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Dear NEVCA Members and neighbors in Northeast Vienna,

The next NEVCA general membership meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m. on Wednesday, December 5th, at the Vienna Community Center. We will have a presentation by a representative from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) on the progress to date of the Beulah Road reconstruction project and the work remaining to be completed through next year. This will be an opportunity to discuss the status of the Beulah Road project with VDOT and identify citizens concerns.

We will also provide a summary of the guidelines prepared by the Town for the Administration Division, Street Maintenance Division and Police Department related to the leaf collection and mulch operations at the Beulah Road site, including the proposed plan for transporting leaves and mulch using various routes to minimize the traffic burden in Northeast Vienna during the Beulah Road reconstruction.

NEVCA continues to be involved in monitoring Northside Yard operations, preserving Piney Branch and advocating completion of the bike connector trail from Glyndon St. to the W&OD trail. We support Town Council's decision to fund construction of the bike connector trail to facilitate safe, convenient access to the W&OD trail from Northeast Vienna. NEVCA is the largest citizen's organization in Vienna and is your voice to the Town Council. Our large, active membership can make a difference in the future of Northeast Vienna. We want to hear your concerns, issues and opinions. Our web site provides effective communication to our members and all citizens of Vienna. We plan to use this site to notify NEVCA members of current issues of interest, actions that impact Northeast Vienna, activities of other citizens associations, and upcoming meetings.

Committee for Helping Others (CHO) has been in operation for over 30 years helping members of our community. CHO is accepting food contributions from November 1 through December 31 at a number of locations in Vienna: Town Hall, Community Center, Patrick Henry Library, Vienna Presbyterian Church 124 Park St. NE (food box is in the book store) and Commerce Bank at 374 Maple Ave. NE (give food to any teller). CHO is also collecting unwrapped new gifts for children and teens, including gift certificates. Please bring them to the Vienna Presbyterian Church on December 14 between 9:30 a.m. and noon. You can make a difference in the lives of people in need in your community.

I encourage your attendance at our meeting at **8 p.m. on December 5th** at the Community Center and look forward to seeing you there.

Dan Mulville
President

NEVCA Meeting
Wednesday, December 5
Vienna Community Center
8 p.m.

VOTE
November 6

Town Clean-up Day
November 3
See page 5 for more information
Do your children need community service hours?

State Senate: Who are YOU voting for November 6?

NEVCA recently asked the candidates for State Senate and for the House of Delegates to outline their priorities for action or legislation that would impact the Vienna Community. Responses from the Senate candidates appear on this page; responses from candidates for the House of Delegates are on the facing page.

Chap Peterson

Thank you for the opportunity to address the NEVCA membership.

I am a practicing attorney in Fairfax as well as a lifelong resident. I've served the community as a City Councilman (1998-2002) and State Delegate (2002-2006).

I grew up in Fairfax City. My mother was Chair of the Planning Commission and I used to attend every meeting, whether I liked it or not. I understand small communities, because that's where I was raised. In fact, one of my successful battles as a Virginia State Delegate was to make sure that local elections stay nonpartisan. That is what's best for Vienna.

I am running for State Senate because we need new leadership in the General Assembly – leadership that will create a 21st century vision for our state. I am proud of my voting records both on City Council and as a State Delegate and look forward to representing you in the Senate.

Every night and weekend I am knocking on doors in Vienna and listening to what really matters to you. You've told me we share the same concerns...transportation and the environment. Where do I stand on these issues? To put it simply— you cannot finance a transportation vision with “thousand-dollar speeding tickets” or taxes that only hit our community. We need a statewide solution that makes all users pay for our roads. Additionally, I support the Tysons Tunnel concept and obtaining competitive bids to make it happen. I am opposed to the sole-source bidding, and have been so publicly since February when I first published an open letter in the Connection newspapers. A copy is on my website www.viennasenator.com.

I recently unveiled my “Virginia 2.0” plan. It is a 21st century vision for transportation, land use and the environment in our Commonwealth. Over the past several months, I've received input from community leaders, environmental groups and small business owners on these critical issues. One of the goals of my plan is to give localities like the Town of Vienna tools it can use to control growth. It is imperative that we maintain the character of our historic communities.

