



Town of Vienna

# Newsletter

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## TAX RELIEF FORMS DUE APRIL 1

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. Total household income and total combined assets requirements must be met, and both Town and County applications must be filed.

Applications for 2011 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 about the Town program, call 703-255-6325; for County information, call 703-222-8234.

## 3RD ANNUAL VIENNA GREEN EXPO

Thursday, April 21

6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

**Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, SE**

*Presenting practical information and demonstrations to save you money and help the environment!*

For information, call 703-255-6360 or visit [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov).

*Exhibitors include:*

- The Window Man
- Inova Health Systems
- Capital Beltway HOT Lanes
- Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project
- NOVA Exteriors, Inc.
- Spokes, Etc.
- Bikes@Vienna
- Dominion Virginia Power
- Microbe Services
- Earthcraft Virginia
- Conway Construction
- Fairfax County DPWES
- Louise Archer Elementary School
- Maid Brigade
- Truly-Life
- Sierra Club
- Maple Avenue Market
- Whole Foods Market
- Home Energy Medics
- Pro-Energy Consultants
- EnviroHomeDesign, Inc.
- Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling

## FY 2011-2012 BUDGET SCHEDULE

Copies of the proposed Town budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 will be available for public review beginning Monday, April 4, in the Administrative Services Office at Town Hall and at Patrick Henry Library. A "Budget in Brief" summary may be obtained free of charge, and the entire budget document may be purchased or viewed online at [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov). For more information, call 703-255-6350.

Town Council budget work sessions are scheduled at Town Hall on Saturday, April 9, at 1100 a.m.; Monday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m.; and Tuesday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m. Work sessions are open for the public to attend. A public hearing on the proposed budget is scheduled for the May 9 Council meeting and a hearing on the proposed tax rate June 6.

# TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

Town Council minutes, agendas and meeting videos are available online at

[www.viennava.gov/Town\\_Government/council\\_meeting\\_video\\_plus.htm](http://www.viennava.gov/Town_Government/council_meeting_video_plus.htm)

## January 10, 2011

- Awarded a consulting contract for the Town Manager Search to Scott Silverthorne of Lochlin Partners in an amount not to exceed \$25,000

## January 24, 2011

- Approved to change the intersection of Knoll Street and Lewis Street, NW to an all-ways stop.
- Renewed an on-call Roadway and Drainage contract with Arthur Construction Co.

- Accepted the resignation of Mr. Peter Vander Nat from the Board of Zoning Appeals.
- Appointed Mr. Walter Basnight to the Planning Commission effective January 24.
- Appointed Mr. Ed Somers to the Transportation Safety Commission effective January 24.
- Referred the proposed ordinance to amend the Town Code, Chapter 17, Subdivisions to the Planning Commission.

# COUNTY BUDGET HEARINGS SET

Public hearings on Fairfax County's fiscal year 2011-2012 budget have been set for 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, and Wednesday and Thursday, March 30 and 31, at 3 p.m. Those wishing to speak should contact the Office of the Clerk to the Board at 703-324-3151 or sign up online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker\\_bos.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker_bos.htm). In addition, the public is encouraged to share their thoughts on the budget online or through the budget hotline, 703-324-9400.

Fairfax County Executive Anthony Griffin has proposed a General Fund budget of \$3,376,351,675 for FY 2012, an increase of \$68,232,761 or 2.06% from this year. The proposed budget maintains the current tax rate of \$1.09 per \$100 of assessed value.

The County Executive's proposed budget includes agency budget reductions totalling \$9.5 million. These reductions, which impact most County agencies, do not result in significant program reductions but require agencies to hold positions vacant longer, to not fill some key position vacancies and to maintain work and service levels within reduced resource levels.

The proposed FY 2012 Budget will be considered for adoption at the April 26 Board of Supervisors Meeting.

For more information, contact the County Department of Management and Budget at 703-324-2391 or access the budget online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb).

## TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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### VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

M. Jane Seeman, Mayor

Laurie Genevro Cole

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Edythe Frankel Kelleher

Howard J. Springsteen

### TOWN STAFF

Town Attorney

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Director of Finance

IT Administrator

Director of Parks & Recreation

Director of Planning & Zoning

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## WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

These businesses received business licenses during the month of February.

**W.I Basnight, Jr. and Associates**  
Consultant

230 Lovers Lane, NW  
703-424-1994

**Edible Arrangements**

Sales- Fruit Baskets  
107 Center Street, N  
703-255-5599

Send news to Vienna Newsletter c/o Town Hall  
FAX 703-255-5722 • e-mail [pio@viennava.gov](mailto:pio@viennava.gov)  
Deadline for the May issue is April 15.

## VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DAY

Mayor Jane Seeman has proclaimed Tuesday, April 12, as Volunteer Recognition Day in the Town of Vienna to celebrate and promote volunteerism in the community. A special meeting of the Mayor's Advisory Committee will be held at 7:30 p.m. April 12 in the Flame Room of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St., S., to recognize the individuals nominated as outstanding volunteers for 2011. The public is invited to attend.

