

# Vienna



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## Pedal to work May 20

Join more than 17,000 area commuters who will pedal to work Friday, May 20. The annual Bike to Work Day event, sponsored by Com-muter Connections and the Washington Area Bicyclist Association, celebrates bicycling as a clean, fun, and healthy way to get to work.

The Vienna Town Green will serve as one of more than 80 Bike to Work Day pit stops throughout Virginia, Maryland, and D.C., welcoming bicyclists with refreshments from 6:30-8:30 a.m. Participants must register with a pit stop location to be eligible for a free t-shirt and other prizes as well as a chance to win bicycles. For more information, visit [biketoworkmetrodc.org](http://biketoworkmetrodc.org).

## Thank You!

Community volunteers recognized for going above and beyond

**S**nowzilla heroes, artists with a purpose, girl scouts, and good neighbors were among more than 30 individuals recently recognized by the Town of Vienna for volunteer efforts that have helped strengthen the community.

At the 15th annual Mayor’s Volunteer Reception April 12, the Mayor’s Award was presented to Barbara Chaudet and Suzanne Chaudet Maloney with the Vienna Theatre Company (VTC). The award is given to individuals who have given back to the Town continuously and consistently over a number of years.

The Chaudet family founded VTC in 1974 and have helped keep the local theatre vibrant for more than four decades. “We owe it all to the Town of Vienna,” says Barbara Chaudet. “They have been supportive and gone out of the way to keep the theatre going. Volunteerism is so important – we learn a lot from it because it brings out talent that we didn’t know we had.”

As part of the ceremony, the Town/Business Liaison Committee presented the 2016 Carole Wolfand Award to Kathy Georgen and DH Scarborough, of Georgen Scarborough Associates located on historic Church Street. This award recognizes businesses and business owners for outstanding contributions to the community life and spirit of Vienna.

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## DO IT!

On Tuesday, May 3,

Town of Vienna

residents will

cast ballots for

mayor and three

councilmembers.

Voting will take place

from 6 a.m.-7 p.m. at

Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park

Street NE. Drivers should enter the

parking lot from Mill Street; additional

parking is available in the historic Church

Street area.

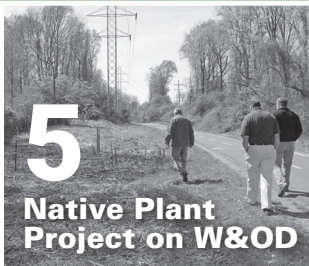
To vote in Town elections, you must be registered, live within the Town of Vienna, and have photo identification. Curbside voting will be available for individuals 65 and older or who are disabled.



### IN THIS ISSUE



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## Updated comprehensive plan envisions a greener, more vibrant, better connected Vienna

**T**he 2016 Town of Vienna Comprehensive Plan offers a vision for a future Vienna that is a greener and more sustainable community with a vibrant and walkable downtown and multimodal connections that provide convenient access to destinations as well as stronger social connections and economic growth.

A draft of the comprehensive plan is available for public review at [viennava.gov](http://viennava.gov). Public hearings on the comprehensive plan are scheduled for the May 11 Planning Commission meeting and May 23 Town Council meeting.

Last updated in 2009, the comprehensive plan provides a vision for how the Town could grow and evolve into the future. It is an aspirational long-range guide.

“The comprehensive plan,” says Planner Michael D’Orazio, “is committed to maintaining Vienna’s small-town charm and single-family residential character, but it also encourages more diverse and compact housing options in the form of mixed-use projects along Maple Avenue. The plan also envisions a more vibrant downtown that creates a true sense of place as well as transportation and parking options that will enhance accessibility and minimize traffic issues.”