We are in the home stretch. Please vote on Tuesday, November 6th. The polls open at 6:00 am and close at 7:00 pm. If you aren't sure of your polling place, need a ride to the polls or would like to volunteer with us on Election Day, please call my office at 703.349.3361 or send an email to info@fairfaxsenator.com.

As we get closer to Election Day, you will continue to receive negative information purporting to represent my record. To have the real facts, please visit www.thestraightrecord.com where you will find answers. Don't believe the attacks. Trust your better instincts. Vote for Chap Petersen on Tuesday, November 6, 2007.

Jeannemarie Devolites Davis

It has been a great pleasure to represent you for the past ten years in the General Assembly, first in the Virginia House of Delegates and, now, in the State Senate. I have worked closely with the Mayor, the Vienna Town Council and with the NEVCA leadership on issues of importance and concern to the citizens of Vienna.

I have lived in the Vienna/Oakton area for twenty-four years, thirteen of them in the Town of Vienna. Before Tom and I were married I lived in northeast Vienna, with my daughters, and was a member of NEVCA. The Town is a wonderful place to live and raise our children. My daughters, Cassie and Alexandra, thrived at Madison High School and carry fond memories of growing up in the Town, with them.

The Town project that is currently having the most impact on northeast Vienna is the Beulah Road Project. I became involved, long ago, while serving my first term in the House of Delegates. I have fond memories of walking Beulah Road with then Mayor Robinson and VDOT, discussing how we could implement the project without taking down trees. We came to an agreement but, as often occurs with road projects, years went by before the construction began. Mayor Robinson had passed away and everyone who had been at VDOT had retired. I was the only remaining participant of that walk along Beulah Road who was still serving the community. Mayor Seeman stepped right in, and she I met with the current VDOT officials and concerned citizens to make sure that the original plan was adhered to as closely as possible.

I use this as one example of my commitment to those that I represent in the Town and to let you know that I am always available and willing to become personally involved in issues that are of concern to you.

I am proud of my record of accomplishment in the General Assembly. In the past ten years I have been the chief sponsor of over 140 bills that have been signed into law, by three Governors. My record of accomplishment is due to my willingness to reach across party lines and work with all of my colleagues, in a bipartisan manner. I was the only Republican elected official to serve on Governor Kaine's transition team.

I sponsored the bills that created Virginia's SCHIP program, which provides health care to 90,000 children who live in working poor families; regulated Assisted Living Facilities to make them safe and secure; made internet spamming, phishing, hacking and spyware illegal; and created standards to safeguard our personal information that State employees have access to. I also brought the legislation to the General Assembly that brings hundreds of millions of additional dollars to Northern Virginia, annually, for transportation. This is the first comprehensive transportation funding bill brought before the General Assembly in twenty one years.

It has been my privilege to represent you in the State Senate these past four years and I ask for your vote on November 6th, so that I can continue serving you and our community.

House of Delegates: Who are YOU voting for November 6?

Arthur G. Purves

If higher taxes were the solution, we would have no traffic jams.

Fairfax County and Virginia inflation-adjusted spending per resident are at record highs. Fairfax County real estate taxes doubled between 2000 and 2007. In 2004, the Virginia General Assembly passed a \$1.4 billion statewide tax hike. This year, it passed another \$500-million tax hike, even though state inflation-adjusted revenues since 1996 have been increasing three times faster than population.

Incumbent Delegate Steve Shannon voted for both tax increases, including "abusive driver fees." Although Forbes still ranks Virginia as the overall most business friendly state, this year Virginia fell from 10th to 17th in the cost of business category.

The cause of higher taxes is runaway government spending.

Seventy-five percent of county tax increases were to give county employees five-percent annual raises between 2000 and 2007, while homeowner incomes were increasing two percent annually. County tax hikes also fund generous defined-benefit pension plans while private-sector taxpayers are losing theirs.