Those who will be honored on Volunteer Recognition Day include Robert Borgatti, Harold Bonacquist, Miles Bowen, Sydney Bowen, Linda Collins, Alma Frank, Laurie Harmon, L.F. Jennings, Steve Kenney, Mark Lander, Ann Martin, Mike Davis, Marjorie Midili, John "Jack" Reichert, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Tim Sampson and family, John Shults, Susan Stillman, Anne Stuntz, Howard Svigals, Dorothy Evans, Bill Farrell, Mike Garbacz, Julius Hankin, Jean Jennings, Marcie Lee, Harry Mason, Ralph Nider, Eileen (Casey) Tarr, June Terry, Vienna-Madison Community Coalition, Maria Alvarez-Lundie, Diane Eckert, Sara Freund, Cynthia Kohrman, Sharmilla Rao, Deborah Rooney, Katie Wolffe, Liz DiFrancisco, Barbara Mackie Franklin and Dan Mulville.

In her proclamation Mayor Seeman states, "Volunteering of one's time and resources is a fundamental part of the tradition of our country and is essential to its spirit. The people of our community benefit from the deeds of these selfless and dedicated individuals and organizations."

### VIENNA RECYCLES!

**Wednesday, April 6**

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Business Hazardous Waste Clean-up Day for Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators. I-66 Transfer Station, Hazardous Waste Site, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax.

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/trash/disphazcomm.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/trash/disphazcomm.htm)

**Saturday, April 9**

8 a.m. - noon

**Document Shredding Event**

Mt. Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mt. Vernon Road, Alexandria.

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/shredding.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/shredding.htm)

**Sunday, April 10**

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Electric Sunday**

Recycle televisions, computers and fluorescent lights at the I-66 Transfer Station,

4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax.

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/electric-sunday.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/electric-sunday.htm)

**April 16**

8 a.m. - noon

**Document Shredding Event**

Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax.

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/shredding.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/shredding.htm)

## PROPOSED NOISE ORDINANCE UPDATE

At the March 7 Town Council meeting, Council voted to move forward with the changes to the ordinance as proposed. Town Council will formally vote on the proposed changes at the April 4 Town Council meeting, with an effective date of April 14. In summary the changes to the Town's Noise Ordinance include:

- delaying the start time for commercial deliveries and commercial trash pickups near residences to 8 a.m. on Sundays and six Federal holidays (New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas);
- prohibiting commercial yard service on Sundays;
- prohibiting home construction contractor work AND commercial yard services on the six Federal holidays mentioned previously; and
- changing the start time from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. for property owners to perform work on their property on Sundays and the above listed six Federal holidays.

The ordinance will continue to prohibit home construction contractor work on Sundays (this is in the Town's current noise ordinance.)



### Cottage Street Reconstruction Town of Vienna Design Public Hearing

**Wednesday, April 6, 2011, 5 – 8 p.m.**

Council Chambers, Vienna Town Hall  
127 Center Street South, Vienna, VA 22180

**Find out** about proposed improvements to Cottage Street Southwest, from Walker Street to Patrick Street in the Town of Vienna. The proposed project includes new pavement, curb and gutter, and sidewalks.

**Review** project information at [www.virginiadot.org](http://www.virginiadot.org), at the public hearing, at the Department of Public Works at 127 Center Street South in Vienna, or at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive in Fairfax. Please call ahead at 800-FOR-ROAD (800-367-7623) or TTY/TDD 711 to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions. Property impact information, relocation assistance policies and tentative construction schedules are available for review at the above address and will be available at the public hearing.

**Give your written or oral comments** at the hearing or submit them by **April 16, 2011** to Mr. Zamir Mirza at the VDOT District Office address above. You may also e-mail comments to [Meeting\\_Comments@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:Meeting_Comments@VDOT.Virginia.gov). Please reference "Cottage Street Reconstruction" in the subject line.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact VDOT's Civil Rights Division at the above phone numbers.

State Project: U000-153-108 P101, R201, C501  
Federal Project: STP-5401 (955) UPC: 16634

**TOWN COUNCIL  
ELECTION MAY 3**

Vienna's annual Town election will be held on Tuesday, May 3. All voting will take place at the Vienna Community Center from 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.

This year, Vienna voters will elect three Town Council members who will begin new two-year terms July 1.

For election results, call the Vienna Information Line at 703-255-6333, one to two hours after the polls close on May 3, visit the Town's website at [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov) or the Town's Facebook or Twitter pages.

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**ABSENTEE VOTING**

If you will be out of town on election day or are unable to go to the polls because of illness or disability, you may vote by absentee ballot in person or by mail. In-person absentee voting will be conducted at the Fairfax County Government Center on weekdays from March 18 through April 29, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, April 30, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 30 is the last day to vote absentee in person.

The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot by mail is April 26, at 5 p.m., and ballots must be received in the office of Elections by 7 p.m. on election day in order to be counted.

For more information, call 703-222-0776 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/absentee.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/absentee.htm).



**HAMID BARAHMAND**

As a Town citizen, along with other citizens that I talk to, we are tired of seeing our town run like a private club. Spending millions on a park for Presbyterian Church, especially during this difficult economic time does not look good on Town Council's resume.

