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TOWN OFFICES CLOSED FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY

Town offices will be closed on Monday, February 20, in observance of President's Day. Trash will be collected as normal. The Vienna Community Center will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; no classes will be held.

SPECIAL PICKUP PROGRAM RESUMES THIS MONTH

Vienna's Special Pickup program resumes this month. To dispose of furniture, homeowner-generated building materials, brush and other debris not included in the regular trash collection, residents can order a Special Pickup. Place discards at the curbside, then call the Special Pickup recording at 703-255-5727 and be prepared to leave the following information: your name, address, daytime phone number, amount and type of debris. Special Pickups can also be arranged online at www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=145. *View page 5 for more information on the Special Pickup Program.*

COUNCIL TO CONSIDER CHANGES TO TOWN'S TRASH, RECYCLING AND SPECIAL PICKUP PROGRAMS

The Vienna Town Council is considering changes to the Town's refuse program as part of the Fiscal Year 2013 budget process. Any changes made to the Town's refuse program will not go into effect until July 1, 2012. During this process, the Town will continue its current trash, recycling and Special Pickup Programs. For information on the proposed changes, visit www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=806.

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER LEAF MULCH

Wednesday, February 29, is the last day to order a free delivery of ground leaf mulch from the Public Works Department. To place your order, call 703-255-6388 and leave your name, address, daytime phone number and the number of loads to be delivered. One load is estimated to be 2.5 cubic yards (equivalent to 33-34 store bought bags.) Half loads are also available. Orders may also be placed online at www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=164. Please note the following important conditions:

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

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

FEBRUARY TOWN MEETINGS

Meetings are at Town Hall, 127 Center Street, South, at 8 p.m.
unless otherwise noted.

Thursday, 2nd: Police Chief's
Advisory Committee, 7 p.m.

Monday, 6th: Town Council
Meeting

Tuesday, 7th: Windover Heights
Board of Review, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 8th: Planning
Commission

Thursday, 9th: Town/Business
Liaison Committee, 7 p.m.

Monday, 13th: Town Council
Work Session

Wednesday, 15th: Board of
Zoning Appeals

Thursday, 16th: Board of
Architectural Review; Bicycle
Advisory Committee, Lower
Level Conference Room

Wednesday, 22nd: Planning
Commission

Thursday, 23rd: Community
Enhancement Commission,
7:30 p.m.

Monday, 27th: Town Council
Meeting (Proposed FY 2013
Budget Available)

Tuesday, 28th: Transportation
Safety Commission

UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **Changes to the Refuse Program:** Town Council will continue a public hearing on January 30 on proposed changes to the Town Code regarding refuse storage, collection and disposal.
- **Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act (PPEA) and the Public-Private Transportation Act (PPTA) Guidelines:** Town Council will consider the adoption of guidelines so the Town can undergo PPEA/PPTA projects.

VIENNA BUSINESS ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the following Vienna Businesses who will celebrate milestone anniversaries in February 2012.

40 Years

*Home Builders

20 Years

*Aditi Bistro

*Tuscarora Valley Beef Farm

10 Years

*KWE

*Parcel Plus

TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

Town Council minutes, agendas and meeting videos are available online at www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=567. For a hard copy of the most recent approved Town Council meeting minutes, please contact the Town Clerk at 703-255-6303 or clerk@viennava.gov.

TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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Vienna, Virginia

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VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

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Public Works Director	Dennis Johnson, P.E.	703-255-6380

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

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

These businesses received business licenses during the month of December.

ST International, LLC

Consultant

224 Commons Dr, NW
703-772-9400

Massage Envy

Massage Therapy

126 Branch Rd, SE
703-626-7713

Kabob Tavern

Kabob

523 Maple Ave., W
202-705-7006

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AVAILABLE

The Town of Vienna's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, is now available for review online at www.viennava.gov/Archive.aspx?AMID=39. It is also available for review in the Finance Department at Town Hall or can be purchased for \$5 per copy.

The report summarizes the Town's financial position and results of operations of the various funds and account groups. It also includes the Auditor's Report on FYE 2011, information on internal controls for managing and safeguarding Town assets, and selected financial and demographic information from the last ten years.

According to the report, the Town ended last fiscal year in stable financial condition. General and Debt Service funds had combined revenues of \$21,287,438, an increase of \$469,520, or 2.2 percent, over the previous fiscal year. Other local taxes accounted for all of the increase, rising by \$779,137, or 12 percent over the preceding year. The change was due to the vehicle license fee implemented last year and a 6 percent increase in meals and lodging tax collections.