Statewide, and in Fairfax County, total spending on public schools since 1996 has been increasing four times faster than enrollment. School staff has been increasing two to three times faster than enrollment, even after adjusting for inflation. Nevertheless, achievement is low. According to the ACT college admission test, the average Fairfax County high school senior is not prepared for college-level science. Expensive mandated programs are failing to successfully educate low-income children, who then need Medicaid.

Since 1996, Virginia inflation-adjusted Medicaid spending has been increasing five times faster than population. I emailed the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services, which administers Medicaid, to ask why spending was increasing so fast. They replied that they do not analyze medical inflation. The General Assembly's Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission could not answer the question either.

Family breakdown leads to poverty and a greater demand for government-funded pre-school, childcare, healthcare, and prisons.

Last year was the first time that a minority of American households was headed by married couples. The percentage of American children born outside of marriage also reached a record high of 37 percent

These problems have solutions, although problems resulting from decades of neglect do not have "quick fixes."

The breakdown of the family coincides with the Supreme Court removing the Ten Commandments from public schools. Unless the job market dictates otherwise, there should be parity between taxpayer and public-sector pay and benefits. "Back-to-basics" curricula raise achievement, but school boards and the National Education Association, which has endorsed Delegate Shannon, disdain it. The solution is to end school boards' veto power over charter school applications, and open up competition to public schools. Successfully educating low-income children to be self-supporting adults will reduce Medicaid. In transportation, rail costs thirty times more to build, per commuter, than roads. Controlling spending and building roads, not rail, will in the long haul, provide much more revenue for transportation than tax hikes and abusive driver fees.

I seek your vote to solve problems, not subsidize them.

Steve Shannon

I am privileged to serve as your representative to the Virginia General Assembly. Prior to that time, I represented our community as a Fairfax County prosecutor. I appreciate the work of NEVCA and the way its members give me valuable input to help serve as your state delegate. Over the past four years, I have tried to serve your interests, making sure your voices are heard in Richmond at the Virginia General Assembly.

I have a fairly simple philosophy towards public service. I think it involves the art of listening to people, learning from them, responding to their needs and ultimately trying to give every family served a sense of hope. Towards this end, I have tried over the past four years as a state delegate to stay closely connected to our community in an effort to best respond to our community's needs. As a result, we have accomplished a great deal.

For example, the recent capital campaign for the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department was a major initiative of our community. I worked diligently to secure a \$50,000 state grant for this construction project, the largest state grant awarded to any volunteer fire department in Virginia that year. Likewise, when the Town of Vienna needed assistance with funds for the construction of the Town Green, I was able to secure state funding for this investment in our community.

Every year, the Vienna Town Council sets forth a legislative agenda. As the one state delegate representing the citizens of Vienna, I have the responsibility of carrying this legislation on your behalf. We have made great progress. For example, last year I carried legislation giving the Town greater authority to enforce our erosion and sediment control ordinance, thus reducing the amount of storm water runoff from development sites that enters in to our water system. Likewise, I carried legislation for the Town that gives Vienna authority to auction surplus government property over the internet, thus providing a source of raising revenue instead of through property taxes. These things might seem small, but little accomplishments add up. When we work together, collaboratively, we make a difference.

If reelected, I will continue to be a leading advocate in the General Assembly on child safety initiatives, a passion of mine dating back to my time as an Assistant Commonwealth Attorney for Fairfax County. I will continue to advocate for keeping Virginia's fiscal house in order while making key investments to maintain our community's quality of life. Finally, I will continue being your lead advocate in the General Assembly, an honor that I am grateful for every day.

Update on Beulah Road Reconstruction

The Beulah Road reconstruction project is currently ahead of schedule according to VDOT Resident Administrator Mahamad Hussain in a recent e-mail. The project has a target finish date of May 30th and we have been fortunate that the weather has been cooperating. Milestones include the sidewalk, curb and gutter from Broadleaf to Ayr Hill, the lane shift to allow construction of the outbound lane from Route 123 to Druid Hill, the completion of the new water main, and that 75% of the Storm Drain Pipe is also finished.