Last year, Town Council presented sidewalk improvements with estimated price tags of over \$16 million (\$185 per linear foot, \$340 including curb and gutter, \$738 per LF if drainage and street improvements needed). I wonder how they came up with these numbers and how many contractors bid on these projects.

It should be recognized that many of the federal and state provided funding to local municipalities are based on a formula or set allocation. Use of this federal fund for sidewalk improvements (which we need on most streets) might alter the typical use of those funds, which could result in other projects or programs going unfunded. Another way is to require developers to install sidewalks as part of their developments.

If elected for Town Council, I would like to look carefully at projects and programs in town and their priorities, talk to our citizens, not just a few in the town meetings but the other residents who could not attend the meeting to hear their opinion on the subjects.

Thanks to our police department for their wonderful work, but I would like to have an opportunity to talk about PD, PD projects and our safety in town. Thank you and God Bless.



**LAURIE A. DIROCCO**

I have enjoyed my first Council term serving the Town of Vienna. I am pleased at the progress made toward my campaign initiatives, and a number of new projects. I supported policies that improve the Town's communications with the public. In Fall 2009, I requested we start an email communication system for residents. In the beginning of 2011, the community alert system was launched. If you haven't signed up, visit the Town's website for information.

Another project, which I continue to champion, is a Maple Avenue Vision to establish what future development could look like along this main corridor. I helped secure a \$10,000 grant to push this project along. Photos of possible building scenarios along Maple Avenue will be available this spring. Two important current projects are the hiring of a new Town Manager and the evaluation of the Town's water and sewer system, both of which will have a big impact on the future of Vienna.

I am committed to enhancing the quality of life for all residents by increasing the ability to walk and bike in Town, maintaining a wide variety of recreational and community activities, and being fiscally responsible. I have an MBA in finance and a professional background in finance and human resources. I have served the Town as Vice Chair of the Transportation Safety Commission, Chair of the Planning Commission, and now as a Town Council member.

I ask for your vote so I can continue working for you in the coming two years. Please visit [www.lauriedirocco.org](http://www.lauriedirocco.org) for more information.



**CAREY J. SIENICKI**

After being assigned to the D.C. area with the US Navy ten years ago, our family was warmly welcomed to the Town of Vienna by its residents. And now, by choice, we claim Vienna as our permanent home. I am thankful our children could attend FCPS Madison pyramid schools and I have had the opportunity to assist with our community's future. I have witnessed daily the cooperation of government, businesses, organizations and individual citizens of all ages to be good stewards of Vienna's community resources.

I am proud to be an active citizen, donating my time, talents and resources within the Town of Vienna to further its vibrant community spirit. I understand there are tough choices required to maintain the delicate balance between preserving the small town community and fostering purposeful growth, so that the future needs of Vienna's citizens and businesses are met. As a registered architect, I have served the Town of Vienna as a Planning Commissioner (since 2009) and as the Chairperson of the historic district's Windover Heights Board of Review (since 2006, member since 2003). Find out more about me at: <https://sites.google.com/site/careysienicki>.

It is with great trust and commitment that I ask you to cast your vote for "Carey Sienicki," so I can further serve the residents and businesses of Vienna as a member of our Town Council.



**HOWARD J. SPRINGSTEEN**

I am Howard Springsteen and I am seeking re-election to the Town Council. As a first-term Council member in today's challenging economic environment, I have worked to make sure Vienna continues to be fiscally responsible, encouraged the construction of new sidewalks including reaching out to Fairfax County for a unique sidewalk partnership project on Lawyers Road, and made it a key priority to look at the Town water and sewer systems' ability to provide services at a reasonable cost by strongly encouraging two in-depth studies now underway to provide options for the future. I have strongly supported Vienna's long-standing policy of limited growth and low-density zoning. During the past two years I have successfully advocated on behalf of town residents when they had issues with replacing old water pipes, installing traffic calming, biking and pedestrian safety measures, zoning concerns and getting streets repairs done correctly.

If re-elected, I will continue to work to ensure Vienna is a special community to live in and for businesses to work in and we continue to provide high-quality services to our residents. While we will face numerous challenges from the upcoming redevelopment of Tysons Corner, we need to continue to work with the elected officials in Fairfax County to address the impact of traffic to Vienna and bordering neighborhoods.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you and our Vienna community. Please support me with your vote on Tuesday, May 3rd at the Vienna Community Center.

**VOTER  
REGISTRATION  
DEADLINE: APRIL 11**

Monday, April 11, is the last day to register to vote in the May 3 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 [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.

For more information, call the Fairfax County's Office of Elections at 703-222-0776.

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**MEET THE  
CANDIDATES**

The Northeast Vienna Citizens Association invites all Vienna residents to a candidates forum for the upcoming Town Council election on Friday, April 15, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. For more information, contact [dmulville@cox.net](mailto:dmulville@cox.net) or [mikepool@gmail.com](mailto:mikepool@gmail.com).

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) will hold a candidates' forum on Wednesday, April 13, at the Vienna Community Center. The forum will be part of the regular NARFE meeting, which begins at 1:30 p.m. for more information call 703-938-6580.

