and girls age 12 and older will be offered on Saturday, March 29, from 9 a.m. to 4 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 \$70 for town residents.

**St. Paddy's Day party** will be held on Thursday, March 13, from 4 to 6 p.m. Wear your green and enjoy games, food and contests. Free of charge.

**Test your knowledge** on Wednesday, March 19, from 4 to 6 p.m. This contest will measure your skills in math, spelling, history, and other academic areas. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. Free of charge.

**After-school program** for students in grades 6-8 is available from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays and from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Kids can get help with homework or enjoy cooking classes, book clubs, sports and fitness activities, and more. Club Phoenix also offers pool and ping pong tables, a dance floor, foosball, and video games. Free of charge.

## MANAGING YOUR MONEY & YOUR ESTATE

**10 things every executor should know** will be presented on Monday, March 10, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Attorney David Hoffman will discuss preparing probate papers, filing tax returns, prudent investing, taking a commission, and basic fiduciary accounting. Free of charge; no registration required.

## POTPOURRI

See “Grumpy Old Men,” starring Walter Matthau, Jack Lemmon and Ann Margaret, on Thursday, March 20, at 1 p.m. Free of charge; no registration re-quired. Bring your favorite munchies!

**Writing Your Personal History** is an informal, group-run class for people interested in documenting their life stories. Class will be held each Thursday, April 3-August 14, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Class members select topics about which to write, and read their work to each other for supportive feedback. Free of charge; a donation of \$5 will be used to provide refreshments at each class.

**Summer camp registration** begins March 5 for town residents. Camps include baseball, football, basketball, soccer, tennis, fencing, golf, horseback riding, and more in addition to adventure camps for teens and the summer playground program. Consult the summer camp brochure for information on dates and fees.

**Tickets go on sale** March 24 for the Vienna Theatre Company’s production of “Father of the Bride.” Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$9 for students and senior citizens over age 65. The show is scheduled April 18, 19, 25 and 26, and May 2 and 3 at 8 p.m. and April 20 and 27 at 2 p.m.

## **Town Green Benches Available**

Looking for a way to remember a loved one or recognize an organization? Consider purchasing a bench at the Vienna Town Green! This spring the Parks and Recreation Department is planning to install three additional benches on the Town Green. These benches will be located along the curved sidewalk facing the stage. They will be identical to the benches on the plaza.

Each bench can be purchased for \$1,250. In return, a personalized bronze plaque will be placed on the back of the bench. If you or your organization is interested in purchasing a bench, contact Parks and Recreation Director Cathy Salgado at 703-255-6356 or [csalgado@viennava.gov](mailto:csalgado@viennava.gov).

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## **OLD-FASHIONED EGG ROLL** for children age 12 & under and their parents **Saturday, March 15, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.**



**at the historic Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E.**  
**Free of charge; bring your own basket.**  
**Visit with the Easter Bunny  
& listen to a storyteller.**  
**For more information,  
call Historic Vienna, Inc., at 703-938-5187**

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## **Help Wanted for Summer Camp and Playground Program**

*Teen Camp Counselor* – Experience working with teens ages 11-15. Seven-week summer day camp, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. One week training required. Starting salary \$10.50-\$12.50/hour. Must be 19 years old.

*Playground Camp Counselor* – Experience working with children ages 6-11. Seven-week summer playground program. Should be available to work 40 hours/week 7 a.m.-3 p.m. or 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. One week training required. Starting Salary \$9-\$10/hour. Must be 18 years old. *Playground Aide position also available.*

For more information, contact the Town of Vienna Administrative Services Office at 703-255-6350 or visit [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov).

## **Become a Friend of the Town Green; Join Online at [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov)**

The Friends of the Vienna Town Green was established to help support free concerts and performances at the Town Green. This year over 50 different performances are planned for all ages and tastes.

When you become a Friend, you help to enrich our community by supporting the arts for all citizens. You will receive advance notice of all events, have an opportunity to become a volunteer at the Town Green, receive recognition in the Town Newsletter, and join in special events to recognize all the Friends of the Vienna Town Green.

Annual membership fees are \$30 for individuals, \$50 for families, and \$100 for businesses and organizations. Sponsorships are available, and donations in any amount are welcomed. To join online and make payment by credit card, go to [www.viennava.gov/Town\\_Departments/towngreen\\_friends.htm](http://www.viennava.gov/Town_Departments/towngreen_friends.htm). There is also a printable version of the form if you prefer to mail your payment.

