

Walk on the Hill goes 'green' this year

Perhaps the loveliest signal that spring has indeed arrived in Vienna is the annual Walk on the Hill celebration. This year's 42nd stroll through gardens throughout the Windover Heights Historic District on Sunday, April 24, will include the Ayr Hill Garden Club's biennial flower show, as well as, for the first time, the Green Expo.

The yards and gardens of approximately 50 homes in the Town's northwest historic district will be open to visitors from 2-5 p.m. on April 24. Included in the self-guided tour are the site of Vienna's first church, which was built in 1884 by the African-American community using material from Civil War Union Army barracks; a Victorian home built around

1890 and which still has the original glass in the window panes; and a backyard on West Street where Civil War bullets were found during a 1992 renovation.

"It's a really nice way to get together," says Councilmember Carey Sienicki, a Windover Heights resident who is organizing this year's event. "Everyone's exhausted from sprucing up their yards and, through this event, they get to enjoy – and share – the beauty of their yards and the trees and flowers in bloom."

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Town Council elections are May 3

Mayor Laurie DiRocco is running unopposed while five candidates, including two incumbents, are vying for three Town Council seats in the May 3 Town of Vienna elections. As the Vienna Community Center is closed for reconstruction, residents may cast their ballots at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park Street NE, from 6 a.m.-7 p.m.


For a brief introduction from the candidates, see pages 4 and 5.

Two candidate forums, both open to the public, will be hosted this month.

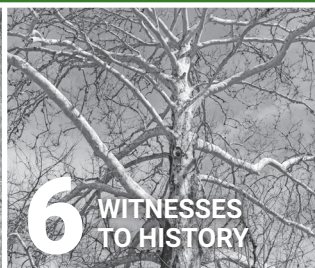
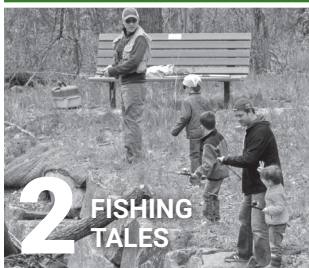
- The National Active and Retired Federal Employees chapter will host candidates at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, in Patriots Hall of American Legion Post 180, 330 Center Street N.
- The North East Vienna Citizens Association will host a forum from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21, at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center Street S. Visit nevca.org for more information.

Town of Vienna residents who are U.S. citizens, registered to vote, and at least 18 years old on election day may vote. Voters must register by April 11 to participate in the May 3 elections. Absentee ballots are available, and here are some important deadlines, according to the Fairfax County elections website, related to absentee ballots:

- April 26 – last day to apply for absentee ballot
- April 30 – final day for in-person absentee voting
- May 3 – absentee ballot return deadline (7 p.m.)

For more information, visit fairfaxcounty.gov/elections. 

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Take the bait for fishing rodeo

You won't have to tell tales about "the one that got away" when you participate in the Town of Vienna's Family Fishing Rodeo Saturday, April 23. Wolftrap Creek will be stocked with 400 trout, bait will be provided, and fishing poles will be available to borrow at this third annual fishing rodeo, open to all ages. You're encouraged to bring your own fishing pole, if you have one.


Registration is required for assigned half-hour time slots, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Tickets for each person fishing are \$3; limit six tickets per household. Tickets may be purchased at Town of Vienna parks and recreation offices, 262-M Cedar Lane SE. Participants 18 and older are required to possess a fishing license, which may be purchased through the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, dgiflicense.virginiainteractive.org.

Fish may be caught and released or taken home for consumption. Volunteers will be on hand to help clean fish and to teach children how to cast. Those who catch a

tagged fish will receive free merchandise from participating local businesses.

This rain or shine event will take place along Wolftrap Creek at Wildwood Park, located on Follin Lane near the Navy Federal Credit Union. The rodeo is sponsored by the Town of Vienna Parks and Recreation Department with assistance from Trout Unlimited and the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

The event officially ends at 1 p.m., at which time fishing will open to appropriately licensed area residents. 



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Planning director's focus today is on tomorrow's Vienna

As planning director for the Town of Vienna, a position he has held for about a year now, part of Patrick Mulhern's job is to think big and to dream about what Vienna might look like 20 or even 30 years from now.

The community that Mulhern envisions is very similar to current-day Vienna in that it's a stable community with diverse land uses and strong single-family neighborhoods. Where Mulhern's Vienna of the future stands out from today's is mainly along Maple Avenue. There, building upon Town Council's vision, as put forward in the Maple Avenue Commercial overlay district, which was adopted in 2014, Mulhern envisions smart-growth redevelopment with mixed uses, featuring a vibrant, active, and pedestrian-friendly core that provides Vienna with a true sense of place.

"Our role," says Mulhern "is to look to the future and what could be and to prepare plans and recommendations to move the Town forward, not only in preserving and protecting what's great about the Town, but coming up with ideas to address shortcomings that Council may consider to further enhance and strengthen our community.

"While Vienna has many strengths," he adds, "what seems to be missing is a true sense of place. We hope to help create that sense of place, particularly in the center of Town. A lot of the pieces are there, including the Town Green, W&OD trail, and redevelopment of Church Street. We need to complete the puzzle by promoting continuity of design and insisting on high-quality construction."