# SCAM UPDATE FROM THE VIENNA POLICE DEPARTMENT

As the Vienna Police Department learns of new scams and criminal methods that are being used in an attempt to swindle our residents, we will continuously publicize them in an effort to thwart such activities.

- A person comes to a home and says that they need money for an automobile repair or tow. They go on to purport themselves to be a relative of a neighbor or some other individual which would link them to the area. They may even be overly courteous and appear sincere. Once they receive the money, they disappear as there is truly no emergency and they are not related to anyone in the immediate area.
- A subject comes to a home and tells the elderly homeowner that he is there to collect his money for some work which he had previously performed. As some elderly folks might be too trusting and believe they simply

forgot about the work, they pay him. In one case the homeowner invited the subject into the home while she checked with her husband; only to find out that she was the target of a scam.

**NOTE:** Residents should refrain from opening the door and inviting unknown subjects into their home. This can prove to be very dangerous and could lead to other criminal activity in the future (such as burglary or larceny).

- After advertising an item for sale on a website, the seller received a call from someone stating that they were interested in purchasing the items. The “buyer” then asked the seller to transfer funds to a third party in an effort to scam the seller out of the money.
- When selling an item ensure that the funds come directly

to you or use a reputable third party company and be sure that checks and other documents are valid before conducting the transaction. If something appears unusual to you check it out just to be sure.

- A resident received a letter telling them that they had won a substantial amount of money and needed to pay the taxes on it to receive the winnings. They were asked to wire the “tax” payment to a third party. The third party then receives the money but there are no “winnings” to be collected. This is a very old scam and has many variations but it is still around.

To stay abreast of all the latest police activity in Vienna, please frequently check [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov) and click on the Media Releases or Police Highlights links in the left side column of the page.

## EMPLOYEES REMEMBERED

In January and March of this year, the Town of Vienna lost two members of our employee family. We would like to take this moment to remember their contributions to the Town of Vienna and their selfless dedication to the community we all love.



In January, we lost long-time Vienna employee Mark Allen after a year-long battle with cancer. He worked for the Town of Vienna for 20 years as the Town’s Horticulturist/Arborist and took care of the many flower beds, street scapes and landscaping throughout Town. He was dedicated to this community and took great pride in his work. He was a wonderful person and will be sorely missed.

In March, we lost Taylor McKinstry, a 23-year veteran of the Town’s Public Works Department. Taylor served as the Sanitation Supervisor, overseeing close to 15 employees. He was an exceptional employee who was known by his peers for his strong work ethic and dedication to the job. In fact, oftentimes, Taylor had to be persuaded to take vacation each year! Taylor was a valued part of the Town’s employee family and his passing has left a hole in all of our hearts.



## CALL TO PARTICIPATE IN A VIENNA SUSTAINABILITY HOME AND GARDEN TOUR

In late spring this year the Community Enhancement Commission would like to sponsor a tour of homes and gardens in Vienna. If you have installed rain gardens, rain barrels and/or a native garden and would like to show it off, let us know. If you have installed geothermal heat, solar PV and/or solar hot water and would like to talk to your neighbors about how this has worked for you, let us know. If you have re-insulated your home and sealed it up to make it more comfortable and energy efficient and would like to discuss your experience, let us know. We'll get back to you once we have the plan in place and hopefully you'll be on our tour!

Have questions or would like to participate in this tour, contact Cathy Salgado at [csalgado@viennava.gov](mailto:csalgado@viennava.gov) or 703-255-6356.

## VIENNA COMMUNITY ALERTS: REGISTER TODAY!

Don't forget to self register to receive Town information via e-mail or text message by signing up for Vienna Community Alerts. Registrants can choose to receive information from ten categories.

Sign up today by visiting <https://viennava.onthealert.com> or by visiting [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov) and clicking on the icon in the "Stay Connected" section on the front page. Registrants must enter a Vienna address to complete registration.

**Saturday, April 23 from 2 - 5 p.m.**  
**Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Parking Lot**  
**400 Center Street, Vienna**

**SKATEBOARDING - RAMPS - RAILS - JUMPS**



**HELMETS required**  
for **EVERYONE!**

**WRIST GUARDS,**  
**ELBOW PADS, and**  
**KNEE PADS**  
recommended if  
under the age of 16.

**SKATE PARK ON WHEELS**

A FREE INTERACTIVE EVENT FOR AGES 6+

Sponsored by  
 Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins,  
 Town of Vienna Department of Parks & Recreation,  
 and American Inline.

For more information, call (703) 255-5721.





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## BENEFITS OF COMPOSTING AND INSTALLING A RAIN BARREL

By Joanne Burke, Community Enhancement Commission

Spring has sprung! Most of us are preparing our yards and gardens for planting by clearing beds, cutting back dead growth and creating new planting space. Now would be a good time to consider some enhancements to your gardens and yard. Two practices you might want to consider this year are composting and rain barrels, and here's why;

### Benefits of Using Compost ("Benefits of Using Compost - Earth911.com")

- Improves the soil structure, porosity, and density, thus creating a better plant root environment.
- Increases moisture infiltration and permeability of heavy soils, thus reducing erosion and runoff.
- Supplies a variety of macro and micronutrients.
- May control or suppress certain soil-borne plant pathogens.
- Supplies significant quantities of organic matter.
- Supplies beneficial micro-organisms to soils and growing media.
- Improves and stabilizes soil pH.
- Can bind and degrade specific pollutants.
- Reduces the amount of trash sent to landfills that are brimming.
- Reduces the Town's transportation cost of hauling trash.