Total expenditures of the General and Debt Service funds declined by \$87,945 or 1 percent from the year before. The

decrease was primarily due to a reduction in transfers out of the General Fund.

Last year's Water and Sewer operating revenues were up slightly by \$231,725, or 4 percent, to end the year at \$6,071,383, primarily due to an increase in sewer rates. Operating expenses ended the year at \$5,521,436, down \$240,774 or 4.2 percent due to decreases in all expense categories.

\$1,926,667 worth of 1996, 1998, 1999, 2002 and 2006 general obligation debt was retired last year, offset by \$4,990,000 in new general obligation debt, bringing total outstanding debt to \$12,180,002 at the end of last year. The balance is the equivalent of about 4/10ths of a percent of the Town's 2010 taxable assessed values, well below the constitutional limit of ten percent and well within the Town's debt retirement capacity.

The Town's cash was invested in the Commonwealth of Virginia Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) and interest-bearing deposit and cash accounts during the year. Interest income for the year declined by \$15,296, or 22 percent, to end the year at \$54,141, reflecting market yields that for the year averaged .27 percent as compared to .3 percent the year before.

TOWN ACHIEVES CLASS 8 RATING IN FEMA'S COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM

On Monday, January 9, FEMA representative Mari Radford presented the Town of Vienna with a plaque in recognition of Vienna's move from a Class 9 community to a Class 8 in FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS) program, a program that includes ten class rating levels based on the number and types of activities voluntarily initiated by the community.

The Town of Vienna participates in FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and as part of this program, the CRS program recognizes communities that choose to go above and beyond the minimum requirements for NFIP participation. The Town of Vienna is one of only 20 Virginia communities to qualify for participation in the CRS program.

The Class 8 rating qualifies each Vienna NFIP policy holder for an average \$42 savings on their annual premium. Overall, the rating change results in a total annual savings of \$5,072 for all NFIP policy holders in town.



Dennis Johnson, Director of Public Works, is presented with a plaque by Mari Radford, FEMA Mitigation Planner.

BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWAL DEADLINE: MARCH 1

Town businesses are reminded that March 1 is the deadline for payment of the annual business, professional, and occupational license (BPOL) tax. All businesses in the Town of Vienna, including home occupations, must renew their business licenses 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. For more information or assistance in figuring license taxes, call 703-255-6321.

SEWER BACKUPS ARE EXPENSIVE; BACKUP INSURANCE IS NOT!

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

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

RECYCLING AT NORTHSIDE: DROP OFF USED MOTOR OIL, ANTIFREEZE AND BATTERIES

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries is Saturday, March 3 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 remanufactured 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.

NO WHITE GOODS IN SPECIAL PICKUPS

White goods are not collected as part of the Special Pickup program. White goods include stoves, dishwashers, refrigerators, window air conditioners, whole house air conditioners, microwave ovens, large toaster ovens, hot water heaters, garbage disposals, washing machines, dryers, cook-tops, dehumidifiers, and furnaces.

RECYCLING EVENTS

Electric Sunday

February 26, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

I-66 Transfer Station

4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax

Fairfax County residents can recycle televisions, computers and peripheral devices, and unbroken fluorescent light bulbs and tubes.



Recycling at Northside Property Yard

March 3, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

600 Mill Street, SE, Vienna

Drop off used motor oil, antifreeze and batteries.

SPECIAL PICKUPS RESUME

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Please call the Special Pickup number as soon as debris is placed at the curbside. Piles of trash that go uncollected for weeks on end because of residents' failure to call for a Special Pickup are an eyesore and a potential health and safety hazard. It is illegal to place debris in the public right-of-way without arranging for a Special Pickup. When an illegal pile of trash is spotted by or reported to Town personnel, the resident will receive a notice to call for a Special Pickup within 48 hours. If no action is taken by the resident after the notice is issued, the Town will seek legal remedy to gain compliance.

Each residence is allowed two free Special Pickup loads each year. Additional pickups may be arranged at a charge of \$75 per load for all items except brush; additional loads of brush will be charged at \$25 each. Each Special Pickup is limited to one single-axle dump truck load.

If you employ contractors for home renovations or other services, they must take any waste away with them. The Town's Special Pickup program is meant to aid residents in disposing of bulky materials after performing the work themselves. Contractor-generated

waste material will not be picked up.