Some of the big ideas put forward in the draft of the comprehensive plan include:

- creating a downtown along Maple Avenue that provides a strong sense of place



through encouragement of mixed-use redevelopment and potential implementation of design guidelines for signage, streetscape, and architecture as well as installation of public art

- building a public parking structure in the central business district that would address the issues of parking and walkability and provide for “park once” access to multiple businesses and destinations.
- creating master plans for each of the Town’s parks to clearly delineate usage and services, better meet the needs of residents, and identify and fill gaps in availability
- encouraging environmentally conscious decisions and practices
- enhancing placemaking, economic development, and walkable streets through a transportation study of Maple Avenue that would consider a variety of options including roundabouts, street parking, bike lanes, and landscaped medians
- considering ways to encourage use

of the Town Green outside of events; possibilities include installing splash fountains, public art, or interactive art elements.

The comprehensive plan notes that while Vienna’s central business corridor can’t be expected to – nor be desired to – compete with retail experiences provided at Tysons and Merrifield, it can be enhanced in a way that would provide a viable shopping alternative. Another goal set by the plan is to manage the impact of nearby development on Vienna’s transportation system.

“As we implement the comprehensive plan,” says Planning Deputy Director Hyojung Garland, “we hope to encourage adoption of design guidelines that will help create a sense of place as you walk along Maple Avenue. We want to create active streets that are accessible, walkable, alive, and vibrant.”

“While the goal is to sustain the special attributes that make Vienna a great place to live,” adds Garland, “we also realize that continued positive growth will require directed redevelopment along Maple Avenue.”

Planning Director Patrick Mulhern says: “Insisting on pedestrian-friendly redevelopment efforts that include quality architecture and streetscapes is our best hope for making the physical fabric of our Town match the high-quality community identity that is Vienna, Virginia.”

### Take a trip or class

Parks and recreation spring classes and programs continue through next month. Offerings can be viewed in the spring brochure, which along with the summer camps brochure, is available at [viennava.gov/Archive.aspx?AMID=62](http://viennava.gov/Archive.aspx?AMID=62). You might consider these two opportunities:

#### Hillwood Estate and Gardens Tour – May 25

Delight in discovering the beauty and serenity of Hillwood, the 25-acre northwest Washington, D.C. estate of Marjorie Merriweather Post. The trip is 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and costs \$83 for residents and \$104 for non-residents. Registration is required.

#### Parenting: A Transformational Journey – May 26-June 30

These six guided writing sessions, held Thursdays 1-3 p.m., explore how identity shifts and reshapes itself through parenting. Using selected quotes, writing prompts, and discussion, participants will explore how they made the decision to become a parent through birth, adoption, or blended family to ways in which they nurture family and self to the legacy they wish to leave. This class is \$75 for residents, \$87 for non-residents.



## Take a walk with the mayor

article and photo by Adam Kincaid

**T**he mayor's Friday morning walking group provides a chance to tour Town with Mayor Laurie DiRocco as your guide. You can get a glimpse of what's going on in Town, from infrastructure changes to park and trail updates, while enjoying a healthy lifestyle with friends.

DiRocco started the Friday tradition with fitness in mind, but also wanted a dedicated time to chat face-to-face with citizens in a relaxed setting. Whether it be visiting the Vienna Dog Park to pick up trash along the creek in wake of a stormwater restoration project or stopping by the Vienna Community Center to check on reconstruction, the walks, which usually cover about three miles, provide that relaxed forum for citizens and the mayor to share first-hand impressions of their community.

"The walk becomes the conversation," notes DiRocco, as a healthy ritual helps keep dialogue open among Town officials and citizens. If you'd like to participate, simply meet out front of Town Hall, 127 Center Street S, at 9:30 a.m. Fridays. Be sure to check the calendar on the [viennava.gov](http://viennava.gov) homepage for any cancellations. 📌

## Get fresh at Farmers Market

**G**et fresh, Vienna! Fruits, vegetables, meats, fudge, cheeses, garden plants, coffee, bread, and more will be available when the Vienna Farmers Market, sponsored by the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna, opens May 7. The market, open 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays through October 29, is held in the parking lot of Faith Baptist Church, 301 Center Street S.