# Spring Street Sweeping Schedule

The Public Works Department's spring street sweeping program begins this month. The town has been divided into eight sections to be covered according to the schedule below. Residents are requested not to park on the street during the scheduled time for their section to allow the street sweeper to do a thorough job. As the time for each section approaches, signs will be placed on streets as a reminder, and residents can also call the Public Works Department at 703-255-6381 to obtain a more definitive date of when the street sweeper will be on their block. The schedule is subject to change in case of inclement weather.

## **SECTION I MARCH 31-APRIL 4**

West of Lawyers Rd. to town limit &  
north of Maple Ave. to town limit

## **SECTION II APRIL 7-11**

East of Lawyers Rd. to Beulah Rd. &  
north of Maple Ave. to town limit

## **SECTION III APRIL 14-18**

East of Beulah Rd. to eastern town limit &  
north of Maple Ave. to northern town limit

## **SECTION IV APRIL 21-25**

East of Glyndon St. & east of W&OD Trail  
to western town line & south of Maple Ave.

## **SECTION V APRIL 28-MAY 2**

East of Center St. & east of Lullaby Ln.  
to Glyndon St. & W&OD Trail &  
south of Maple Ave. to southern town limit

## **SECTION VI MAY 5-9**

South of Kingsley Rd. to Cedar Ln.  
& southern town limit

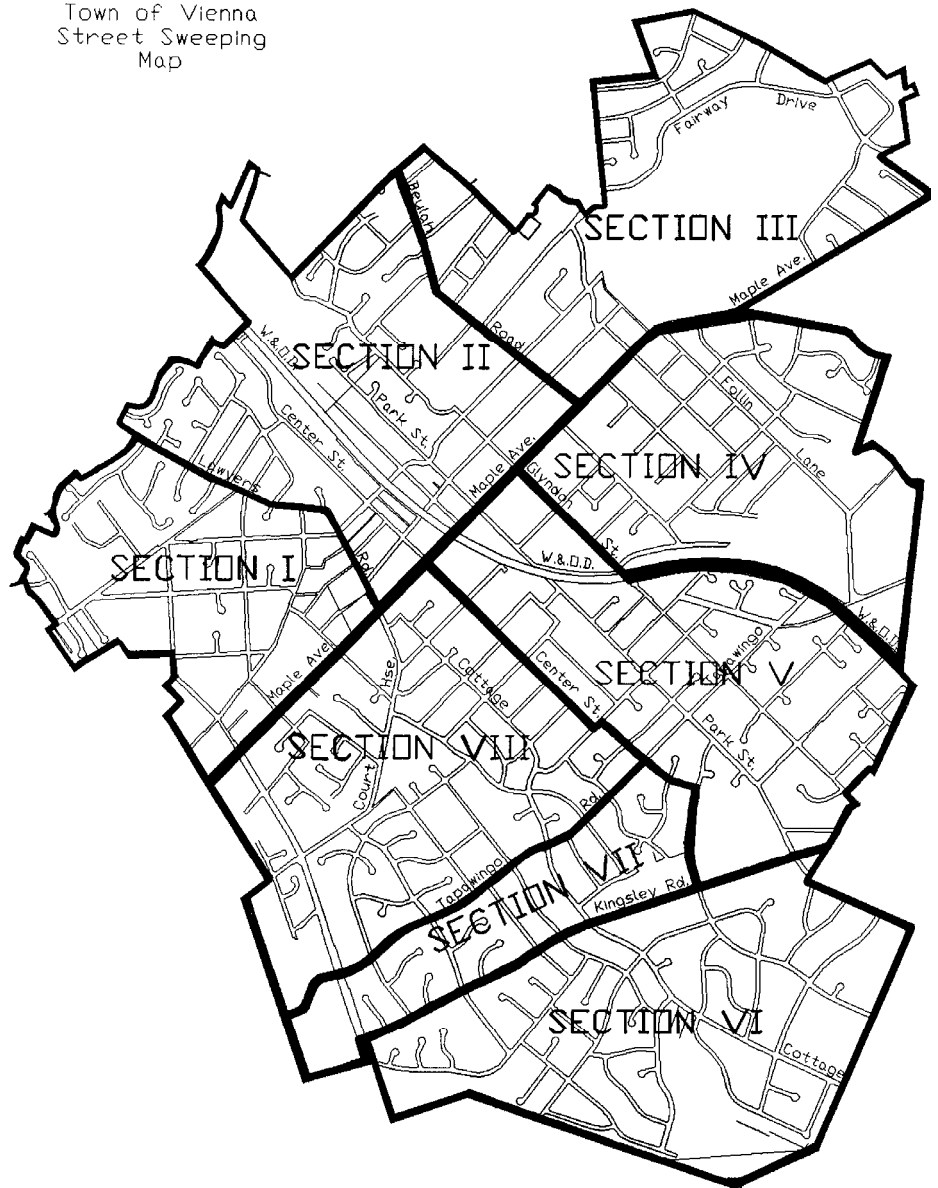
## **SECTION VII MAY 12-16**

North of Kingsley Rd., west of Lullaby Ln.,  
south of Tapawingo Rd. & east of town limit

## **SECTION VIII MAY 19-23**

North of Tapawingo Rd., west of Center St.,  
south of Maple Ave. & east of town limit

Town of Vienna  
Street Sweeping  
Map



## Welcome New Businesses

*The following business licenses were issued in January:*

US Custom Carpentry <i>cabinet maker</i> 510 Mill St., N.E. #A 703-242-2190	Edward M. Chase <i>consultant</i> 403 Ayr Hill Ave., N.E. 703-938-3430	G2Innovative Marketing <i>consultant/online services</i> 532 Orchard St., N.W. 571-432-9590
Aditi Music & Videos <i>video sales &amp; rentals</i> 409 Maple Ave., E. 703-938-2065	Mortensen Communications <i>writing &amp; editing</i> 908 Olympian Cir., S.W. 703-865-8928	Encon Engineering & Testing <i>engineer</i> 316 Dominion Rd., N.E. 703-766-0220

*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 February and March: *40 years* – Cook’s Photo-Art Studio, Tiny Tots Village of Vienna; *20 years* – Amphora Bakery, H. Thomas Lenz, DDS, Kathleen K. Althoff, Nancy E. Neely Real Estate; *10 years* – Theodore W. Fetter, MD, Daniel Settles Consulting, Norm’s Beer & Wine.

