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TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS UNDERWAY

Renovations on Town Hall's 40 year old HVAC system began mid-January and will continue through the end of October 2013. In addition to a new HVAC system, the renovations include new windows, lighting, flooring and ceilings, in addition to upgrading the building's security system. In an effort to improve efficiency, many of the upgrades include energy saving components including low energy lighting, triple pane windows and integral blinds.

While work is being performed, Town Hall will continue to observe normal operating hours, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4:30 pm. All services currently available at Town Hall will continue to be provided throughout the duration of the project.

Visitors are asked to be patient throughout the duration of the work as offices will be temporarily relocated while work is being performed in other parts of the building. In addition, meetings normally held in the Council Chambers have been moved during the month of February while the Chambers is being renovated.

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TOWN OFFICES CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS' DAY

Town offices will be closed on Monday, February 18, in observance of Presidents' Day.

Refuse will be collected as normal.

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

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER LEAF MULCH

Thursday, February 28, is the last day to order a free delivery of ground leaf mulch from the Public Works Department. To place your order, call (703) 255-6388 and leave your name, address, daytime phone number and the number of loads to be delivered. One load is estimated to be 2.5 cubic yards (equivalent to 33-34 store bought bags.) Half loads are also available. Orders may also be placed online at www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=164. Please note the following important conditions:

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

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

TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS

The following items are extracts of recent Town Council actions and are not official meeting minutes.

The most recent approved Town Council minutes, agendas and meeting videos are available online at www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=567.

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

December 17, 2012

- Approved an additional \$38,000 with Walker Parking Consultants for municipal parking structure engineering services.
- Approved a construction agreement with Navy Federal Credit Union for NFCU to upfront the \$1,000,000 Town share of a VDOT Revenue Sharing grant to rebuild Follin Lane SE from Maple Avenue to Echols Street in order to move the project along. The Town also adopted a reimbursement resolution to repay NFCU no later than December 31, 2014.
- Endorsed the 2012 Vienna Elementary School travel plan with the addition of Cottage Street SW.
- Awarded an RFP to Moseley Architects, P.C. for the Police Department Needs Assessment for an amount not to exceed \$125,590.
- Adopted changes to the Charter of the Town/Business Liaison Committee.

- Adopted changes regarding membership of the Community Enhancement Commission.

January 7, 2013

- Awarded multiple Walk to Downtown sidewalk design contracts to Rinker Design Associates including sections of: Beulah Road NE, Courthouse Road SW (north section), Lewis Street NW, Maple Avenue E, Pleasant Street SW, Saint Andrews Drive NE (*approved 4-3, Springsteen, Kelleher and Polychrones voting Nay*), Saint Bernard Drive NW (*approved 4-3, Springsteen, Kelleher and Polychrones voting Nay*), Wade Hampton Drive SW, Westbriar Drive NE, golf course side and Westbriar Drive NE, residential side (*approved 4-3, Springsteen, Kelleher and Polychrones voting Nay*).

- Approved additional purchasing from Dell Computers for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2013 at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.
- Approved the purchase of a Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicle at a total cost of \$26,408.50 and five Ford Police Interceptor vehicles at a total cost of \$139,625.15.
- Awarded a contract to Rinker Design Associates in an amount of \$53,671 for design of improvements at the Vienna Train Station.
- Appointed Finance Director Karen Spence as the Town Treasurer.
- Awarded a contract to Hughes Group Architects for the Vienna Community Center Expansion and Renovation Feasibility and Needs Assessment at a total cost of \$118,743.82.

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Deadline for the March issue is February 15.

UPCOMING COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

No public hearings are currently scheduled for the month of February.

Visit www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=453 for up-to-date public notices.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AVAILABLE

The Town of Vienna's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, 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 2012, 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 \$22,675,656, an increase of \$1,388,218, or 6.5 percent, over the previous fiscal year. The main drivers of this increase were meals taxes which rose \$235,970 or 13 percent, other local taxes which rose \$208,873 or 3.6 percent and property taxes which rose \$384,891 or 4.5 percent. The increase in other local taxes was mainly due to increases in business license taxes. The meals taxes increase was mainly due to a number of new restaurants and general increased business.