### Benefits of Installing a Rain Barrel

- Reduces flooding in your yard or your basement; by collecting the water and using it for watering plants, or by slowly releasing it and allowing it to sink into the ground.
- Provides your plants with water they will love. Unlike treated water, which is "softened" with dissolved minerals, rain water is naturally soft. The water stored in your rain barrel is better than municipal water for washing your car and watering indoor or outdoor plants.
- Saves money and water. Instead of water from the tap or faucet, you can use the water you've saved to keep your home landscape happy and growing.
- Protects our rivers and streams. Water stored in your rain barrel is water that won't rush off into our streams. Instead, as you use the stored rain water around your home and garden, it will absorb slowly into the ground replenishing groundwater supplies. By decreasing the volume of storm runoff, rain barrels also help moderate stream erosion and the resulting pollution that is impairing our waterways.

Town residents are fortunate. We can take advantage of these beneficial practices because we don't have homeowner's covenants restricting our use. Once an initial investment is made, you'll reap the rewards for a long time and your garden will show it!

**POTOMAC RIVER  
WATERSHED CLEANUP**

Saturday, April 9  
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Meeting Location:**

588 Glyndon St., NE

**Coordinator Contact:** Rick Ayers  
703-989-3221 or rayers@esri.com

**For more information:** www.fergusonfoundation.org

**Seeking Volunteers!**

Join in the Alice Ferguson Foundation's 23rd Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup and help make the Potomac trash-free by 2013!

**NORTHSIDE PARK  
INVASIVE REMOVAL AND  
NATIVE REPLANTING DAY**

Saturday, April 30  
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Contact:** Cathy Salgado  
703-255-6356 or csalgado@viennava.gov

**Seeking Volunteers!**

Northside Park, Glyndon Street,  
NE Entrance  
No registration required.  
Rain or Shine.  
Bring gloves, shovel and/or  
wheel barrow.

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**CIVIL WAR 150th  
ANNIVERSARY EVENTS**

**SECESSION VOTE REENACTMENT**

*Saturday, May 21*

Reenactment of the secession vote at Lydeckers Store, now known as the Freeman House and Museum, 131 Church Street, NE.

Narrated participatory reenactments of the actual vote will be held at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Civil reenactors will be on hand to recreate the vote on the front porch of the Freeman House. Living History reenactors will be on the lawn and the exhibit "Secession Vote in Fairfax County" will be on display.

**CIVIL WAR ENCAMPMENT AND  
REENACTMENT OF THE BATTLE OF  
VIENNA**

*Friday, June 17 - Saturday, June 18*

Period activities will be held at the Vienna Community Center, the site of the Battle of Vienna. The encampment will begin set-up on Friday, June 17, and will open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 18.

Plans include period music and storytelling at the Town Green on Friday evening and encampment activities and demonstrations will be on Saturday, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., culminating with the reenactment of the Battle of Vienna at 6 p.m.

Special thanks to the 5th Regiment ANV and the 17th Virginia Infantry Regiment, Co. G, "Fairfax Rifles" for coordinating the reenactment activities!

**VENDORS NEEDED**

Booth space is available for vendors at the Civil War Encampment (along Cherry Street) on Saturday, June 18. Booth themes are limited to civil war history or Vienna history.

Contact Cathy Salgado at 703-255-6356 or csalgado@viennava.gov.

**THE VIENNA THEATRE COMPANY  
PRESENTS: "NUNSENSE"**



The Vienna Theatre Company will bring the Broadway musical comedy "Nunsense" to the Vienna Community Center weekends April 22 to May 4. At this rehearsal the two actors, Darcey Geisser and Janet Zucker, work with choreographer Jeannie Torres as she creates the dance routines.

**TOWN NEWSLETTER SURVEY**

Please complete this survey online at [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov) or mail this paper copy to Town of Vienna, c/o Public Information Office, 127 Center Street, South, Vienna, VA 22180. Survey closes April 15.

**1. Do you live or work in the Town of Vienna? (Required)**

YES  No

**2. Do you like the layout and design of the Town's monthly newsletter? (Required)**

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# NEWS FROM VIENNA PARKS & RECREATION

All classes are held at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, SE, unless otherwise specified.

## SPORTS AND FITNESS

**Ice Skating** starts up beginning April 4. Learn how to ice skate at Fairfax Ice Arena, 3779 Pickett Road, with a seven week class that includes 30 minute lessons, seven free admissions to public skate sessions, free skate rental for lessons and practice and free use of helmet. For dates, view the Spring Brochure online at [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov) or call 703-255-6360. The cost is \$119 per person.

