



VIENNA-MADISON COMMUNITY COALITION
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Upcoming VMCC events:

- March 5 – Monthly VMCC meeting, 7-8:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center

JMHS Students Conduct Successful Project Sticker Shock on Super Bowl Saturday

Twenty-two students from James Madison High School and community members met on Saturday morning, Jan. 31, at the Vienna Community Center to participate in Project Sticker Shock. The program, begun in 2003, is designed to help serve as a reminder to parents and all adults that it is illegal to purchase and provide alcohol to underage persons.

Saturday's event began with a press conference. Speakers included Vienna Mayor Jane Seaman, County Supervisor Cathy Hudgins, Hunter-Mill District, and Officer Murray with the Town of Vienna Police Department. Greg Olson, SGA Class of 2009 President, encouraged his fellow students to continue to be leaders in getting the message out to adults that alcohol use by young people under 21 is illegal and unsafe.

The students then formed three groups accompanied by a local Vienna or Fairfax County police officer and an adult chaperone that went into local businesses to place palm size red "stop sign" shaped stickers onto beer and wine cooler packages. The sticker, geared to the adult community, bears the critical message that it is illegal for an adult to purchase or provide alcohol to minors. By participating in this project, high school students throughout the state are taking a proactive stand against underage drinking and its related problems.

Project Sticker Shock was cosponsored by the Vienna-Madison Community Coalition, the James Madison High School SADD, SGA and PTSA, Town of Vienna and Fairfax County Police Departments, Town of Vienna, Fairfax Countywide Initiative to Reduce Underage Drinking, and FCPS Safe and Drug Free Youth Office.



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