Mulhern came to Vienna last year with 30 years' experience in the planning field, both in the private and public sectors. He says that he prefers working in the public sector where he can positively affect the future of a whole community.

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Patrick Mulhern in his office.

"I've always been interested in the history of communities and their evolution, how they can create a unique place – or not," he says. "I wanted to be part of creating positive places for people to live, work, and play."

As Mulhern's career progressed, he managed planning functions for Prince William and Spotsylvania counties. Most recently he spent five years with the Town of Culpeper, where he was director of planning and community development, as well as five years "on the other side" in the private sector with Burgess and Niple and the Engineering Groupe.

"It was enlightening to understand the private sector side of planning," he says. "I think that it's equipped me to work more effectively with developers. I can speak their language and understand what they can and cannot do for the Town."

As an example, Mulhern initiated a

"builders summit" last fall after several residents raised concerns related to inconsiderate practices of some residential contractors tearing down older homes and building newer ones throughout Town. The planning director was able to mediate between residents and builders, encouraging builders to be more respectful of neighbors and to raise the bar on expectations of how business is conducted in Vienna.

Looking ahead, Mulhern foresees incremental changes to land uses that will enhance live, work, play in Vienna. The first two projects under the Maple Avenue Commercial corridor design guidelines, which encourage mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly redevelopment, are slated to come before Town Council this spring. Thinking a little further into the future, Mulhern can envision a centralized parking garage to support mixed uses and vibrancy in the commercial corridor.

Other big initiatives coming up within the next year include adoption of the 2015 update to the Town's comprehensive plan and a revision of the Town's Zoning Ordinance, much of which dates back to 1969. While the primary focus of the comprehensive plan draft, which is expected to be ready for a public hearing and adoption by Council this spring, is to preserve Vienna's single-family neighborhoods, industrial uses around the Mill Street area, and the Town's diverse park system, the plan does put forward several innovative ideas.

The year 2036 may seem like a long way off to most of us, but to a planner, 20 years is but a blip. While he may not still be working for the Town of Vienna in 2036, Mulhern hopes that the vision of a stable small town with strong single-family neighborhoods and a lively, vibrant downtown that he is helping to nurture today will be Vienna's future reality. 🍷

Meet the candidates

Candidate for Mayor

Laurie DiRocco

I appreciate the opportunity to run for mayor and serve Vienna citizens for a second two-year term. Over the last term, Council has focused on maintaining the Town's history and charm while updating infrastructure and working to efficiently maintain quality services. Council continues to look for creative solutions to improve traffic and increase parking along Church Street and Maple Avenue. This year the Town's AAA bond rating was reaffirmed, and renovation began on the 50-year-old community center. Though costs were higher than originally projected, the Town funded the increased costs with well-maintained reserves and adjusted some of the plans.



What I have realized throughout my time as mayor is that people make the community. The Town of Vienna is fortunate to have many volunteers who give their time and energy to making Vienna a special place to live and work. Residents serve on Town boards or commissions; others volunteer at nonprofits, business organizations, or local PTAs; and many help neighbors in need. As a community we continue to have a variety of residents by embracing young families moving in as well as senior citizens who may have lived here for 40+ years. Vienna's strong sense of community is created by our citizens and their desire for a caring and welcoming place to call home.

If you ever have any questions, ideas, or concerns, please come see me during my afternoon office hours or contact me at 703-255-6310 or ldirocco@viennava.gov. I welcome your input and appreciate your support.

Candidates for Town Council

Roy Baldwin

When Sharon and I were planning our wedding and looking for a place to settle down back in 1980, we looked all over Northern Virginia. We chose a little house on Moore Avenue in Vienna, and in the 36 years since then we've never regretted it.



Our son, Nathaniel, was born here, graduated from James Madison High School, and is now the newest associate of my law firm, which is based in Oakton. Sharon has her voice studio in our home, where she has trained dozens of young singers.

I've been scoutmaster of the Cub Scout troop at Wesley Methodist Church, a board member of the Vienna Elementary School PTA, a Sunday School teacher, and a member of the vestry of The Church of the Holy Comforter on Beulah Road.

Vienna is a wonderful small town, but you already know that. You also know that our little town is under tremendous development pressures which, if not managed properly, may turn our little town into a big town.

I have served on the Town's Board of Architectural Review since 2006 – it's the board that reviews all proposals for changes to commercial and multifamily properties. The board has seen proposals for major redevelopment along Maple Avenue, and many more are coming. I want to use the experience I have gained during my 36 years in Vienna to make sure that we accommodate growth while never losing the small-town atmosphere that brought us all here.

Craig Burns

The strong fabric that is Vienna is comprised of diverse and unique threads of community life. Since arriving here in 1987, I immediately became woven into Vienna life and have benefited greatly from relationships and connections through the years. Here are just a few of the meaningful ways I have been able to contribute to and receive from our community: Participation in every major Town event (Viva! Vienna!, Oktoberfest, Walk on the Hill, Town Green concerts, Fourth of July, Halloween Parade, etc.); VTRCC and VBA; house and select youth sports programs, including board positions with VGSL; Madison band; and softball – with each season of life, Vienna offers a variety of ways to serve.