Total expenditures of the General and Debt Service funds increased by \$640,587 or 2.8 percent from last year. The increase was due to a salary increase for personnel, increased

equipment purchases in the General Fund and web site development costs.

Last year's Water and Sewer operating revenues were down by \$6,066 or 0.1 percent, to end the year at \$6,065,317, primarily due to a 3.8 percent decrease in the water rate. Operating expenses ended the year at \$6,223,267, up \$687,333 or 12.4 percent due to unexpected increases in the sewer treatment rate and increased depreciation expense over FY 2011.

General obligation debt of \$1,636,667 from issues dated 1998, 1999, 2002, 2006 and 2010 was retired during the year, bringing the total outstanding general obligation debt to \$10,543,335 at year end. This balance represented 0.3 percent of the fiscal 2012 assessed property values, well below the constitutional limit of ten percent and well within the Town's debt retirement capacity.

The Town's cash reserves were invested in U.S. Government Securities and interest-bearing deposit and cash accounts during the year. At year-end, \$23,754,915 or 92.5 percent was invested in the State's Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) accounts. Total interest income for the year was \$38,395, down \$15,733 from the year before. The 29 percent decrease was due to continued declines in the market yields for 2012, which averaged 0.15 percent compared to 0.207 percent the year before.

TOWN ELECTION FILING DEADLINE

Tuesday, March 5, is the filing deadline for candidates in the May 7 Town election. This year, voters will elect 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.

FEBRUARY TOWN MEETINGS

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

Please note various location changes due to renovations occurring at Town Hall.

Monday, 4th: Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, 5th: Windover Heights Board of Review, Community Center, 120 Cherry Street SE

Monday, 11th: Town Council Work Session

Wednesday, 13th: Planning Commission, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center Street S

Thursday, 14th: Town/Business Liaison Committee, 7 pm, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department

Wednesday, 20th: Board of Architectural Review, 6:30 pm and Board of Zoning Appeals, 8 pm, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department

Thursday, 21st: Bicycle Advisory Committee, Vienna Community Center

Monday, 25th: Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, 26th: Transportation Safety Commission, Community Center

Wednesday, 27th: Planning Commission CANCELLED

Thursday, 28th: Community Enhancement Commission, 7:30 pm, Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room

TAX-AIDE PROGRAM AT SUNTRUST BANK

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

Tax-Aide volunteers are trained to assist with filing the 1040 form and the more standard of the schedules, including Schedules A and B. (Taxpayers with complex tax returns are advised to seek paid tax assistance.) Since 1968, AARP Tax-Aide volunteers, trained in cooperation with the Internal

Revenue Service, has helped nearly 50 million taxpayers file their tax returns each year.

From February 1 through April 15, Tax-Aide volunteers will be at SunTrust Bank, 515 Maple Ave E, Monday through Friday from 10 am to 2 pm. No appointment is required. You do not have to be retired or a member of AARP to benefit from this free program.

All tax returns will be filed electronically. All taxpayers MUST bring a government-issued picture ID and Social Security cards or other official documentation for yourself and all dependents. For more

information, call 1-888-227-7669 or visit www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide.

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

FEBRUARY RECYCLING EVENTS

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

Sunday, February 24: Electric Sunday, 10 am to 3 pm, I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax

Vienna Recycling

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

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.

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

These businesses received business licenses during the month of December.

Cocoa Vienna

Chocolate Shop

120-A Church Street NE

(703) 865-8881

Main Street Home Improvement

Contractor

105 Patrick Street SE

(703) 587-7762

Eyecare Center Group

Optometrist

125-B Pleasant Street SW

(703) 470-8274

PostNet

Packaging and Shipping

320 Maple Avenue W

(703) 261-6300

Pure Performance

Softball Instructions

514 Mill Street NE

(571) 332-2052

TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS IMPACT *(Continued from front page)*

Financial Services Relocated

Throughout the duration of the project, all financial services including water and sewer bills and customer service, dog licenses, vehicle licenses, business licenses, meals taxes, parking tickets and all other cashier services will be located in a temporary facility behind Town Hall.