## Voter Registration Deadline April 7

Monday, April 7, is the last day to register to vote in the May 6 Town election. You are eligible to register if you are a Vienna resident, at least 18 years old by election day, and a U.S. citizen.

You may register in person in the Fairfax County General Registrar’s Office at the County Government Center or by mail. Application forms are available in the Town Clerk’s Office at Town Hall, all public libraries and other locations around the county, and at the County Web site, [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov).

If you are already a registered voter, no additional registration is required for the Town election; however, you should check your voter registration card to be sure it lists your current name and address. You must notify the Registrar’s Office of any change in your name or address before the registration books close for the election.

For more information, call the Registrar’s Office at 703-222-0776.

## Summer Jobs Available

The Town of Vienna has a number of openings in the Public Works and the Parks and Recreation Departments for temporary summer workers beginning in May. Hours are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The starting salary is \$9 per hour.

Public Works laborers assist Town crews in maintaining and repairing curbs, gutters and sidewalks, or in the daily operations of the Water and Sewer division. Parks Maintenance workers assist in maintaining ball fields, mowing grass, and cleaning park sites, while the summer landscaper position assists the Town’s horticulturist with the watering program and landscaping tasks.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old, be able to perform heavy manual labor, and have a valid driver’s license. **THOSE HIRED WILL BE EXPECTED TO WORK FOR AT LEAST SIX WEEKS.** For more information, contact the Administrative Services Office at 703-255-6350 or e-mail [jobs@viennava.gov](mailto:jobs@viennava.gov).

## Water Mains Flushed in Spring

Each spring the Town of Vienna flush-es the water mains in its distribution system in order to maintain a high standard of water quality and to ensure proper and efficient operation of the fire hydrants. The preventive maintenance program begins in early April, and flushing usually occurs between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Water mains are flushed by opening the fire hydrants and allowing the water to flow freely for a short period of time. The flushing cleans out sediment that normally accumulates during the summer and winter, and enables the Town to test and perform routine maintenance on the 800+ fire hydrants within its service area.