## JUST FOR KIDS

**A variety of Spring Break camps** for the week of April 18-22 are available for youth ages 4 to 14 including Spring Break Camp (ages 6-12), Spring Break Fishing Camp (ages 9-14), We See 3D Art Camp (ages 7-11), Act It Out! (ages 4-6), Dramatic Kids (ages 7-10) and Fruity Bowls (ages 7-12). Visit [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov) or call 703-255-6360 for more information or to register.

## JUST FOR TEENS

**Safety 9-1-1**, a mini seminar conducted by Vienna Police Department Community Services Officer Bill Murray, will be held on April 7, at 3:45 in the Teen Center. Free and open to all.

Don't miss the **Take Charge Program: Tobacco Use Prevention**. Participants will learn what is in tobacco, the stages of tobacco addiction, how to say 'No' to peer pressure, how to advocate for no tobacco use in their communities and much more. Sessions begin at 3:45 at the Teen Center on April 26, 28, May 3, 5, 10 and 11. Free to Club Phoenix members. For more information, call 703-255-6357.

**The Teen Center will be closed** from April 18 through April 22.

## POTPOURRI

**Family Skate Nights** are on Fridays from April 15 through June 10. The cost is \$1 per person and participants must bring their own skates and safety equipment.

Now registering for **Youth Summer camps**. Visit [www.viennava.gov/Town\\_Departments/pr3.htm](http://www.viennava.gov/Town_Departments/pr3.htm) to view the Summer Camp brochure. Please note the change in the camp refund policy.

**Babysitter Training** on April 9, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For ages 12 and up. Prepares teens with everything a parent looks for in a babysitter. Taught by the American Red Cross. Cost is \$70 for residents and \$87.50 for out-of-town participants.

**The Beginning Painting in Acrylics** class teaches the fundamentals of acrylic painting. Monday, April 4 through June 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Bowman House Arts and Crafts Center. Cost is \$80 for residents and \$100 for out-of-town participants.

**Whole Foods Market in Vienna** will host a two-part program on how to shop any grocery store in a way that maximizes health, time and money. Includes food tastings, goodie bags and other giveaways. Held on April 20 and 27, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. The cost is \$10 for residents and \$15 for out-of-town participants.

**The Writing Your Personal History Spring/Summer Session** will be held on Thursdays, from April 7 through August 11, from 10:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. This class is run by participants. There is a \$5 contribution payable in class for administrative support and refreshments.

**The What to Feed Your Living Trust program** is on April 11, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Topics include a review of Virginia Trust Law, funding your trust, what every banker doesn't know, trusts and mortgages, record keeping, making amendments, taxes, trusts and the IRS, and more.

## Old Fashioned Easter Egg Roll

10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 16  
at Historic Freeman House  
131 Church Street, NE

Free of charge; bring your own basket. Visit with the Easter Bunny, search for hidden eggs and listen to a storyteller. For more information, call Historic Vienna, Inc. at 703-938-5187.

## Family Flashlight Egg Hunt

7:00 p.m. Friday, April 15  
*rain or shine*  
at Glyndon Park

Tickets will be sold at the Vienna Community Center  
Saturday, April 2, 9-10 a.m.  
(in-town residents only)  
& Monday, April 4, at 8 a.m. until Sunday  
\$3 per family member  
(under 12 months free)  
Maximum six tickets per family.

## *Annual Walk on the Hill in the Windover Heights Historic District Sunday, May 1, 2-5 p.m. (rain date May 8)*

Using self-guided walking tour maps, visitors may browse through lawns and gardens of homes marked with special "welcome" signs. The afternoon will also include a concert by the Vienna Community Band at 3 p.m. with additional music provided by the Green Hedges School Jazz Ensemble.

*Sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc.  
and Historic District residents.*

*Parking available at Green Hedges School,  
415 Windover Ave., NW*

*For more information, call 703-938-5187*

# HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

**Annual Used Book Sale collection** begins April 1. Drop off your used books at the Freeman Store, 131 Church Street, NE, from 12 to 4 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday or on the front porch anytime. Please do not leave encyclopedias, textbooks, magazines or Reader's Digest type condensed books. The Book Sale will be held on June 11 and 12. For more information, call Historic Vienna, Inc. at 703-938-5187.

**Lenten Day of Reflection: "Jesus, Busyness, and Me: Finding God in Our Busy Lives,"** will be on April 2, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Presented by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, hosted by Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish. 703-896-7424 or [development@olgcva.org](mailto:development@olgcva.org).

**The Patrick Henry Library Spring Mega Book Sale** will be on April 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and April 3, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a special "Fill-a-Bag with books for \$5" sale. Free parking and admission. Hardbacks are \$2, trade paperbacks are \$1, and pocket paperbacks are 50 cents. Some value books are priced higher. Cash only. All proceeds benefit the library. Sponsored by the Friends of the Patrick Henry Library. 703-938-0405 or [FPHL@cox.net](mailto:FPHL@cox.net).

**The Vienna Woman's Club will award \$1,000 scholarships** to high school seniors who live within the Vienna zip codes 22180-22183. Applications are due by April 6. Information and applications are available at local high school career centers. 703-698-1237.