The current Finance space located on the first floor of Town Hall will serve as swing space and house services that are being impacted due to work occurring in other parts of the building. Temporary signage will be used to indicate the location of temporary workspace of impacted departments.

Construction Schedule

The work will be completed in phases and is approximately scheduled as follows:

- January - May: Phase I - Renovation of Town Council Chambers and 2nd floor offices

- May - August: Phase II - Renovation of 1st floor offices
- August - October: Phase III - Renovation of lower level offices

Council Chamber February Meeting Schedule

While the Chambers is undergoing renovations, Town Council meetings and court will be held as scheduled in the Chambers. All other boards and commission meetings will be moved to off-site locations for February. All meetings will remain open to the public and will be held at their regularly scheduled time unless otherwise indicated.

- 2/5: Windover Heights Board of Review – Community Center Auditorium, 7:30 pm
- 2/13: Planning Commission – Flame Room, VVFD
- 2/14: Town/Business Liaison Committee – Flame Room, VVFD, 7 pm

- 2/20: Board of Zoning Appeals – Flame Room, VVFD
- 2/20: Board of Architectural Review – Flame Room, VVFD, 6:30 pm
- 2/26: Transportation Safety Commission – Community Center, R123
- 2/27: Planning Commission – CANCELLED
- 2/28: Community Enhancement Commission – Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room, 7:30 pm

For specific questions related to the renovation, contact the Department of Public Works at (703) 255-6380 or jsergent@viennava.gov. For all other inquiries, contact Public Information at (703) 255-6330 or pio@viennava.gov.

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 2 from 8 am to 2 pm at Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill Street NE (entrance at the dead end of the street). This service of the Public Works Department provides citizens a convenient and environmentally responsible way to dispose of vehicle waste products. For more information, call (703) 255-6380.

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.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS: PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Transportation Safety Commission (TSC) is seeking interested Town residents to serve on the newly established Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC), a subcommittee to the TSC.

The PAC is tasked with looking at pedestrian-focused issues such as prioritizing sidewalk projects, resubmitting a new sidewalk list to the TSC for consideration and research streetlight issues along sidewalks and bike routes. The goal is to include commuters, walking enthusiasts and recreational walkers. The only requirement is you must be a Town resident.

The PAC will be active for the next two years. Interested individuals should send an email to tsc@viennava.gov.

IS YOUR ORGANIZATION ON OUR LIST?

Vienna's Public Information Office maintains a list of civic associations and community organizations that is made available to new residents and other interested citizens. The list is also used to notify organizations of Town meetings and other activities of interest to them, and in case of an emergency.

To have your organization added to the list, or to update your current listing, contact the Public Information Office, 127 Center Street S, Vienna, VA 22180 or e-mail pio@viennava.gov. Please include your organization's mailing address, contact person with phone number and, if applicable, Web site and e-mail address.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the following businesses who will celebrate milestone anniversaries during the month of February:

- 40 years - Vienna Endodontics
- 20 years - Vienna Valet, Inc.
- 10 years - Argent Heating and Cooling, LLC., Caffi's Florist and Gift, Inc., Codiak Consulting, Inc., Mulville Consulting Services, Panatechnica, RC Development Service, Inc. and Shani Horne, LLC.

BOARD AND COMMISSION SPOTLIGHT: PLANNING COMMISSION

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

In addition to multiple plan reviews, recent activities include the development of recommendations on the proposed PPEA Municipal Parking Structure at 120 Church Street NW and the 2013 update to the Comprehensive Plan.