Special Pickups are for the sole use of the property where the trash has been generated and cannot be transferred to another property in the town. All items must be placed at the curb or edge of pavement in front of your property. Discards should not be placed so that they block the sidewalk or street, are under power lines or trees, or are close to shrubs, walls or vehicles. Place all piles in an open area accessible to a crane truck.

PLEASE REVIEW THESE GUIDELINES BEFORE CALLING FOR YOUR SPECIAL PICKUP

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

1. Discarded furniture (except plastic), swing sets and playground equipment (except plastic).
2. Sod and brush. Brush must be separated from other Special Pickup materials.
3. 300 pounds of scrap metal, small automobile parts such as engine blocks, transmissions and tires. All tires must be removed from the rim.
4. Trees and limbs of a diameter greater than 1½ inches and less than 6 inches, and no more than 8 feet in length.
5. Building materials (not generated by contractor), which include the following items: wood, broken concrete, bricks or block, fences, drywall and paneling. Each residence is limited to 300 pounds (approximately two wheelbarrow loads) of masonry items such as concrete, brick, block, stone, rock, etc. per pickup. If you employ contractors for home renovations or other services, they must take any waste away with them. The Town's Special Pickup program is meant to aid residents in disposing of bulky materials after performing the work themselves. Contractor-generated waste material will not be picked up.

All sharp items such as box cutters, razors, saw blades, and large panes of glass should be wrapped in several layers of newspaper. In the interest of safety, parents should caution their children not to play in or around debris placed at the curb for a Special Pickup.

The Public Works Department will not pick up the following items:

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

THE BENEFITS OF TOWN OF VIENNA LEAF MULCH

By Maureen Alonso, Community Enhancement Commission

This is the time of year that piles of mulch are beginning to appear in driveways around town. Did you know that this mulch is free and so is the delivery? This mulch is made from leaves that have been collected locally from the properties of town residents, which are then partially composted in the town yard during the winter months and then delivered back to many of the properties from where it originally came.

This leaf compost provides a local, sustainable option for providing organic matter to your garden and is one of the best kept secrets available to town residents. This leaf compost is an excellent mulch source for your landscape and or vegetable garden. Simply apply a two to three inch layer of shredded leaves to your beds. The mulch will help the soil retain moisture, stay cool and limit weed seed germination. As a bonus, the leaves will add nutrients to the soil as they break down, and the worms and soil microorganisms will work on them as well, resulting in lighter, fluffier soil over time.

If you are interested in creating vegetable beds you may add an even greater amount of leaf compost to the soil in these beds to create an excellent soil loam which is ideal for growing edibles.

TOWN ELECTION FILING DEADLINE

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

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

FIREPLACE SAFETY - CAN YOUR ASHES

In light of the recent fatal fire apparently caused by live embers thrown out near a home, please be reminded of these fireplace safety tips:

- Have your chimney inspected annually, and cleaned as necessary.
- When cleaning the fireplace, store ashes in a non-combustible container with a tight fitting lid and place the container away from the house. **Do not** place ash containers on decks, porches or in garages.
- Dispose of ashes in a metal container.
- Never leave a fireplace fire unattended.
- Make sure the fire is completely out before going to bed or leaving the house.
- Allow ashes to cool before disposing in a metal container. (Sometimes it takes four days for ashes to cool down.)
- Call 911 immediately when a fire occurs. Residents should not attempt to extinguish the fire themselves.
- Teach all family members to be safe with ashes from your fireplace or wood-burning stove.

For more information on fireplace safety, visit the U.S. Fire Administration's Fireplace and Home Fire Safety website at www.usfa.fema.gov/citizens/home_fire_prev/heating/fireplace.shtm.

STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE TOWN OF VIENNA



If you haven't already, you should 'like' the Town on Facebook and 'follow' us on Twitter!



The Town of Vienna uses these social media platforms to provide information quickly on town activities, events, programs and policies, as well as to disseminate emergency information.

So, if you haven't already- find us on Facebook and Twitter!

Facebook: www.facebook.com/TownofViennaVA

Twitter: www.twitter.com/TownofViennaVA

Sign up for Vienna Community Alerts- an e-mail and SMS text service- to get Town information straight to your inbox! Select "Notify Me" on www.viennava.gov.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS TO BE HONORED

Mayor M. Jane Seeman invites you to nominate an outstanding volunteer in recognition of his/her service to the Town of Vienna. Mayor Seeman plans to honor these volunteers at the Mayor's Volunteer Reception on Tuesday, April 10. Please fill out and return this form to Mayor Seeman at the address provided below. Nominations must be submitted before March 1, 2012.