In this season, it seems right to step up to serve as a councilmember. I will continue to participate in and advocate for industry, personal property rights, freedom of worship, mental health issues, the newly immigrated, level playing fields for new and current businesses, sports, music, and the arts for all stages and status of life in Vienna.

A primary need in our community is more adequate parking. I will champion and push for feasibility studies to determine potential solutions for our parking shortage. Parking lot wars are not what we want to be known for. As a team player I would bring many voices to the table to work within the budget processes to address this and other issues facing the Town.

Editor's note: The information on these pages was provided by the candidates. On May 3, Town of Vienna residents will cast ballots at Vienna Presbyterian Church in order to elect a mayor and three councilmembers.

Linda Colbert

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term on Vienna Town Council. We passed the Maple Avenue Corridor (MAC) zoning, established an art commission, began renovations on



the Vienna Community Center, updated the Town newsletter, made improvements to the snow removal plan, passed traffic-calming measures, and revised the Town's comprehensive plan.

These are all big accomplishments, but what I really enjoy the most is helping citizens. When I hear from a citizen with a concern or problem, I work with our staff at Town Hall and the citizen to reach a solution. There is a lot of building in Vienna, and I understand the inconvenience it causes to neighbors. It is an ongoing challenge, and the Town has been working hard to mitigate this issue.

Having grown up in Vienna and watching both parents serve on Council, I have had the opportunity to see developments and changes in the Town firsthand. There is a fine line between change and preservation. A balance is needed, and I want to help create that balance.

Vienna is unique. While we are not competing with Tysons and Merrifield, we are striving to keep our own identity. We need to continue making improvements to traffic, pedestrian and bicycle safety, planning, development and construction, recreation, and the environment. We also need to preserve our rich history.

You can trust me to do the right thing for Vienna. It is my home, and it always will be.

Pasha Majdi

Two years ago, I first ran for Town Council because I was deeply concerned about the future of my hometown. With Tysons Corner development poised to skyrocket, I worried that Vienna would lose its small-town charm.



Today, my concerns are the same, but I am confident we are headed in the right direction. The new Maple Avenue Corridor (MAC) rezoning enables Town Council to negotiate with developers to keep our small-town charm. We must insist on traffic impact studies and pedestrian-friendly sidewalks. We must be as inviting as possible to "mom-and-pop" shops and we need to explore every opportunity to build parking garages. Over the long term, these factors will create a main street that keeps our small-town charm, but is more accessible and walkable.

Beyond commercial development, we have to ensure our services are excellent across the board while also investing in our infrastructure. As I go door to door, I hear a lot of frustration about residential construction. Yet, there is a disconnect between what I am hearing and the number and nature of complaints we receive at Town Hall. This gives me pause. I am formulating a response, and I would like your input. Please call me at 703-851-4360 or email me at pasha.majdi@viennava.gov with your thoughts.

Vienna is my hometown. I love Vienna. Four generations of my family live here, and I am raising my family in our Town. Thank you for your support, and I ask that you please consider voting for me for re-election.

Douglas Noble

As a parent and homeowner, the direction of our community is very important to me. Once my wife and I were married and planning a family, we purchased our first home in



Vienna to be in a small, close-knit community. Even though we moved away briefly for employment reasons, we returned to raise our children here in Vienna.

It has been a privilege to serve the Town of Vienna currently as a planning commissioner and previously as chair of the Maple Avenue Vision Steering Committee. While much of our Town's sense of community revolves around activities, the other element I have been working toward is our vision for a walkable community through zoning amendments for Maple Avenue and the Town's comprehensive plan update.

My background is in transportation engineering, urban planning, and public administration. Our Town needs to look at creative ways where Vienna can maintain its place in Northern Virginia and not be overshadowed by transportation, development, and economic pressures. Council, commissions, staff, residents, and businesses must be proactively engaged in community affairs in Northern Virginia rather than simply react to issues as they arise.

Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy for Town Council. I will work collaboratively with residents and businesses to make Vienna better at what it is without fundamentally changing that sense of community that brings people to our Town. Please visit douglasnoble.net for more information. 🇺🇸

by Adam Kincaid



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Vienna's water in a word:

safe

Flint, Michigan, is making headlines for all of the wrong reasons. Flint's water contamination crisis began in 2014 after the city changed its water source from the Detroit water system to the Flint River. The water source change and failure to apply corrosion control treatment brought about lead contamination in Flint's drinking water, which created a serious public health issue that continues to impact the community.

Some Town of Vienna residents have wondered, could something similar happen here? The short answer is "no."

Vienna's water is supplied by Fairfax Water, Virginia's largest water utility, and is sourced from the Potomac River and Occoquan Reservoir, neither of which contain lead. Fairfax Water adds a phosphate-based corrosion inhibitor and adjusts water pH to prevent lead from leaching into the water. The Town's distribution system does not contain lead pipes, and there are no identified lead service connections. In 1986, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) banned the use of lead in pipes and solder.

The Town of Vienna routinely tests and monitors the water it distributes per federal and state regulations. As part of EPA-mandated lead testing, water samples are taken from 30 Vienna water service area homes constructed prior to 1986 and tested periodically. These samples have consistently tested below the 0.015 parts per million lead action level as outlined by EPA's Lead and Copper Rule, and therefore the Town is required to test only every five years. The next round of sampling is scheduled for 2018.