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

Volunteer

Interested in volunteering for one of the Town's seven boards or commissions? Complete an application online at www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=350. Based on your interests, education, philosophy and work experience, the Town Council may appoint you to a board or commission on which a vacancy exists. For more information on the application process, contact the Town Clerk at (703) 255-6304 or clerk@viennava.gov.

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 to use the tax rate. Businesses with gross receipts of \$50,000 or less pay only the minimum license fee of \$30 per year.

License tax renewal forms were mailed at the end of January, and forms are also available in the Finance Department at Town Hall and online at www.viennava.gov. For more information or assistance in figuring license taxes, call (703) 255-6321.

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 9, 2013. Please fill out and return this form to Mayor Seeman at the address provided below. Nominations must be submitted before March 1, 2013.

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, 2013, TO:
MAYOR M. JANE SEEMAN
CHARLES A. ROBINSON, JR., TOWN HALL
127 CENTER STREET, SOUTH
VIENNA, VA 22180**

VIENNA WATT WATCHERS PROGRAM

By Joanne Burke, Community Enhancement Commission

In April 2011, the Community Enhancement Commission (CEC) launched a program called the Vienna Watt Watchers. Through this program, Vienna residents can borrow a whole house energy monitor or an appliance/electronics energy monitor at the Vienna Community Center and track their current energy consumption in hopes that as a result of their findings, they will make various changes in their home and at work to reduce their energy use and live more sustainably.

During the fall of 2012, local Boy Scout Mark Logan of Troop 1978 conducted his Eagle Scout project by assisting the CEC with marketing this program. He prepared an installation guideline for the

monitors as well as enlisted fellow scouts to install them and collect data regarding home electricity use. He found that the newer Energy Star appliances use significantly less power than the older models and that when electronic devices such as the cable box, coffee maker and microwave oven are turned off they are still siphoning energy or a “phantom load”. Even chargers for cell phones and MP3 players are using energy when plugged in – even if they aren’t charging a thing!

Fellow scout David Godwin also of Troop 1978 is planning to continue along this vein with his Eagle Scout project by possibly collecting data about whole house usage, comparing different square footage, as well as a typical teenager’s use of

electricity and report on the effect small modifications of use can affect consumption. He’ll be displaying his findings at this year’s 5th Annual Green Expo on April 18, 2013 at the Town of Vienna Community Center.

We invite you to attend and discover how you can make small changes that lead to savings on your electricity consumption and bill. In addition, the monitors can be checked out from the Town of Vienna Community Center between 8 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. A refundable deposit is required. Please call Parks and Recreation at (703) 255-6360 for more information.

Save the Date!

National Register of Historic Places Dedication

Saturday, April 6, 2013
Freeman Store and Museum
131 Church Street NE

Join us for the plaque unveiling of the Freeman Store’s addition to the National Register of Historic Places. Reception to follow. Free and open to the public.



FREE CONCERT

Vienna Community Band

Sunday, March 3, 7 pm
Vienna Community Center
120 Cherry Street SE

Selections include:

“March” by Paul Hindemith, “El Capitan” and “King Cotton” by John P. Sousa and “First Suite in Eb for Military Band” by Gustav Holst.

Free. No tickets required. Open to all ages.
www.viennacommunityband.org



BLOOD DRIVE

Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street SE
Friday, February 15
10:30 am - 4:30 pm

Walk-ins welcome; appointments encouraged.
Contact: egoodman@viennava.gov or (703) 255-6341

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.

JUST FOR MATURE ADULTS

Estate Planning Made Simple, Mon., Feb. 11, 10 to 11:30 am. No registration required.

JUST FOR TEENS

For Teen Center Members

Valentine's Day Party, Thurs., Feb. 14, 3:30 pm. Dress in pink or red or add some hearts to your outfit and dance the night away with a DJ playing hit tunes. Enjoy crafts, games and treats.

Club Phoenix Friday Nights, after 7 pm middle schoolers can take part in tournaments, watch movies, hang out with friends and play a pick up game of basketball. Check the calendar online at www.viennava.gov for weekly Friday Night events.