NOMINATION FORM FOR OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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

Name of nominating person or organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BEFORE MARCH 1, 2012, TO:
MAYOR M. JANE SEEMAN
CHARLES A. ROBINSON, JR., TOWN HALL
127 CENTER STREET, SOUTH
VIENNA, VA 22180**

CASINO NIGHT

When: Saturday, March 3

Time: 7 p.m. to Midnight

Where: Westwood Country Club

Tickets: \$85 pre-sale/ \$95 at the door



ViennaTysons
Regional Chamber of Commerce

Mark your calendars now for the Taste of the Town & Monte Carlo Casino Night! Join us at the Westwood Country Club, 800 Maple Ave., E, on Saturday, March 3, from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. for an evening of casino gaming and tasty delights as over 15 restaurants will be sampling their favorite dishes FREE of charge. Represented last year were favorites such as Capital Grille, Lebanese Taverna and the Pie Gourmet. Your ticket to the event is all you'll need to live it up til midnight.

Want to get involved? Donations of prizes are welcome. Sponsorships available also to highlight your business, civic organization or club. To donate, sponsor or for more information call the Chamber office 703-281-1333 or email info@vtrcc.org or James Cudney at james@cudney.org with CASINO NIGHT in the subject line. We look forward to seeing you there!

OWL WALK: EXPERIENCE NORTHSIDE PARK AT NIGHT

When: Sunday, February 5, 5 p.m.

Where: Northside Park, meet at entrance off of W&OD Trail

Free and appropriate for all ages! *Note:* The tour will follow a rocky and uneven path along the perimeter of the park. Participants should bring a flashlight and wear good walking shoes.



Experience the outdoors at night and get to know the nighttime wildlife at Northside Park (Mill Street, NE at W&OD and Glyndon Street, NE) on Sunday, February 5, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Led by Fairfax Master Naturalist Wendy Cardany, "Owl Walk" will provide participants with the opportunity to experience the park at night and use their ears instead of their eyes to identify our wild neighbors. The tour will include a presentation on the Barred Owl, a resident of Northside Park, as well as a game for younger participants.

For more information, contact Cathy Salgado at 703-255-6356 or e-mail csalgado@viennava.gov.



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YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Heard of "Vienna Green Homes" but not sure what it is? Get your questions answered below and find out how you can get involved.

What is the Vienna Green Homes Initiative?

The Vienna Green Homes Initiative promotes reduced household energy consumption by recognizing builders, homeowners and others choosing to build or renovate their homes to meet the branded energy efficiency requirements of a third party certifier. The program will also recognize homeowners and builders who invest substantially in solar and geothermal technologies.

Why did the Community Enhancement Commission (CEC) create this program?

The CEC seeks to increase public recognition and understanding of the benefits of independent branding of energy efficient homes and to publicly recognize Vienna residents, builders and other leaders in home energy efficiency. The brands include Energy Star, Earth Craft House, LEED for Homes and Passive House Institute US.

How do Vienna residents and businesses benefit from this program?

Participating businesses will benefit from the public recognition.

Owners of certified energy efficient homes will enjoy lower utility bills, inside air quality improved by fresh air exchange enhancements, reduced noise intrusion, increased natural light using Energy Star or better windows and high-efficiency lighting packages. These attributes are likely to support a stronger resale.

Lowered demand for electricity and natural gas allows all residents to share in the benefits associated with reduced impacts from extraction and consumption of coal and natural gas.

What is the cost to participate?

The Vienna Green Homes is a free public recognition initiative.

How can someone be recognized?

Any person may recommend a Vienna homeowner, builder or architect to the Community Enhancement Commission.

To learn more, contact the Director of Parks and Recreation at csalgado@viennava.gov or 703-255-6356 or visit the Town's web site at www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=803.

NEWS FROM VIENNA PARKS & RECREATION

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

Register for Parks & Recreation classes online at: www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=545.

Spring registration begins Feb. 13 for in-town and Feb. 21 for out-of-town participants.