Flushing may result in some discoloration and the presence of sediment in the water reaching your home or business. These conditions are not harmful and should be of short duration. The Town appreciates your tolerance of this inconvenience. If you need more information, please call the Water and Sewer Customer Service Office at 703-255-6385.

## Tree and Shrub Seedlings for Sale

The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District (NVSWCD) is conducting its annual tree and shrub seedling sale. Each seedling package costs \$17.95 and contains 12 bare root seedlings of assorted species. This year’s “Butterfly Buffet” collection includes tulip poplar, flowering dogwood, buttonbush, eastern redbud, common hackberry, and loblolly pine plus seed packets of butterfly weed and black-eyed susan.

Pre-paid orders must be placed by April 14 or while supplies last. For more information or to receive an order form, call 703-324-1460 or download an order form at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/seedling\\_sale.pdf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/seedling_sale.pdf). Purchasers will receive a confirmation receipt and a map to the pickup site off Braddock Road near Rolling Road. The seedlings will be available for pickup April 18 and 19.

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# HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

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**Pancake breakfast**, sponsored by the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary, will be held on Saturday, March 1, from 8 a.m. to noon fire station, 400 Center St., S. The price for the all-you-can-eat menu of pancakes, sausage, bacon, juice and coffee is \$6 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens, \$4 for children age 12 and under, and free of charge for kids under 4. There will also be raffle for a Wii Console (\$3 per ticket) and other prizes. For more information, call 703-938-2678 ext. 6 or visit [www.vvfd.org](http://www.vvfd.org).

**Antiques and collectibles appraisal** will be held at the historic Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., on Saturday, March 15, from noon to 4 p.m. Receive a verbal appraisal of the approximate age and value of up to three items for \$10 (\$7.50 for Historic Vienna, Inc. members). Appointments are required and may be made by calling 703-938-5187 after 12 noon on March 1.

**Your old magazines** and paperback books (no hard covers) are welcomed by detainees at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center through the Literacy Project sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Fairfax County Chapter. Regular donors may leave publications in sturdy plastic bags at the usual location on the last Tuesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Be sure to remove mailing labels from magazines.) First-time donors may call 703-281-2498 for information.

**Lunch 'n' Life**, sponsored by the Shepherd's Center, will be held at noon Monday, March 10, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Rd. Guest speaker will be Imam Mohamed Magid, Director of the All Dulles Area Muslim Society. The cost for lunch is \$8 per person. For reservations and to arrange transportation, call 703-281-0538.

**TaxAide volunteers** will be at SunTrust Bank, 515 Maple Ave., E., through 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. 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](http://www.aarp.org/taxaide).

**Historic "Little Library,"** located on the grounds of the Freeman House, 131 Church Street, 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 also open the first Sunday of the month from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call 703-938-5187 or e-mail [sj@historicviennainc.org](mailto:sj@historicviennainc.org).

**Children's printmaking workshop** for ages 7-12 will be conducted by members of the Vienna Arts Society at 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, at Patrick Henry Library. To register and for more information about this and other free library programs, call 703-938-0405.

**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, March 15, from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is free; donations accepted. See an operating HO scale model railroad. For information, call 703-938-5157 or visit [www.nvmr.org](http://www.nvmr.org).

**"Ticket to Art,"** reception and raffle of original art by members of the Vienna Arts Society, will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 29, at the VAS Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., N.W. Each \$125 ticket guarantees a one-of-a-kind work of art. Ticket holders are asked to attend the event to claim the art of their choice. For more information, call 703-319-3971.

**Vienna Elementary PTA Run for Fun**, 5K race and 1 mile walk/run, will be held on Sunday, April 27, at the school, 128 Center St., S. The 5K race has youth-friendly age group awards to encourage young distance runners. Registration may be completed on-line at [www.Active.com](http://www.Active.com). For more information, visit [www.venna5Krun.org](http://www.venna5Krun.org).

**James Madison High School Class of 1988** 20-year reunion will be held on Saturday, October 4, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Sheraton Premiere Tysons Corner. For more information, visit [www.capitalreunions.com](http://www.capitalreunions.com).

**Newcomers Club** will hold a luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 13, at Marco Polo Restaurant. For reservations and more information, call Nancy Crowley at 703-938-4835.