Football Frenzy, Fri., Feb. 1, 3:30 pm. Play fun games, make football crafts, enjoy snacks and try to predict the winners. Dress in your team colors or favorite player's jersey and take part in the touchdown dance contest for your chance to win a prize!

SPORTS AND FITNESS

The Vienna "Wood Bat" Softball Tournament will begin on Sat., March 16 at Southside Park. Registration is due by Fri., Feb. 22 and requires a \$50 non-refundable deposit and a roster. Wood bats provided by the Town of Vienna. For registration information, contact Enrique Guzman at (703) 255-6352 or eguzman@viennava.gov.

Adult Tap, for ages 18 and up, will be held on Sundays, Feb. 2 through March 16, 9:45 to 10:45 am. The cost is \$36 for residents and \$45 for out-of-town participants.

Vienna Men's Softball League, for 18 and up, starts Mon., April 22, at Southside Park. Registration due Fri., Feb. 22 and a roster and \$100 non-refundable deposit is required at time of registration. Total team fee is \$600. For a league information packet, contact Enrique Guzman at (703) 255-6352 or eguzman@viennava.gov.

Morning Fitness Wakeup, a group personal training program for adults that includes weight training, cardio and flexibility, will be held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6 am to 7 am Feb. 1 through 7. The cost for 12 classes is \$149 for residents and \$186 for out-of-town participants.

JUST FOR KIDS

3D Lego Design, ages 6 to 8, Saturdays, March 2 through April 13, from 1 to 2 pm. Participants will learn and use basic computer skills, perspective, 3D modeling techniques, simple mathematics and problem solving skills to create 3D characters, environments and props. The cost for six classes is \$149 for residents and \$186.25 for out-of-town participants.

Youth Open Gym, Wednesdays and Fridays, ages 6 to 11, 4 to 5 pm; ages 12 to 17, 3 to 4 pm. No team practices or coaching permitted. Call the Vienna Community Center at (703) 255-6360 prior to arriving to ensure that the gym is open.

RPG Game Design, ages 9 to 13, Saturdays, March 2 through April 13, from 2 to 3 pm. Participants will use Platinum Arts Sandbox to develop a Roll Player Game or those similar to the popular game Minecraft. The cost is \$149 for residents and \$186.25 for out-of-town participants.

POTPOURRI

Travel Photography Satisfaction, for ages 18 and up, aims to increase your satisfaction with your photography. Learn tricks for photographing indoor, nighttime, moving subjects, while you are moving, cloudy days and people. This class is designed for amateurs and experienced photographers. Class is held on Sat., March 16, 12:30 to 3 pm. Cost is \$50 for residents and \$62.50 for out-of-town participants.

The Annual Photo Contest and Exhibit will be held Sat., March 16, 10 am to 3 pm and Sun., March 17, 12 pm to 3:30 pm. Entries will be accepted Thurs., March 14, 5 pm to 8:30 pm and Fri., March 15, 12 pm to 3:45 pm. For more information visit www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=796.

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Free Blood Pressure Checks, provided by the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, will be held at Fresh Market, 150 Branch Rd. SE on Sat., Feb. 9, from 8 am to 12 pm. Any questions, contact Joanie@vdfd.org.

Vienna Chapter 754 AARP meeting on Mon., Feb. 11 at the Vienna Community Center at 1 pm. Speaker will be representative from Birmingham Green. Open to the public.

Western Fairfax PFLAG, a support group for Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, and **FLY**, a support/social group for LGBTQ youth and allies ages 12 (with parental permission) to 19, will meet concurrently on Tues., Feb. 5, 7:30 to 9 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Rd. FLY also holds Teen Lounges on the 3rd Friday of every month at various locations. Email: wf.pflag@gmail.com. Facebook: [Facebook.com/groups/fly.pflag](https://www.facebook.com/groups/fly.pflag).