When I walk along Beulah, I try and speak with homeowners living along the road to hear what they are going through. Most are eager to get it over with and tired of the trucks and equipment making noise sometimes before the golden hour of 7:00 am or left idling in front of a residence. There has been damage to a resident's sewer line, cutting of a Cox cable line, and cutting of more trees than expected. But then most residents have felt the workers have been very courteous when they have expressed concern.

One question to come up was what will the front of my house look like? Since there is digging for a future new sidewalk some homeowners will have landscaping changes. In a recent e-mail, I asked Holly Chu who is the Public Works Director for the Town of Vienna if the Town planned to plant any trees in the utility strip after construction or had plans to enhance the Town owned landscape. By our spring newsletter, I hope to report back that there is such a plan so that the community can have some input in the next phase of this project.

And as the leaves start to fall, homeowners along the road will have to plan, with the Town, how leaf pick-up will take place. Please note that the North Side pick-up schedule has its first pass starting October 22.

If there are significant issues that you feel that NEVCA should pursue with VDOT or the Town of Vienna, then please contact me by e-mail at doug@DougFrancis.com. For Virginia DOT updates please refer to their web site at <http://viriniadot.org/projects/const-project.asp?ID=429>.

Update on Richard Black Trail Connector

The Richard Black Trail connector from the W&OD Trail to Glyndon Street NE has taken a major step forward. The winning bid was awarded Monday, Oct. 22, 2007, to Webb Construction to construct an elevated portion of the connector trail, from the aluminum bridge over Piney Branch in Northside Park to the fence line of the Northside Yard, Town Council agenda Item #7: REQUEST FOR AWARD OF IFB 08-04, NORTHSIDE PARK TRAIL CONNECTOR CONTRACT, TO WEBB CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$79,764]

Connections and approaches to the bridge and on the hillside behind the northwest corner building on the property yard are part of the plan. Long Fence has been awarded a contract to move the existing fence line to minimize disturbance to the hillside. Construction of this section is expected to take place in November.

The asphalt section of the Black Trail, from Glyndon Street along the gravel road on the eastern side of the Northside Yard, a turn on the path prepared and graveled in a recent Eagle Scout project, and connection to the bid section of the project, will begin as the weather and Public works project time allow. The entire length could be done in a day, Parks Director Cathy Salgado said, but no work is possible during leaf gathering season.

NEVCA president Dan Mulville and Secretary and members of the Northside Committee have followed this project from planning to construction, and we offer our sincere appreciation to DPR director Cathy Salgado for her cooperative spirit.



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Potpourri

Church Street Stroll



Enjoy a lovely stroll (with **no cars**—safe for the entire family) on Monday evening November 26, 2007

from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Visit the merchants.

Santa arrives at 6:30 in an old-fashioned fire truck.

Enjoy the evening – lighting of tree, caroling, petting zoo, horse drawn carriage rides, etc.

Various local musical groups will perform throughout the evening.

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“Vienna At Your Service”

Join Mayor Jane Seeman at the next “Vienna at Your Service” meeting on Tuesday, November 13, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at police headquarters, 215 Center St., S. Chief Bob Carlisle will present an update on crime trends in Vienna and the surrounding area and conduct a tour of the police station.

Vienna at Your Service was designed to give citizens the opportunity to learn more about the operations of Town departments. Future meetings will highlight the Parks and Recreation Department in January, the Public Works Department in March, and the Town Council in May.

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

Financial Basics For Teens (Ages 12-18)

This unique and comprehensive workshop provides teens with the education they will need to become financially responsible adults. The workshop focuses on the basics of finances to include financial goal setting, personal credit, opening accounts, paying bills, identity theft and a multitude of other topics. Attendees will get workbook they used during the class as a reference tool.

Many classes are offered; one day classes; chose your date of November 13, 20, 27, December 11 or December 18 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$40. Check with the www.viennava.gov or at the Vienna Community Center.