"The Town works closely with local and state partners to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements and water quality trends," says Water & Sewer Superintendent Dave Donahue. "It is our priority to supply the highest level of service and promote safe drinking water."

The Town's annual Water Quality Report provides more information about Vienna's drinking water and efforts the Town undertakes to protect the water supply. The report is part of the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Act of 1996, which requires all water utilities across the nation to provide customers with a Water Quality Report by July 1 each year. Vienna's reports from the last several years are available at viennava.gov/Archive.aspx?AMID=47. ↴

In honor of National Arbor Day Friday, April 29, *Vienna Voice* is going out on a limb and highlighting some of Vienna's longest living "residents."

A 2009 *Washington Post* article mentions how Harmon LeRoy Salsbury's dairy farm in the 1800s took up a large area west of Maple Avenue, part of which now comprises the Windover Heights historic district. Salsbury used the rows of cedars that straddle Windover Avenue to herd his cattle to a water source at the end of the road; barbed wire was wrapped around and stretched between tree trunks to make a long, guiding fence for the cows. The effects can be seen today with the still-existing trees growing over the metal. These 150-year-old cedars are all in various states of decay.

Rebecca Greenberg, a certified arborist in the Town's Public Works Department, says: "Some trees in Town were around for the Civil War and even the signing of the Declaration of Independence. They are our witnesses to history."

The oldest tree in Town, at approximately 350 years old, is believed to be a white oak on Marjorie Lane. Another giant is the white sycamore at the corner of Orchard and Lewis streets, which ranks among Town Arborist Gary Lawrence's personal favorites. "In a way singular to nature," he says, "it reminds us that there is something bigger than one's self moving behind the scenes."

Many other history-witnessing trees root themselves in Vienna, contributing to the Town's neighborly, scenic character. Walnut trees standing tall along Lewis Street once marked property lines along dirt roads. A recent public works project to install a sidewalk along Lewis, between Knoll Street and Windover Avenue, was canceled to avoid losing 13 of the walnut trees, which are more than 100 years old. Some of the oaks on Elmar Street are 275-300 years old.

The Town's newest tree will be planted April 29 at Glyndon Park in celebration of Arbor Day. Vienna has once again been named a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation, which also recognized Vienna with a 2015 Growth Award for its increased commitment of resources for urban forestry. ↴



photo by Adam Kincaid

Walk on the Hill continued from page 1

As the Vienna Community Center is closed for reconstruction, the Community Enhancement Commission's Green Expo is going *al fresco* this year and has been combined with Walk on the Hill.

"What better way to be green than be historic?" wonders Sienicki. "Green Expo is a good fit with Walk on the Hill. It's never been done outside before so this is something new."

The Ayr Hill Garden Club will present *Step into History – A Small Standard Flower Show* that features floral designs as well as horticultural and educational exhibits. While most Walk on the Hill activities have a rain date (Sunday, May 1), the flower show will be held April 24 rain or shine. For "day of" Walk on the Hill weather-related information if necessary, visit viennava.gov or call Vienna parks and recreation at 703-255-6360 or Historic Vienna, Inc. at 703-938-5187.

"The longtime success of this event is truly a community effort and a wonderful start to spring," says HVI President Anne Stuntz.



photo by Jon Sunray

WALK ON THE HILL FYI

Featuring Green Expo & Ayr Hill Garden Club Flower Show

2-5 pm • Sunday, April 24

Parking at Green Hedges School, 415 Windover Ave.

All activities are free and open to the public

Many roads in the historic district will be closed to vehicular traffic beginning at 2 p.m.

WALK ON THE HILL

- self-guided walking/garden tours
- plein air artists from the Vienna Arts Society
- Vienna Community Band performs at 3 p.m., 288 Windover Ave.
- Olde Tyme Machine performances and music-related discussions throughout the afternoon at the Marcey Log Cabin, 223 Walnut Lane
- hospitality at 277 Windover Ave.

GREEN EXPO Windover Avenue & Orchard Street

- alternative fuel vehicles
- see a "solarized" home and learn more about Solarize Vienna
- home energy check-up demo
- e-recycling
- James Madison High School trout program and sustainable science fair projects
- National Wildlife Federation community program and Ranger Rick
- beekeeper
- children's passport program

AYR HILL GARDEN CLUB FLOWER SHOW

307 Windover Ave.

- floral designs as well as horticultural and educational exhibits
- April 24 rain or shine (rain date for other activities is May 1)

Community Center Renovation and Expansion Update

Here's the most recent monthly progress report on the project as submitted to Town Council March 11:

- new fire line layout completed
- trees along W&OD trail removed
- building corners staked
- stormwater line along east side completed
- building pad stripped and ready for fill
- working on conditioning soil as moisture content is high and compaction percentage low
- asbestos removed from low roof
- interior walls and exterior piers demolished
- pipe inspection and insulation begun and masonry chase walls installed in bathrooms
- clock tower removed
- second-floor masonry wall completed; door and window frames installed

- pre-test for duct pressure completed
- ductwork adjusted and small branch lines added
- fire line permit obtained
- brick mock-up completed and reviewed by architect
- plumbing lines tested and adjusted
- metal framing installation for interior walls continued.