Epiphany Preschool, an outreach of Epiphany United Methodist Church, is now registering new students for the 2013/2014 school year. To schedule a tour or for more information, please contact us at (703) 938-2391 or www.epiphanypreschool@vacoxmail.com.

During Second Sundays at the Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. NW, enjoy light refreshments and art activities. The current show at the Art Center, "IMAGINATION SQUARED", features over a hundred 10"x10"x2" canvasses painted in acrylics, oils or collages by artists from around the region. Meet the artists at a reception on Sun., Feb. 10, from 2 to 4 pm. Free and open to the public. (703) 319-3971/www.ViennaArtsSociety.org

Ayr Hill Garden Club will feature a presentation open to the public by world traveler and landscape designer, Anne Barber, on Mon., Feb. 25, at 1 pm at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road. She will present a collection of photographs from her tour last spring of the public and

private gardens of Cape Town, South Africa. Anyone interested in attending should contact Cherie Lejeune at latripp24@gmail.com.

The Vienna Woman's Club will once again award two \$1,000 scholarships to Vienna high school seniors living in the 22180-22183 zip codes. You need not be a 4.0 student but have a burning desire to further your education. Both young men and women are encouraged to apply. Applications are available by contacting your high school career center, or Jo-Lynn Westlund at (703) 698-1237 or visit www.viennawomansclub.org. Deadline is April 10, 2013.

Vienna's American Legion Post 180 awarded college scholarships to three students in December: Mariah Williams of Reston, a sophomore at Christopher Newport University received \$1,000; Megan Zimpelman of Vienna, a senior at the College of William and Mary received \$500; Emily Johnson of Oak Hill, a senior at Roanoke College received \$250. For more information contact Post Commander Ron Patterson at ronp5555@yahoo.com.

Mardi Gras fund raising gala to benefit Dan Dellinger's campaign for National Commander of the American Legion, Sat., Feb. 2, 8 to 12 pm at the Vienna American Legion, 330 Center St., N. Costume contest, music by Terry Lee Ryan, heavy hors d'oeuvres, silent auction. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at door. Call (703) 938-9535 or visit www.Legion180.net for more info.

The Five Hills Garden Club presents a program the third Tuesday of every month, September through June. The club meets at the Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park Street SE, with socializing at 9:30 am, meeting commencement at 10 am, followed by the program and a light luncheon. Open to the public, visitors may wish to email ahead to fivehillsgardenclub@gmail.com so the club can prepare a friendly welcome and give specific directions.

Capitol Steps, the political satire musical, will be performing at James Madison High School on Sun., March 10, at 4 pm. For tickets, visit <http://madisoncapitolsteps2013.brownpapertickets.com/>. This event supports the drug and alcohol free All Night Graduation Celebration. For information, contact madisoncapitolsteps2013@gmail.com.

There will be no book collections for the months of December, January or February for the detainees at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center through the Literacy Project, sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Fairfax County Chapter. For more information, contact Florence Roseborough at (703) 281-2498.

Veal Parmesan and Spaghetti, Fri., Feb. 8, including salad and garlic bread, 5:30 to 8 pm; \$10, at the Vienna American Legion, 330 Center St. N. Call (703) 938-9535 for more information.

Breakfast Buffet, Sun., Feb. 17, from 8 am to 12 pm at the Vienna American Legion, 330 Center Street N. Adults \$8, children \$3: omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, etc. Open to the public. For more information call (703) 938-1379.

Americanism Essay Contest for students grades 3 through 12. This year's theme is, "What freedom do I enjoy the most?" Submission deadline is March 1, 2013. Cash prizes will be awarded. Sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 180 of Vienna. For rules and information, contact Ruth Decker at (703) 242-7082.

The Fairfax County Chapter of the National Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) will be held on Fri., Feb. 1 at 10:30 am at the Oakton Regional Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place in Oakton. The program will focus on our Good Citizens Awards. Guest are invited to attend. Chapter meetings are typically the first Friday of each month, at 10 am. Please contact Mrs. Diane Wright at

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(703) 476-9705 or diwright.fairfaxdar@verizon.net if you are interested in attending or joining the DAR.