**Marshall Road Elementary School PTA** is seeking donations for the annual Silent Auction on April 8. Sponsors receive recognition at the event and through event publicity. Please contact Caryn Baum at [carynbaum@aol.com](mailto:carynbaum@aol.com) or 703-242-9297.

**The Vienna-Oakton NARFE** will meet on April 12, at 1:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. Candidates for the Vienna Town Council will be present to speak. Members and guests are welcome; free. 703-938-6580.

**The Western Fairfax PFLAG** (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) support group will meet on April 5, 7:30 to 9 p.m. and on April 17, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road. For more information, e-mail [wf.pflag@gmail.com](mailto:wf.pflag@gmail.com).

**FLY** (Fairfax Lesbian, Gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning Youth), a support group for youth in grades 7 through 12, will meet on April 5, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. and April 17, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road. For more information, e-mail [wf.pflag@gmail.com](mailto:wf.pflag@gmail.com).

**The Vienna Multiple Sclerosis support group** will meet on April 13, at 7 p.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park Street, NE. 703-768-4841.

**The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna** will hold an open house and registration for its Adventures in Learning program on April 14, from 10 a.m. - noon at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Cost is \$40 for the eight week session (April 21-June 16). 703-281-0538 or [office@scov.org](mailto:office@scov.org).

**Epiphany United Methodist Church's Adult Choir** will be presenting an Easter Cantata on April 17, at 11 a.m. For more information, contact [office@epiphanyumc.com](mailto:office@epiphanyumc.com) or 703-938-3494.

**All you can eat breakfast buffet**, April 17, 8 a.m. to noon, at the American Legion, 330 Center Street, N. Hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary, the breakfast is open to the public and offers all the breakfast standards, including omelettes to order. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. For more information or for parties of eight or more, call 703-625-5736.

**The Vision Impaired Resource Group of Vienna, Oakton** will meet on April 18, at 10:15 a.m. at the Patrick Henry Library. Mayor Jane Seeman will discuss upcoming Vienna program and plans. If you need a ride, call 703-255-0515 or 703-281-9679.

The **Sesquicentennial Committee** will meet on April 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the Vienna Community Center to plan activities to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Civil War buffs, re-enactors, teachers, students, genealogists, artists, business people, or anyone interested in the Civil War era are invited to attend and get involved! Contact: 703-994-9054 or [stuntzag@aol.com](mailto:stuntzag@aol.com).

**The Let's Move the Needle on Childhood Obesity event** will be on April 29, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mason Inn Conference Center and Hotel, 4352 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. The event is a call to action which aims to move the needle on childhood obesity by building a regional coalition, actively engaging the Northern Virginia community and providing access to information about this topic. Free. Presented by Inova Health Systems and the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia. 703-777-8577 or [tjohnson@jpevents.biz](mailto:tjohnson@jpevents.biz).

**Wesley UMC Preschool's Annual Yard and Bake Sale** will be on April 30, from 8 a.m. to noon (711 Spring Street, SE.) Spots are \$15 each or two for \$25. All proceeds will be used to purchase books for the school. [yardsaleforbooks@gmail.com](mailto:yardsaleforbooks@gmail.com).

**Dragon Fest**, a spring festival on the grounds of Green Hedges school, 415 Windover Ave., NW, will be held on May 7. There will be food, fun, games and prizes; for ages 3 and up. [www.greenhedges.org](http://www.greenhedges.org).

**The Social Justice Yard Sale** will be held on May 7, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Rain or shine. Cash and carry only. To benefit the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna, Our Daily Bread, Partner Church Circle and Mosaic Harmony.

**The 8th Annual X-OUT Poverty Golf Classic** is on June 9, at the 1757 Golf Club in Dulles VA. Sponsored by Five Talents in Vienna. For more information, to become an event sponsor or to play e-mail [jenniferruff@fivetalents.org](mailto:jenniferruff@fivetalents.org), call 703-242-6016 or visit [www.fivetalents.org](http://www.fivetalents.org).

**The 7th Annual Vienna Elementary PTA “Run for Fun” 5K and 1 mile fun run/walk** is on May 1. The USATF Certified 5K race has partnered with DC Road Runners Club, which brings a new registration system and the use of chronotrack timing system. Pre-register at [www.vienna5krun.org](http://www.vienna5krun.org). Participants are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item for the race’s food drive.

**The Women’s Center** will host several workshops during the month of April. All classes are held at the Women’s Center, 127 Park Street, N.E., Vienna. For more information or to register, go to [www.thewomenscenter.org](http://www.thewomenscenter.org) or call 703-281-2657. (The cost for each course is \$35/\$25 for members, unless otherwise noted.)