Looking ahead, next steps include:

- starting layout for new gymnasium
- installation of storm tech structure #2
- layout and installation of stormwater line along north side
- installation of stormwater and water lines along south side
- installation of footings and foundation walls

- begin electrical rough in existing building
- inspection of plumbing lines and insulate.

A community center renovation update is presented each month at 6:30 p.m. prior to the Town Council work session. The public is encouraged to attend these updates in Council Chambers at Town Hall. The next update will be presented April 11. 📍



Why go anywhere else? Shop local. Shop Vienna!

by Laura Goyer, Town/Business Liaison Committee

My husband and I moved to Vienna in December 1994. His job was in D.C., and I was job hunting. The “where to live” variable seemed an intelligent part of the job search. An ad in the *Post’s* Sunday paper for a tiny Cape Cod-style home, reminiscent of my beloved New England, drew us to Vienna for the first time. Once here, we shared comments about how much it felt like some of the suburbs outside Boston. We were home, immediately drawn to the walkability as a then one-car family. Vienna offered shopping, entertainment, a historic center, access to the bike path, independent eateries, and unique businesses – all things we were looking for. Add to that a library, miles of sidewalks, and parks – we were sold.

In those early days, I was so grateful to venture out while pushing kids in a stroller. Now with older children, I’m glad that they enjoy walking or biking to check out a book, see friends, go to work, or do a little shopping. Just last week my 13-year-old went to shop with some money he had earned. He was \$0.30 short, and the cashier told him he could pay it back next time. I had assumed that the cashier’s generosity was due to the fact that he recognized my son. On our return later that same day, though, the cashier said: “I didn’t know this was one of your kids. Why didn’t you tell me?” he asked my son. That, in a nutshell, has been my experience with many businesses in Vienna; I hope it is yours, too.

As the days get longer and warmer, I challenge you to walk or bike to your local businesses. My family in Massachusetts will often joke and ask: “So, when was the last time you left Vienna?” I laugh, my response always the same: “I can leave, but really I don’t have to.” While doing business locally is great for our economy, doing it by foot or bicycle is good for you. If your bike breaks down, you can have that fixed here, too. 🚲

Green Business Award nominations due April 8

The Town needs your help in recognizing local businesses and nonprofits who have adopted green practices. The Vienna Town/Business Liaison Committee is currently accepting nominations for the Vienna Green Business Recognition Award through April 8.

This award recognizes local businesses and nonprofits who have adopted sustainable and environmentally friendly practices that conserve energy, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and improve water quality. The award will be presented during the Vienna Green Expo Sunday, April 24.

Nominations are due by close of business Friday, April 8, and should be emailed to pio@viennava.gov. For more information, contact the Public Information Office at 703-255-6361. 🚲



Town of Vienna business licenses were issued in January and February to the businesses listed below.

Ayurway Wellness

wellness center
346 Maple Avenue E
571-221-2037

Body & Soul Shepherd

Reiki teacher
410 Maple Avenue W
301-648-7800

Collie Wags Digital

website design
1009 Frederick Street SW
703-489-6452

Cozy Lawn Care

lawn care
402 Yeonas Drive SW
703-300-0394

Cupcakes!

sales
527 Maple Avenue W
703-938-3034

Euclid Specialty Managers

insurance underwriting
380 Maple Avenue W
571-730-4810

Find Your Oasis

personal organizer
619 Welles Street SE
703-217-4940

Gatesbridge Co

travel agency
261 Commons Drive NW
818-416-2009

Hozik & Company

CPA
374 Maple Avenue E
703-272-7109

Liberty Tax Services

tax preparation
266 Cedar Lane SE
703-999-1935

Moon Lake Spa

spa and massage therapy
503 Maple Avenue W
703-938-2793

Phoenix Athletic Club

crossfit gym
234 Dominion Road NE
703-888-9959

Prime Learning Center

tutoring
513 Maple Avenue W
703-830-1111

Proposal Agent Carla

consultant
288 Windover Avenue NW
703-227-8405

Salon Nuvida

hair salon
320 Maple Ave E
703-498-8836

Second Factor

builder/developer
1118 Pekay Street SW
703-980-3904

Tangible Designs

graphic design
310 Westview Court NE
540-421-1252

Tau Six

consultant
850 Shady Drive SE
703-851-7784

Vienna businesses with staying power

Congratulations to the following Vienna businesses celebrating milestone anniversaries this April.

30 YEARS

Eastern Door Service Inc.

25 YEARS

Andrew J. Chmiel, M.D., P.C.

20 YEARS

DS Graphics

EAB Designs

Mark B. Bell Massage Therapists

Wendy's Old-Fashioned Hamburgers

15 YEARS

Suwith Translation

5 YEARS

The Law Office of Richard W. Hartman Timothy P. Ward

Two to Twelve Piano

Town amends current FY2016 budget

Following a public hearing at its February 22 meeting, Town Council approved amendment of the Town's fiscal year 2016 operating budget, increasing it by \$720,000. The budget was amended to account for increased costs for the Vienna Community Center renovation and expansion project, currently under construction, as well as \$100,000 in donations received from community organizations for the Waters Field turf replacement project that was completed in the fall.