Vienna Choral Society invites you to enjoy the "Music of the Storms," 7:30 pm, Sat., March 16, at UUCF. This concert for a cause will be in support of disaster relief. Tickets are \$15 (students/seniors), \$20 (adults), and \$35 (families) - online at www.viennachoralsociety.org.

Historic Vienna, Inc. is inviting Vienna's young artists up to age 18 to submit their art work representing any of the Town's historic structures to be featured during the a special ceremony on Sat., April 6. Any medium may be used - photography, drawing, painting, etc. and all work must be received at the Freeman Store by Fri., March 15. For more information call (703) 938-5187.

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 in Vienna. For more information or to register, go to www.thewomenscenter.org or call (703) 281-2657, ext. 276.

- *The Smart Split: What You Need to Know about the Legal Aspects of Separation and Divorce*, Sat., Feb. 2, 10 am to 1 pm, \$55 Registration Fee / \$45 Members
- *Finding Emotional Strength During Separation & Divorce* (6 Weeks), Thurs., Feb. 7 through Mar. 14, \$185 Registration / \$165 Members
- *Avoiding Divorce Court I - How to Negotiate or Mediate Property Settlement Agreements*, Sat., Feb. 9, 10 am to 1 pm, \$40 Registration Fee / \$30 Members, \$70 Couples Registration Fee / \$50 Member Couples
- *Avoiding Divorce Court II-Provisions of Settlement Agreements*, Sat., Feb. 23, 10 am to 1 pm, \$40 Registration Fee / \$30 Members, \$70 Couples Registration Fee / \$50 Member Couples
- *Re-Entering the Workforce*, Tues., Feb. 5, 10 am to 11:45 am, \$35 Registration Fee/\$25 Members
- *Resume Development Workshop*, Mon., Feb. 25, 10 am to 12 pm, \$35 Registration Fee / \$25 Members

- *Anger Management for Men* (7 Weeks), Weds., Feb. 6 through Mar. 20, \$150 Registration Fee / \$140 Members
- *Anger Management for Women* (7 Weeks), Tues., Feb. 19 through Apr. 2, \$150 Registration Fee/\$140 Members
- *Family Abuse - What Is It and What Can You Do About It?* Tues., Feb. 12, 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, FREE; registration required.
- *Building Your Self-Esteem* (5 Weeks), Tues., Feb. 12 through Mar. 12, 11 am - 1 pm, \$100 Registration Fee/\$90 Members

The Vienna Host Lions Club invites all in the community to the 50th James A Bland Music Contest that will be on Sat., Feb. 16, at 1 pm at the Assembly of God Church on Ayr Hill Rd. The Contest will feature vocalists and instrumentalists from area middle and high schools. Refreshments will be served during the intermission. Awards will be presented at 4 pm.

American Legion Post 180 in Vienna sponsors students at Vienna-area high schools for Girls State and Boys State each year. This program is for students just finishing their junior year in high school. The Legion pays all expenses, including bus transportation, for the week-long program. High school juniors who are interested in the program should contact their school Guidance Counselor; selection is made by the schools. For more information, contact Edythe Kelleher at (703) 242-7651.

NARFE (National Association of Federal Retired and Active Government Employees) Vienna - Oakton Chapter 1116 will meet on Tues., Feb. 12, at 1:30 pm at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. SE. The speaker will be Larry Rosenthal, President of Rosenthal Wealth Management Group, who is featured on WAVA's Making Money Sense radio show discussing financial issues affecting the community. The meeting is free to all members and their guests. For more information, please call (703) 698-1838

The 7th Annual Casino Night & Silent Auction, presented by James Madison Athletic Boosters, will be held Fri., March 1, 7 to 11 pm at The Grand Atrium, 2236 Gallows Rd. Tickets are \$55 in advance and \$65 at the door. Includes open bar, appetizer buffet, desserts, gambling, dancing, auction and more! For tickets, visit www.warhawksports.org.