TRIPS

Philadelphia Flower Show, Wed., March 7, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. From towering waterfalls and waves of orchids, to glowing volcanoes and serene sunsets, the 2012 Flower Show is an immersion in the dramatic landscapes and tranquil spirit of Hawaii. Cost is \$72 for residents and \$90 for out-of-town participants.

SPORTS AND FITNESS

Vienna "Wood Bat" Softball Tournament, for ages 18 and up, March 17 and 18, at Southside Park. The tournament will be double elimination and fee includes at least two games. Wood bats and balls will be provided by the Town of Vienna. A roster and \$50 non-refundable deposit is required at the time of registration. Registration will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis and ends Fri., Feb. 24. For a tournament package, contact Enrique Guzman at 703-255-6352 or eguzman@viennava.gov.

Vienna Men's Softball League will begin play on April 16 and all games will be played at Southside Park. A temporary roster and \$100 non-refundable deposit is required at the time of registration. Registration is accepted on a first come, first serve basis; registration deadline is Fri., Feb. 24. Team fee is \$550. For more information, contact Enrique Guzman at eguzman@viennava.gov or 703-255-6352.

JUST FOR TEENS

Dining Skills and Etiquette for Teens will be held on Sat., Feb. 11, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Learn everything you want to know about table manners. For ages 13 to 17; fee is \$40 for residents and \$50 for out-of-town participants.

Teens Ready to Work, for ages 14 to 19, will be held on Sat., Feb. 11 and 18, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. The course will give teens concentrated skills and tools needed to get a job. For more information, visit www.jpcoaching4teens.com. The cost is \$100 for residents and \$125 for out-of-town participants.

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens, for ages 12 to 19, will be held on Sat., Feb. 11 and 18, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. An interactive 2-day workshop gives young people a set of proven tools to deal successfully with real life. The cost is \$175 for residents and \$200 for out-of-town participants. "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens" book is required and can be purchased from the instructor for \$15.

POTPOURRI

Photo Contest and Exhibit, March 15 through March 18. Entries accepted Thurs., March 15, 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Fri., March 16, 12 noon to 3:45 p.m. Exhibit open Sat., March 17, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sun., March 18, 12 noon to 3:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$10 per person, limit four photos with a maximum of two in any category. Open to metropolitan area amateur photographers.

Open Mic Night at the Vienna Community Center, Sat. Feb. 18, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Open to all ages and levels of talent. Performers must pre-register by calling Jim Dowell at 703-286-3472 (day) or 703-207-0030 (evening). Free and open to the public.

Estate Planning Made Simple will be held on Mon., Feb. 13, 10 to 11:30 a.m. No registration required. Free.

"Today's Technology for Baby Boomers and Beyond" will be held on Mondays, February 6, 13 and 27 from 1:40 to 2:40 p.m. The program will provide participants with the necessary tools to keep up with all the technologies that society uses on a regular basis. The cost is \$26.25 for residents and \$33 for out-of-town participants.

Annapolis Blue Grass Concert, Sun., Feb. 12, 1:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. Free. Seating is first come, first serve. Space is limited.

BE A VIENNA "WATT WATCHER"

Watch your energy usage by taking part in the Vienna Watt Watcher program. Check out a whole-house energy monitor or an individual appliance meter from the Vienna Community Center, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Vienna residents are encouraged to checkout one of these tools to gauge how much energy your household is using and to make changes to help save on your electricity bill!

A small refundable deposit is required to check out equipment. The deposit is refunded upon equipment return. Questions? Contact Cathy Salgado at 703-255-6356 or csalgado@viennava.gov.

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

The Vienna (Host) Lions Club will hold its 49th annual Bland Music Competition on Sat., Feb. 11 at 12:30 p.m. at the Assembly of God Church, 100 Ayr Hill Avenue, in Vienna. Local students through 12th grade can compete in the competition, with winners moving on to district, regional and state competition in vocal and instrumental categories. For information and an application form, call Nancy Volpe at 703-938-7716 or e-mail n.volpe8@verizon.net. Deadline is February 4.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 180 is sponsoring an **Americanism Essay Contest** for students in grades 3 through 12. Cash prizes will be awarded. This year's theme is, "How can I show my patriotism in my community?" Submission deadline is March 1, 2012. For more information, contact Ruth Decker at 703-242-7082.

Your old magazines and paperback books are welcomed by detainees at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center through the Literacy Project, sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Fairfax County Chapter. Regular donors may leave publications in sturdy plastic bags at the usual location on the last Tuesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Be sure to remove mailing labels from magazines.) First-time donors may call Florence Roseborough at 703-281-2498 for information.