At this time, community center costs are expected to exceed the \$10.4 million project budget adopted in August 2015 by about \$1.1 million. The additional costs stem from unforeseen conditions and omissions as well as utility work and fees, easements, inspection services, and underestimated costs for items such as security, sound, and stage curtains.

The 3% contingency fund for the community center project has been fully utilized. The additional \$620,000 being allocated through the amended 2016 operating budget comes from the Town's

Public hearings for FY2017 budget set for April, May

The planning, discussing, number-crunching, and compromising on the Town of Vienna's fiscal year 2017 operating budget are almost complete. At its May 23 meeting, Town Council is expected to consider adoption of the fiscal year 2016-17 budget, which begins July 1 and is anticipated to total almost \$34 million. At the same meeting, Council is expected to set the real estate tax rate for 2016-17.

Before then, the public will have opportunities to provide feedback on the proposed operating budget and tax rate. Public hearings on the budget and water/sewer rates are scheduled for 8 p.m. Monday, April 4, at Town Hall. A public hearing on the real estate tax rate is expected to be set for 8 p.m. Monday, May 9.

The Town of Vienna's budget includes four operating funds: general funds, water and sewer fund, debt service, and stormwater fund. The proposed budget is available online at viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=949

fund reserves; even with the transfer of this \$620,000, the Town's general fund reserves are above 15%.

"Our target is to maintain a reserve balance of at least 15%," says Town Manager Mercury Payton. "We feel that's an important standard." He adds: "Soon after construction began on the community center renovation project, we realized that there were some important elements not accounted for. The Town has now hired an engineering professional to serve as proj-

ect manager, and we feel confident that we have a good understanding of what additional costs will be necessary."

While adjustments to the Town's budget throughout the year are common, explains Finance Director Karen Spence, in cases where the change is greater than 1% of total budgeted expenditures, as is the case with additional community center expenses, state law requires that a local government advertise and hold a public hearing. 🗣️

Celebrating community-makers

Help the Town of Vienna celebrate and thank many of our community's outstanding volunteers at the 15th annual Mayor's Volunteer Reception at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center Street S. Nominated by their fellow citizens, these hard-working residents have earned a community "thank you."

As part of the ceremony, the Mayor's Award and Carole Wolfand Award will be presented as well. The reception is open to the public; refreshments will be served.

22-year winning streak

For the 22nd consecutive year, the Town of Vienna has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association. The award recognizes government budgets that proficiently serve as a policy document, financial plan, operations guide, and communications device. This award was for the 2014-15 fiscal year budget.

What's trending in Vienna?

Solar & Caboose Brewing!

The Town of Vienna Community Enhancement Commission invites you to partake of both.

Solarize Vienna Information Session

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 5
Caboose Brewing Co.
520 Mill Street NE

FREE admission



caboose
BREWING CO.

Join friends and neighbors for a cold one and learn how to create your own clean energy.

HAPPENINGS around town

Epiphany Preschool, an outreach of Epiphany United Methodist Church, is now registering students for the 2016-17 school year. To schedule a tour or for more information, call 703-938-2391 or email epiphanypreschool@vacoxmail.com.

Select from thousands of books at **Historic Vienna, Inc.'s annual used book sale** Saturday, April 2 (9 am-7 pm), and Sunday, April 3 (12-5 pm), at American Legion Dyer-Gunnell Post 180, 330 Center Street N. HVI members (new members may join) have access to a preview sale 7-9 pm Friday, April 1. Proceeds support HVI activities. For more information, call Nancy Moats at 703-281-1206 or visit historicviennainc.org or call 703-938-5187.

Pianist Raffi Kasparian, cellist David Cho, and violinist Judith Cho will perform a **free classical concert** at 4 pm Sunday, April 3, at **Oakton Church of the Brethren**, 10025 Courthouse Road. Musical selections during the hour-long performance will include works by Schubert, Shostakovich, and Rimsky-Korsakov. While admission is free, donations will be accepted for the church's outreach programs. For more information, visit oaktonbrethren.org or call 703-281-4411.

PFLAG Fairfax, a community group for parents, families, and friends of lesbians and gays, and **FLY**, a social group for LGBTQ youth and allies ages 12 (with parental permission) to 19, will meet concurrently at 7:30 pm Tuesday, April 5, in the program building at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax (UUCF), 2709 Hunter Mill Road. FLY also holds teen lounges the third Friday of each month, alternating between movie and pizza nights at UUCF and outside venues. For more information about both groups, email wf.pflag@gmail.com or visit pflagdc.org and facebook.com/groups/fly.pflag.

Professional Photographers of America member **David Blecman** will speak on single-light model photography at the **Vienna Photographic Society** meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 6, in the auditorium/Room 123 at Oakton

Elementary School, 3000 Chain Bridge Road. An internationally recognized photographer and instructor, Blecman has done work for Sears, Color Me Beautiful, JC Penney, Bath & Body Works, and other retail clients. He also has photographed President George W. Bush, Christina Aguilera, and Kiss, among others. More details are available in the newsletter at vpsva.org.

The Shepherd Center of Oakton-Vienna is partnering with the Microsoft store at Tysons Corner Center to offer **free computer classes for seniors**. Topics include online safety and how to tune-up your computer. Classes begin at 11 am on Wednesdays, April 6-May 4, and will last less than an hour. For more information, call 703-281-0538 or visit scov.org.