Chapter 227, Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. will meet on Thurs., Feb. 21, at 7:30 pm at Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane. The program will feature Pam Cain who will share her story of being the daughter of a missing in action father. The general public and veterans are invited; admission is free. For information, call (703) 255-0353 or visit www.vva227.org.

Junior Girl Scout Troop 6205 from Vienna will be holding a Girl Scout Cookie Drive -Thru on Sat., Feb. 23 from 1 to 4 pm at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Part of the money raised will be donated to the CHINS (Children In Need of Smiles) organization to support the pediatric oncology department at INOVA Fairfax Children's hospital. For more information on CHINS, visit www.childreninneedofsmiles.com. For questions, please contact Melissa Reed at reedmbc@aol.com or 703-615-6577.

Historic Vienna, Inc. is looking for photographs, drawings, artifacts or replicas of the railroads passing through Vienna, including the Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire RR and its successors. If you have any railroad-related items to loan to HVI for this exhibit (projected opening date of Spring 2013) please contact Mike Berger at (703) 938-3784 or smborg@erols.com.

Sign up with Northern Virginia Senior Softball (NVSS) to play two slow pitch seven inning games Tuesday and Thursday mornings, April 9 through August 2. Average age is 65. Placement on one of 26 teams in one of three skill-level conferences is by skill assessment, not a try-out. Everyone present bats, 11 play defense. Fee includes skills training and a conditioning program, Feb. 12 through April 4. For fun, fitness and friendship, see www.nvss.org and call Dave at (703) 524-5576.

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February 2003: At its February 3 meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Town's Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas ordinance. Local governments in Virginia are required to change their Chesapeake Bay protection program no later than March 1. Revisions to the regulations include refining the definition of perennial streams, how these water bodies are determined and the intent to preserve the entirety of the required 100-foot wide buffer that adjoins them.

February 1993: Hunter Mill is now officially the name of Vienna's magisterial district, which was previously known as Centerville District. Fairfax County Supervisor Bob Dix, Jr. had sought the name change to eliminate confusion for residents of Centerville, which is not located in the district. The new name was selected from among dozens of citizen suggestions.

February 1983: The snowstorm of February 10-11 will go down in history as the "Blizzard of '83." It was one of the biggest and costliest storms ever. In all, 2,074.5 man-hours were spent on snow removal. Approximately 300 tons of salt and 300 tons of sand were spread on town streets. The total cost of digging out of the Blizzard of '83 is estimated at \$31,321.88.

February 1973: Vienna's newly adopted street map includes one new road and extensions of several existing roads. The new road will be the much discussed second access road into Vienna's Technology Park. Street extensions include Church Street extended to connect to Pleasant Street, which takes into consideration the possibility of a new Post Office being constructed on Lawyers Road and Church Street and may or may not be required.

MEET YOUR SUPERVISOR Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins will hold a First Monday session on Mon., Feb. 4, at the Patrick Henry Library, from 1 to 3 pm. You are invited to share any concern you have on any issue directly with Supervisor Hudgins. Walk-ins are welcome, or you can schedule an appointment by calling the Hunter Mill District office at (703) 478-0283. Stay current with Hunter Mill District and Fairfax County news and sign up for the Hunter Mill Highlights, a monthly online newsletter from Supervisor Cathy Hudgins, by sending an email to huntermill@fairfaxcounty.gov.

CHO CHRISTMAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

Thanks to the 143 volunteers who assisted over the two days of the CHO Christmas Store set up and distribution, we were able to provide Christmas for 311 local families (869 people). We were also able to present 110 repaired and shined up bikes to some very happy children. Thanks to everyone in the community for making this possible by giving your time and your generous donations of toys, food and gift cards, and clothing.

TRAIN STATION/ CABOOSE CLOSED

The Train Station and the W&OD Caboose will not be open to the public during the month February.

The next open houses will be on Saturday, March 16, from 1 to 5 pm.