**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](http://www.goldengirls.org).

**Northern Virginia Senior Softball** seeks men age 50+ and women age 40+ to play slow-pitch softball on Tuesday and Thursday mornings on Fairfax County fields beginning in mid-April. Players are assigned to teams according to their skill levels. For more information, call Dave, 703-524-5576, or Ted, 703-913-0028, or visit [www.nvss.org](http://www.nvss.org).

**Vietnam Veterans of America**, Chapter 227, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 20, at Neighbor's Restaurant in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center. Guest speaker will be Jon Hatfield, Executive Director of the Virginia War Memorial. For more information, call 703-255-0353 or visit [www.vva227.org](http://www.vva227.org).

**Vienna/Oakton Vision Impaired Resource Group** will meet at 10:15 a.m. Thursday, March 20, at Patrick Henry Library. Sol Alabahi, O.D., former director of the Low Vision Center, will speak on "Vision Updates." For information or transportation, call Rhoda Stevens, 703-281-9679, or Steve Sedgwick, 703-255-0515.

**Vienna Toastmasters** will meet at the Vienna Community Center the second and fourth Wednesdays in March 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.

**Writers Commitment Group** meets every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon at Patrick Henry Library. Work on your writing project, then have lunch at the Vienna Inn. For more information, contact Lisa Leibow at [lleibow@cox.net](mailto:lleibow@cox.net).

**Open House** at Summit Christian Academy will be held March 8 and 29 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](http://www.summitvienna.org). Summit Christian Academy is located at 8200 Bell Ln. off Cedar Lane.

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

**Vienna AARP Chapter 754** will meet at the Vienna Community Center for a pot-luck luncheon and bingo at 12:30 p.m. Monday, March 3. A business meeting and a talk on "Baby Boomers in Space" will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, March 17.

**"History Is Relative,"** an exhibit at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., traces the histories of five families who came together as one in the Vienna area before the Civil War. The exhibit is open during regular hours Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information or to arrange a group tour, call 703-938-5187 or e-mail [sj@historicvienainc.org](mailto:sj@historicvienainc.org).

**Casino Night and silent auction**, to benefit the James Madison High School Warhawks Athletic Boosters, will be held on Saturday, April 5, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Vienna Moose Lodge, 9616 Courthouse Rd. Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$45 at the door. To purchase tickets and for more information, e-mail [warhawks\\_sports@gmail.com](mailto:warhawks_sports@gmail.com).

## Rules for Block Parties

Planning a neighborhood block party? If your event will require closing a street, you must submit a petition for a permit at least two weeks in advance. The petition must include the following information:

- Date, location (street to be closed), and starting and ending times of the block party;
- Names, addresses, and signatures of all residents who will have their driveways blocked during the street closure; and
- Name, address, and daytime phone number of the person who is organizing the event.

Petitions must be submitted in original form (no e-mails or faxes) to the Town Manager at Town Hall, 127 Center St., S., Vienna, VA 22180. The event organizer will be notified in writing of the approval, denial, or modification (e.g. changing the hours) of the event.

The Town will deliver barricades prior to the event and pick them up the next business day, but residents are responsible for erecting and dismantling the barricades.

## Vienna Names in the News

**Town of Vienna Police Sgt. Tony Clingerman** recently graduated from the West Point Leadership Course. The intense 16-week course, held at the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy in Chantilly, is taught by retired U.S. Army Col. John Halste, who taught the same course at West Point for several years. The course provides a broad spectrum of knowledge on basic behavioral traits and issues that can affect a cohesive unit such as a squad of police officers, and trains participants in how to resolve issues before they become conflicts.

**Kathy Georgen**, a town resident and local accountant, was recognized by the *Fairfax County Times* for her volunteer work with the Optimist Club of Vienna. She is the club treasurer and helps coordinate community service projects such as last fall's Walk for Growing Hope to raise funds for children with cancer and their families. She also serves as treasurer of Historic Vienna, Inc.

Town resident **Pauline Lorfano's** watercolor, "Maine Attraction," has been selected for the 30th anniversary exhibition of the American Society of Marine Artists. Over 100 works of painting, pastels, sculpture, and scrimshaw will travel to museums in five states over a period of 16 months. In our area, the exhibition will be at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels, MD, July through September. Lorfano is a past president and current advisory board chairman of the Vienna Arts Society.

Vienna area builder **John Sekas of Sekas Homes**, headquartered at 407 Church St., N.E., has received the Fairfax County 2007 Land Conservation Award for Tree Preservation in the single-family detached residential category. The awards honor construction projects that demonstrate excellence in erosion and sediment control, and tree preservation and replacement in Fairfax County.