Teen Driving, Safe-D Day Nov. 3

Join the Vienna Police Department at the Fairfax County Government Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, November 3. Federal, state, local, and private organizations will sponsor displays, demonstrations, seminars, and hands-on activities to emphasize the importance of safe teen driving and the crucial factor of experience in a wide variety of driving situations.

In many cases, teens will be teaching teens, including the lesson that just one moment of irresponsibility behind the wheel can lead to a crash that devastates the life of the driver and possibly many others.

The event is free of charge; park at the Pennino and Herry Buildings.

This event has the support of the Vienna Police, Fairfax County Police, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue, Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Citizens Advisory Council and The Fairfax Partnership for Youth. We hope to see you there on November 3, and for many, many years to come!

For more information, visit <http://www.teendringsafed.org/>

HELP CLEAN NORTHSIDE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3!

NEVCA WILL JOIN WITH VIENNA PARKS AND RECREATION TO CLEAN UP OUR PARKS. WE WILL FOCUS OUR EFFORTS ON NORTHSIDE PARK, INCLUDING REMOVING DEBRIS AND LITTER FROM PINEY BRANCH AND ITS BANKS. FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, WE WILL HAVE COORDINATORS TO MEET YOU AT TWO SPOTS, BEGINNING AT 8 A.M.:

- The very western end of Glyndon St., just past John Marshall Drive, where there are a few parking spaces.
- W&OD, by the new Piney Branch bridge at the “Welcome to Vienna” sign. Park your car adjacent to 429 N. Center Street and walk across the trail.

Vienna's Parks & Recreation will provide us with bags and will pick up filled bags on site. Director Cathy Salgado and staff will visit to check on how we are doing and offer assistance as needed.

If you have any questions and would like to help with the Northside Park clean-up, please contact Bob McCahill at 703-281-3079.

**Kids, this is GREAT way
to earn service project hours!**

CHO Food Drive

NEVCA organizes a CHO Food Drive every year. Believe it or not, there is a great need in our community now more than ever. Please help!

**November 1
to
December 31**

All food items are accepted.

Donations of canned hams; stew and other meats; canned or dried fruits; powdered milk; diapers, laundry detergents and Velveeta cheese are especially needed. NEVCA has arranged for 5 drop-off locations around the Town of Vienna for your food donations from now until

December 31:

Town Hall

Vienna Community Center

Patrick Henry Library

Commerce Bank, 374 Maple Ave. E

(give food to any teller please, no box in lobby)

Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. NE

(box is in book store – if closed, leave food by door)



CHO (Community for Helping Others)

CHO is making plans for The Holidays. We will be accepting donations of "good" condition used bicycles, coats and jackets and unwrapped new gifts for children and teens on Friday, December 14 at Vienna Presbyterian Church from 9:30 until noon. If you would like to help us set up at the church or help with distribution on Saturday, December 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m., please call Carolyn Mysel at 703.938.7213. If you would like to volunteer to help clients on Saturday morning, be at the church before 9 a.m. **CHO** can also use Food Gift Certificates in any amount from Giant, Safeway and Magruder's.

CHO Clothes Closet is in desperate need of children's winter clothing, sizes 4 to 8 and girls dresses, any size. The Closet is located 133 Park Street, NE (Vienna Court). Drop-off day is Wednesday between 9 a.m. and noon. Because of space limitations, we can only accept winter clothing at this time. Also gift certificates from Walmart and Target will be helpful for the older children. You may also drop off these items on December 14th at Vienna Presbyterian Church if this is more convenient.

If you would rather consider "adopting" a family for food/gifts, please contact Carolyn also.

Thank you. We are counting on you.

**Please share your kindness.
The need in our community is great!
Please visit CHO's web site:
www.cho-va.com**

Christmas Spirit

If you and your co-workers or employees would like to donate unwrapped toys or gift certificates to brighten some child's holiday,

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Get involved! Support your community! Help your neighbors! Join or renew your membership in NEVCA for 2007/2008.

NEVCA was established in 1995. This civic association was formed to help neighbors that live in the northeast.

Every household should join.
Voice counts with Town Council.

JOIN NOW!

Even if you can not be active, just by joining gives us strength in number.

Membership Application Form

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