The Vienna Host Lions Club has a Vehicle Donation Program. Please think of your local LIONS Club when you search for a worthy organization to which to donate your car. Funds raised are used to help area residents with sight and hearing deficiencies. Please contact Lion Frank Vigezzi at 703-938-4514 or at nanabanana810@verizon.net.

The Women's Center will host several workshops during the month of February. All classes are held at The Women's Center (TWC), 127 Park St., NE or at Vienna Presbyterian Church (VPC), 124 Park St., NE. For more information or to register, visit www.thewomenscenter.org or call 703-281-2657, ext. 276. The cost for each course is \$35 registration fee/\$25 for Members, unless otherwise noted.

- **Reclaiming Your Future: Financial Planning During Separation & Divorce;** Thurs., Feb. 2, 6:30-9:30 p.m. \$50 Registration Fee/\$40 Members; Held at TWC
- **Beating The Sugar Blues;** Mon., Feb. 6, 7-9 p.m.; Held at TWC
- **Understanding and Dealing with Bullying;** Thurs., Feb. 9, 7-9 p.m.; Held at TWC
- **Six Savvy Steps to Speaking with Ease** (2-part workshop); Saturdays, Feb. 11 and Feb. 18, 10 a.m.- 12 noon \$60 Registration Fee/\$50 Members Held at VPC
- **Journaling for Healing and Well-Being** Sat., Feb. 11, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; \$100 Registration Fee/\$85 Members; Held at TWC

- **You're Hired! Interview Skills to Get the Job;** Thurs., Feb. 16, 7-9 p.m. Held at TWC
- **Avoiding Divorce Court I;** Thurs., Feb. 16, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.; \$40 Registration Fee/\$30 Members; Held at VPC
- **Avoiding Divorce Court II;** Thurs., Feb. 23, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.; \$40 Registration Fee/\$30 Members; Held at TWC
- **Women & Constructive Criticism** Sat., Feb. 25 10 a.m. - 12 noon; Held at TWC
- **Beating The Sugar Blues;** Mon., Feb. 27, 7 - 9 p.m.; Held at TWC

The Western Fairfax PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) support group and **FLY** (Fairfax Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning Youth), a PFLAG support and social group for youth ages 12 (with parental permission) to 19, will meet on Tues., Feb. 7, 7:30-9:00 p.m. and Sun., Feb. 19, 3:00-4:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax at 2709 Hunter Mill Road. E-mail wf.pflag@gmail.com or find us on Facebook – Fairfax LGBTQ Youth.

Marshall Road Elementary School and its PTA present the **50th Anniversary Benefit and Auction Gala** in honor of Marshall Road Elementary School, Fri., March 23, 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Westwood Country Club. Cost \$50.00 per person includes heavy appetizer buffet and dessert. \$75.00 at the door.

Unless specifically noted as an event conducted or sponsored by the Town of Vienna, the events listed are published for informational purposes only. The listing of these events does not constitute an endorsement of the content of the event or necessarily reflect any policy or position of the Town of Vienna or its employees.

Marshall Road Elementary School PTA is seeking donations for the annual Silent Auction on March 8. Sponsors receive recognition both at a 50th anniversary event and online. Funds raised will go towards building a track at the school, technology and other needs. Please contact Ingrid Rapavy at ingridrapavy@verizon.net or 703-938-4570.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 180 will hold a Breakfast Buffet on Sun., Feb. 19, from 8 a.m. to noon. Adults \$8, children \$3. Open to the public. 330 Center St., N. Includes Omelettes, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, etc. For more information, call 703-938-6580.

The Vienna Host Lions Club meets at the American Legion Hall in Vienna, 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings, 6:15 p.m. Social time followed by dinner and a speaker. Visit our website www.viennahostlionsva.lionwap.org to learn more about the Lions. 703-938-7716 or n.volpe8@verizon.net.

The Cub Scouts from Pack 152 hold their monthly meeting every third Wednesday of the month at Wesley United Methodist Church, 700 Spring Street SE, at 7 p.m. The age group ranges from 1st to 5th grade. Local community involvement, fun activities, weekend outings. For more information contact the cub master Friderike Butler at 703-599-9079.

Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary is sponsoring a Scrapbooking weekend on Fri., March 9, 6 p.m. to midnight and Sat., March 10, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Fire Department hall, 400 Center St., S. Registration costs \$45 before Jan. 27, \$50 before Feb. 29, and \$55 after Feb. 29. For information and an application contact Lisa Emerson at lisaemerson3@verizon.net or 703-981-4504.

The Lou Neeley Experience at the Vienna American Legion, Fri., Feb. 3, 7:30 p.m., American Legion Post 180, 330 Center Street, N. Free, open to the public. Entertainer and fabulous guitarist/singer Lou Neeley provides an extensive variety of music (country, blues, pop, jazz) to please everyone. Chili Cook-Off, 6:30 p.m.

The Ayr Hill Garden Club will host Fairfax County Wildlife Biologist Victoria Monroe on Mon., Feb. 27, at 10:45 a.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road. Ms. Monroe will speak about deer, geese and other urban wildlife in Fairfax County. The program is open to the public. Visitors should park in front of the church and walk around to the back entrance. If interested in attending, email Pam Weiss at plhweiss@yahoo.com.

Epiphany Preschool, an outreach of Epiphany United Methodist Church, is now registering new students for the 2012/2013 school year. To schedule a tour or for more information, please contact us at 703-938-2391 or epiphanypreschool@vacoxmail.com.

Vienna Little League is celebrating its 60th anniversary of baseball in Vienna in 2012. Registration for Vienna Little League is open through January for all levels of play from T-Ball (age 5) through Majors (age 12). Registration may be completed on-line at <http://vll.org>.

Chapter 227 Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. will hold its chapter meeting on Thurs., Feb. 16, 7:30 p.m. at Neighbor's Restaurant in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center. LeRoi Mason, a Vietnam veteran and former 37-year incarcerated Virginia prisoner, will discuss his current successful program, "Returning Citizens," that prevents military veterans from returning to prison after being released. Admission is free. General public is welcome. For more information, call 703-255-0353 or visit www.vva227.org.

The Vienna Girl's Softball League (VGSL) is currently accepting registrations for the spring season. Register before February 24 to guarantee your spot and avoid late fees. Girls ages 4 to 18 are welcome to play. Please visit www.vgsl.org for more information.

The Women's Center is hosting the 26th Annual Leadership Conference at the McLean Hilton, Tysons Corner, VA, on Sat., March 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The theme this year is "Celebrating the Power of Resilience." For more information, visit www.thewomenscenter.org.

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THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

From the Vienna Newsletter Archives

February 2002: The Vienna Parks and Recreation Department has proposed creating an off-leash dog exercise area at Moorefield Park, an undeveloped Town park located on Courthouse Road, S.W., just off Nutley Street and adjacent to Fairfax County's Nottoway Park. The proposed Vienna dog park would be 13,500 square feet enclosed by a chain link fence five feet high. The site would include benches, "doggie bag" dispensers and waste receptacles, and a source of water for the dogs.

February 1992: The Town Council's public hearing on the proposed reconstruction of Cottage Street is set for February 24. The deteriorating condition of Cottage Street has led to this proposal. A recent soil analysis indicates that the subsoil structure is inadequate and the street needs to be undercut and filled with enough material to extend the life of the street by another 30 years.

February 1982: The Town Council has created a citizen action team to assist the Town staff in planning for the Vienna Metrorail station. The three-man group is known officially as the Vienna Area Metro Station Citizen Action Team (VAMSCAT). Its members are Bennett Moss, Neil Walp and Frank Willingham, all selected by Council because of their expertise in the fields of transportation planning, land development engineering and urban affairs.

February 1972: The Town Council is considering the advisability of a parking prohibition along one side of Cottage Street from Tapawingo Road to Cedar Lane, at least during peak traffic periods. A parking prohibition for the section of Lawyers Road near the Church Street intersection is also being considered, with no left turn being permitted from Lawyers on to Church.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ON YOUR WATER AND SEWER BILL

Your first water and sewer bill of 2012 will be green instead of yellow to bring attention to important information on the Town's public hearing process for setting water and sewer rates.

MODEL RAILROAD OPEN HOUSE & DISPLAY

View a Model Railroad on Saturday, February 18, from 1 to 5 p.m. in the historic Vienna Depot, located at 231 Dominion Road, NE. Admission is free; donations are accepted.

The layout depicts the Western North Carolina Railroad during the period of transition from steam to diesel. The Open House also features Thomas the Tank Engine and some of his friends.

For more information visit www.nvmr.org or call 703-938-5157.