## Help CHO Help Those in Need

The Committee for Helping Others (CHO) needs beds (including mattresses and box springs) in single, double, and queen sizes (no kings). Phone 703-281-7614 to arrange for a pickup. Donations are tax-deductible.

Since 1969, CHO has been helping needy families and individuals in the Vienna area obtain food, shelter, clothing, fuel, transportation, furniture, financial aid, and other necessities. To learn more about CHO, visit [www.cho-va.com](http://www.cho-va.com).

# Church Street Parking Survey

Bring or mail completed survey by March 16 to the Department of Planning & Zoning,  
Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center St., S., Vienna, VA 22180.

The survey may also be completed online at [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov).

1. Name and address (optional)

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2. Do you live within the town limits? Yes  No

3. How frequently do you visit Church Street establishments? (from Lawyers Road to Dominion Road)

4-7 days a week  1-3 days a week  Less than once a week

4. When do your visits primarily occur?

Weekdays  Weekends  Evenly Spread

5. What time of day?

Morning  Afternoon  Evening  Evenly spread

6. Normally, do you visit more than one establishment per trip? Yes  No

7. What is the purpose of your visits? (check all that apply)

Shopping  Dining  Business  Services  Church St. Employee

8. What is the average duration of your visit?

Less than an hour  1-2 hours  More than 3 hours

9. Where do you park?

On site of establishment  On the street  Both  Walk/Bike

10. How often do you have difficulty finding a parking space?

Never  Occasionally  About half the time  Nearly every time

11. Does it make a difference how close you park to your destination? Yes  No

12. If yes, how far is too far away? At what point would you decide to go somewhere else, or come back later?

Must be right in front  Anything further than a block away  Anything further than two blocks away

13. Is there a pattern to when you have difficulty parking (time of day, day of week, establishment being visited)?

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14. Do you have any suggestions to improve the parking situation in the Church Street district?

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# March

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	
<p>All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise</p>						<b>1</b>	
	<b>2</b> Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week	<b>3</b> Business license renewal deadline Town Council	<b>4</b> Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Town Council work session	<b>11</b> Mayor's Advisory Committee series on town government	<b>12</b> Planning Commission	<b>13</b> Town/Business Liaison Committee 7 p.m.	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
	<b>16</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i>	<b>17</b> <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> Town Council	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Board of Zoning Appeals	<b>20</b> Board of Architectural Review	<b>21</b> <i>Good Friday</i>	<b>22</b>
	<del><b>23</b></del> <i>Easter</i>	<del><b>24</b></del>	<b>25</b> Transportation Safety Commission	<b>26</b> Planning Commission	<b>27</b> Community Enhancement Commission 7:30 p.m.	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
	<del><b>30</b></del>	<del><b>31</b></del>					

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# This Month in History

*from the Vienna Newsletter archives*

MARCH 1998 – The search is on for Vienna’s oldest tree. Councilman Bob McCormick, chairman of the Oldest Tree Committee, is accepting nominations until March 1, when 10 finalists will be selected for judging by Wheat’s Lawn and Custom Landscaping. At a ceremony on April 25, a plaque will be placed (harmlessly) on Vienna’s oldest tree, with the nine other finalists honored as “Senior Citizens.”

MARCH 1988 – Republican candidates in Virginia’s March 8 presidential primary election include Bush, Dole, du Pont, Haig, Kemp and Robertson. On the Democratic ballot voters will choose from Babbit, Dukakis, Gephardt, Gore, Hart, Jackson, Larouche and Simon.

MARCH 1978 – Location of the K Route Metrorail terminal station will be on the Town Council’s agenda for March 20. Citizens are invited to express their preference for either a Vienna or a Tysons Corner location. The K Route originally was planned to terminate at a Vienna station in the median of I-66. An alternative Tysons Corner station would be located in the median of the Dulles Airport Access Road with access by pedestrian overpasses from parking lots on both sides of Spring Hill Road. The Town Council recently reaffirmed its opposition to the Vienna location because of the likelihood of high-density land development in the area and the resulting traffic impact on the town’s residential streets.

**INFORMATION 24 HOURS A DAY:  
Vienna Newsline — 703-255-6333  
To Order a Special Pickup — 703-255-5727  
[www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov)**

## 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.