Did you miss the Town's last quarterly recycling day? Here's another chance to **recycle electronics** – to benefit the **CBCares Foundation**. Coldwell Banker is hosting an electronics recycling event, sponsored by 123Junk, from 8-10 am Saturday, April 9, at 465 Maple Avenue W. Bring working or nonworking TVs, appliances, computers, printers, and anything else that plugs into the wall. For more information, call Frank Lattanzi with Coldwell Banker at 703-938-5600 or Shane Gaboury with 123Junk at 703-348-6662.

The Women's Center is hosting its **30th Annual Leadership Conference** from 8:30 am-3:30 pm Saturday, April 9, at the McLean Hilton. The conference, themed "Powerful as One, Unstoppable Together," offers inspirational and educational presentations to motivate participants to expand leadership skills. Presenters include the **Hon. Deborah Lee James**, secretary of the Air Force, and **Dr. Martine, Rothblatt**, chairman and co-CEO of United Therapeutics Corporation and founder of Sirius XM Radio. Twelve concurrent

sessions range from leadership to lifestyle. Register online at thewomenscenter.org/annual-leadership-conference. For more information, contact Diane White at dwhite@thewomenscenter.org.

In conjunction with 1st Stage's presentation of *Proof*, the **Vienna Arts Society** is hosting an exhibition through May 2 of corresponding original works that are open to those attending performances. 1st Stage is located at 1524 Spring Hill Road in McLean. The exhibition reception is free and open to the public from 4:30-6:30 pm Sunday, April 10, at 1st Stage. For theater tickets, visit 1ststagetysons.org. Also visit ViennaArtsSociety.org or call 703-319-3971.

The **Vienna Photographic Society** is hosting a competition and critique of member-submitted images with a theme of doors and monochrome images at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, in the auditorium/Room 123 at Oakton Elementary School, 3000 Chain Bridge Road. Judge **Don James "Jim" Steel** will make suggestions

for improving composition and photographic techniques. The April 20 gathering is free and open to everyone. A photographer working in the tradition of Ansel Adams and Edward Weston, Steele has taught at Photoworks, the Smithsonian Institution, and Art League in Alexandria. To learn more about Steele and view his striking images, visit photographybysteele.com. More details

about the competition can be found in the newsletter at vpsva.org.

The **Shepherd Center of Oakton-Vienna** will host an open house and registration for spring semester **Adventures in Learning classes** from 10 am-noon Thursday, April 21, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road. Classes, which include bridge,

You're invited to share concerns and issues – or just talk one-on-one – with **Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins** at First Wednesday sessions. The next First Wednesday with Supervisor Hudgins is from 4-6 pm April 6 at the Patrick Henry Library. Walk-ins are welcome or, if you prefer, you can schedule an appointment by calling 703-478-0283.

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Town Council Actions

The following items represent recent Town Council actions but do not constitute official meeting minutes. The most recent approved Town Council minutes, agendas, and meeting videos are available online at viennava.gov. All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

February 1

- Approved payments to Keller Brothers, Inc. in amounts not to exceed \$11,321 and \$7,398 for Vienna Community Center.
- Approved payment to Lukmire Partnership in an amount not to exceed \$24,170 for Vienna Community Center project.
- Awarded a \$63,484 contract to Sagres Construction for new curb at 1030 Park Street SE and 130 Casmar Street SE.
- Approved Creek Crossing Road NE project, Fairfax County Agreement.
- Set a public hearing to consider vacation of the public alley adjacent to 105 Wilmar Place NW for March 7.
- Awarded a \$23,300 professional services contract to Amec Foster Wheeler, Inc. for MS-4 permit compliance.
- Approved FY16 spending with Quarles Fuel, riding state contract E194-73737-MA21, up to \$100,000.
- Approved purchase of upgraded water meter reading equipment.
- Approved preparation of a proposed zoning ordinance amendment, adding the additional acceptance of prof- fers as a condition of rezoning.

February 22

- Approved payment to Lukmire Partnership in an amount not to exceed \$20,774 for Vienna Community Center project.
- Approved payment to Keller Brothers, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$286,979 for the Vienna Community Center project.
- Approved Dominion Virginia Power encroachment agreement for the Vienna Community Center project.
- Held a public hearing on and approved amendment of the FY16 adopted budget in a total amount of \$720,000.

HAPPENINGS *continued*

tai chi, a health series, national and world affairs, and a selection of potpourri topics, will be from 9 am- 2 pm Thursdays, April 28-June 23. The fee is \$40. For more information or a class schedule, call 703-281-0538 or visit scov.org.

Jay E. Kalner, Vietnam War veteran and retired CIA senior analyst, will discuss how the CIA assessed Russia's strategic nuclear weapon threat in preparation for 1970s and '80s arms control negotiations at the **Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 227 meeting** at 7:30 pm Thursday, April 21, at Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane. The meeting is open to the public. Call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or visit vva227.org for more information. Chapter 227 serves as "fire base support" for veterans seeking closure on their tour of duty and a renewal of Vietnam camaraderie.

Join the **Shepherd Center of Oakton-Vienna** for an **Evening of Fun and Fashion** as it partners with Talbots at Tysons Corner Center from 6-8:30 pm Tuesday, April 26. Ten percent of Talbots' net sales that evening will be donated to the Shepherd Center.