- April 5: Avoiding Divorce Court – How to Negotiate or Mediate a Property Settlement Agreement 7-9:30 p.m., \$45 registration fee / \$35 members, \$85 Couples Registration Fee / \$60 Couples Center Members
- April 14: Successful Resume Essentials 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- April 14: Reclaiming Your Future: Financial Planning During Separation and Divorce, 7-10 p.m., \$50 registration fee/ \$40 members
- April 16: Federal Job Application Workshop 10 a.m.- 12 p.m.
- April 28: Child and Spousal Support: The Realities Beyond Formulas 7-9 p.m., \$40 registration fee / \$30 for members

**The Vienna Women’s Club announces their 51st Holiday Bazaar** will take place on November 12, at the Vienna Community Center. Crafters and vendors needing information and an application should contact Diane Abel at 703-281-7494 or [dcabel@cox.net](mailto:dcabel@cox.net). The Bazaar is the club’s only fundraiser and supports its scholarship program as well as donations to organizations serving the area communities.

**The Ayr Hill Garden Club** will present conservation tips, “A Fresh Look at the 3 R’s of Conservation” on April 25, 12:45 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Vienna. Free and open-to-the-public. 703-860-8390.

**Prescription Take Back Initiative:** On April 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., individuals can drop off old, expired, unused or unwanted medications at the Vienna Police Department Headquarters, 215 Center Street, South. All prescription medications, controlled or non-controlled substances, and over the counter drugs may be turned in anonymously. For more information, contact MPO Bill Murray at 571-251-0770 or [wmurray@viennava.gov](mailto:wmurray@viennava.gov).

**The Vienna Host Lions Club** had a successful Bland Contest on February 19 at the Assembly of God Church and the two finalists will compete in the regional Contest. Lions will be holding an annual “White Cane Days” in April asking for donations for their work helping the hearing and visually handicapped residents. A new fundraiser is “Lions Brooms” that are available for sale. Please e-mail [n.volpe8@verizon.net](mailto:n.volpe8@verizon.net) for information, price and delivery.

**The 2011 Summer on the Green Concert Series** kicks off May 13, with the U.S. Navy Band Commodores. All concerts are free and on the Town Green. Stay tuned for a complete concert schedule!

## APRIL TOWN MEETINGS

*Meetings are at 8 p.m. at Town Hall, unless otherwise noted.*

**Monday, 4th:** Town Council Meeting

**Thursday, 7th:** Police Chief’s Advisory Committee, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, 9th:** Town Council Budget Work Session, 11 a.m.

**Monday, 11th:** Town Council Budget Work Session, 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, 12th:** Mayor’s Advisory Committee Volunteer Reception, 8 p.m.

**Wednesday, 13th:** Planning Commission Meeting

**Thursday, 14th:** Town/Business Liaison Committee, 7 p.m.

## IN THE NEWS...

Vienna resident Dan Gropper received a Length of Service Award from the National Weather Service in February for his over 15 years of service as a member of WFO Sterling’s network of Cooperative Weather Observers. As a Cooperative Observer, Mr. Gropper has assisted the NWS by sending in temperature and precipitation data everyday, contributing to the National Weather Service’s Climate and Hydrology Programs.

On March 2, The American Legion Dyer Gunnel Post 180 recognized a Vienna Police Officer and a Vienna Firefighter for their dedication and service to the community. Mr. Corey Merdlar was awarded the Volunteer Firefighter of the Year Award and Master Police Officer Scott Leroux received the Police Officer of the Year Award in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the Town of Vienna.

**Tuesday, 19th:** Town Council Budget Work Session, 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, 20th:** Board of Zoning Appeals

**Thursday, 21st:** Board of Architectural Review

**Monday, 25th:** Town Council Meeting

**Tuesday, 26th:** Transportation Safety Commission

**Wednesday, 27th:** Planning Commission

**Thursday, 28th:** Community Enhancement Commission, 7:30 p.m.

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## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

*From the Vienna Newsletter Archives*

**April 2001:** Through the Fairfax County Office for Children’s web site, called Child Care Central, county residents can perform a variety of tasks online any time of day. Parents can search for child care services and obtain information on child care costs and subsidized child care. Child care providers can find out how to apply for a child care permit and locate professional training opportunities.

**April 1991:** A physical disability need not prevent kids from enjoying one’s childhood pleasures- Little League Baseball. Vienna Little League has formed a special league for handicapped youth age 6 through 18. Team sponsors have been found, new uniforms provided and games scheduled.

**April 1981:** Several Vienna residents will be spending Easter weekend, April 18-20, in Vienna’s Sister City of Ceret, France. They are members of Les Compagnons de la Parole Francaise (Friends of the French Language), dedicated to promoting Franco-American understanding and friendship. Ceret has been home to a number of artists, including Picasso and Braque, and it is also known for its cherries, the first to arrive in the French markets each year.

**April 1971:** Minibikes will no longer be allowed to use previously authorized trails at Northside Park. Council’s decision came as a result of a public hearing on April 12, attended by a majority of residents of homes abutting the park who protested the abuse of the trails by motorcycles, dune buggies and even cars.

## ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING

The Community Enhancement Commission and the Town of Vienna invite you to celebrate Arbor Day 2011 at a tree planting ceremony at Town Hall, 127 Center Street, South on Wednesday, April 20, at 3 p.m. For more information or in case of inclement weather, call 703-255-6360.

## STREET SWEEPING

Spring street sweeping continues this month. The town has been divided into eight sections for cleaning, and 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 703-255-6381 or visit [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov) for information.