Did you know that in 1848 Lucretia Mott was proposed as the Liberty Party candidate for vice president even though she could not vote? Learn other interesting facts about women's right to vote at the *The Road to Women's Rights: The Origins of the Women's Rights Movement* exhibit currently on display at the **Freeman Store and Museum**, 131 Church Street NE. The museum will offer a series of small exhibits that explore the women's rights movement over the next four years. The exhibit series honors the 100th anniversary of establishment of the National Women's Party in 1916 and the 100th anniversary of passage of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution granting women the right to vote in 1920. The museum is open 12-4 pm Wednesday-Sunday. For more information, visit historicviennainc.org or call 703-938-5187. 📍

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

HR director chairs metro committee

Human Resources Director Maggie Kain was recently named chair of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Personnel Officers Technical Committee. The committee provides a forum and best practices for personnel directors and representatives from throughout the metro area. And to think, Kain once dreamed of being a reclusive artist!



She can add impressive letters after her name

Deputy Town Clerk Carol Waters has earned designation as certified municipal clerk (CMC) from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC). IIMC awards the CMC designation only to municipal clerks who complete demanding education requirements and demonstrate a record of significant contributions to their local government, community, and state.

Appointed to serve

At its February 22 meeting, Town Council reappointed **David Miller** to the Planning Commission for a two-year term to expire in February 2018.

Take a Taste of Vienna

One of *Washingtonian Magazine's* 100 best metro restaurants will be among Vienna area eateries participating in the fifth annual Taste of Vienna from 11 am-8 pm Saturday, April 30. In addition to Clarity, which was recognized in the February *Washingtonian* issue, Taste of Vienna will feature approximately 20 area restaurants.

Visit tasteofvienna.org for restaurant information and the entertainment lineup. Taste of Vienna takes place in the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department parking lot. Admission is free; guests may purchase food and beverages. Proceeds benefit the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department.

**Police,
Fire & Rescue
Emergency**
911
(Voice & TDD)

Vienna Police
703-938-4900 voice
703-255-5730 TDD
Non-emergency
703-255-6366 voice
703-255-5730 TDD

Community Center
703-255-6360 voice
TTY Virginia Relay 711
120 Cherry St. SE
Vienna, VA 22180

Vienna Town Hall
703-255-6300 voice
TTY Virginia Relay 711
127 Center Street South
Vienna, VA 22180-5179
Monday-Friday • 8 am-4:30 pm

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Vienna **VOICE**

APRIL TOWN CALENDAR

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- 1-2** Vienna Theatre Company: 'In Living Sound' • 8 pm
(Vienna Volunteer Fire Department)
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- 4** Town Council Meeting/Public Hearing • 8 pm
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- 8-9** Vienna Theatre Company: 'In Living Sound' • 8 pm
(Vienna Volunteer Fire Department)
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- 11** Town Council Work Session • 8 pm
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- 12** Mayor's Volunteer Reception • 7:30 pm
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- 13** Planning Commission • 8 pm
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- 14** Town/Business Liaison Committee • 7 pm
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- 18** Town Council Meeting • 8 pm
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- 19** Public Art Commission • 7 pm
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- 20** Board of Zoning and Appeals • 8 pm
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- 21** Board of Architectural Review • 8 pm
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- 23** Fishing Rodeo • 10 am
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- 24** Walk on the Hill & Green Expo • 2-5 pm
(Windover Heights Historic District)
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- 26** Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committees • 7 pm
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- 26** Transportation Safety Commission • 8 pm
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- 27** Planning Commission • 8 pm
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- 28** Community Enhancement Commission • 7:30 pm
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- 30** Vienna Farmers Market Opens (301 Center Street S) • 8 am-noon
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- 30** Taste of Vienna (Vienna Volunteer Fire Dept.) • 11 am-8 pm

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings take place at Town Hall, 127 Center Street S. Meeting schedule subject to change; check viennava.gov for updates.

How does your garden grow?

The Vienna Community and Learning Garden is a dedicated public space whose vision is to educate and inspire others to experience growing their own food and plants – no matter how large or small their space. Located adjacent to the Vienna Elementary School's garden, close to the W&OD trail, the Community and Learning Garden plans to have a variety of planting ideas on display throughout the season to motivate residents to get into gardening – again or for the first time. A volunteer effort by the community for the community, the garden has knowledgeable volunteers, but more are needed to keep the garden growing strong and beautiful. Learn for yourself as you work side by side with the pros. For more information on how to get involved, email BWYatt@viennava.gov or MaryWoodsVienna@gmail.com.

Spring into a fun class

It's not too late to register for one of the Town of Vienna's spring parks and recreation classes. Interesting topics this spring include tracing your family roots, massage techniques for Alzheimer's patients, top five European destinations, and walking groups. Check the spring 2016 brochure for a full list of classes, events, and activities; the brochure is available in the Parks and Recreation Department section at viennava.org.

50 YEARS AGO...

According to the April 1966 edition of the Town's newsletter, Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr. was set to provide the keynote address at the April 17 dedication of the Town's brand new community center. The newsletter also announced the hiring of Judson Hockman as the Town's new and first full-time recreation director, charged with expanding recreation programming year-round.