The Market is not just about food, but fun, too. Patrons can expect to enjoy a series of musicians, face painting, and balloon artists as well as gardening and culinary demos.

The Optimist Club of Greater Vienna has operated the Vienna Farmers Market for more than 10 years. All vendor fees support youth programs and provide scholarships for middle and high school students.

"The market provides a huge sense of community, and it's a big celebration of food," says Michele Wright, president-elect of the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna. "Everyone has a fun time."

"We believe . . . the market is a huge benefit to the community," she adds, noting that proceeds support youth. "Everyone in the Optimist Club volunteers as a labor of love for our community."

Visit [viennafarmersmarket.com](http://viennafarmersmarket.com) for more information. 📌

## Community Center Renovation and Expansion Update

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

- stormwater line on north side 75% complete
- sidewalk trail apron at Park Street incorrectly installed; will need to be demolished and re-installed
- French drains installed in parking area
- floors in old kitchen, restrooms, and administration area cut out
- masonry on north wall removed for opening to corridors and restrooms; masonry in administration area along east wall and on second floor also removed

- floor openings for future masonry piers cut
- tile wainscot in existing corridors removed
- metal stud walls on second floor and for control room in auditorium are underway
- layout of mechanical units on roof complete
- footings and foundation as well as masonry foundation walls in new gym are being installed.

Looking ahead, next steps include:

- installation of base and asphalt surface for W&OD trail
- proper installation of aprons for trail at Park Street

- pouring of footers for addition of restroom and new corridor
- begin moisture barrier and backfill walls as well as installation of sprinkler system and fire line inside mechanical room
- installation of electrical duct bank on south side of building.

*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 May 16. 📌*

## Slow down to get around – it’s the law

**A** new state law requires that drivers passing any stationary vehicle that is collecting trash or recycling must reduce their speed to at least 10 miles per hour below the posted speed limit and pass at least two feet to the left. This “slow down to get around” legislation was signed into law last year and is designed to improve the safety of trash collection workers, who have the fifth most dangerous job in the country. Drivers who fail to slow down when passing trash or recycling trucks can face a penalty of up to \$250. 🚗



## 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](http://viennava.gov). All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

### March 7

All motions approved 6-1, with Councilmember Linda Colbert absent.

- Approved purchase of E.H. Wachs water valve maintenance trailer for \$62,037.83.
- Approved a \$20,000 design increase for Nutley Street SW culvert replacement with Whitman, Requardt, and Associates.
- Awarded a \$80,231.48 contract to TRIAD Engineering for construction testing and inspection services.
- Approved payment to Keller Brothers, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$4,486 for the Vienna Community Center project.
- Approved payment to Lukmire Partnership in an amount not to exceed \$8,184 for the Vienna Community Center project.
- Approved an additional expenditure payment to R.E. Lee Electric Co., Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$20,623 for the Vienna Community Center project.
- Set public hearings on the FY17 operating budget and FY17 proposed water and sewer rates for April 4.
- Set a public hearing on the FY17 real estate tax rate for April 18.

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## Dominion Power program seeks to restore native plant environments along W&OD

Even though spring is in full bloom, sections of the W&OD trail in the Vienna area, specifically near Mill Road and Talahi Road, are looking decidedly less lush – and that’s a good thing. As part of ongoing routine activities to protect its transmission facilities along the 45-mile multipurpose trail, Dominion Power has over the past several years implemented a vegetation management program that targets incompatible invasive species and promotes re-emergence of native plants that better support indigenous wildlife.

The program has been implemented along the trail in other areas over the past couple of years to promote regeneration of meadow-like environments. Late this winter, early this spring, as the first step in this ongoing vegetation management program along sections of the trail in and around Vienna, Dominion Power mulched swaths of invasive plants, giving native plants that had been overpowered and suppressed in the soil an opportunity to regenerate.

“Within our objective of protecting the power infrastructure,” says Andrew Cooney, transmission forestry coordinator with Dominion Power, “we’re able to create a win-win for everybody using the trail. This program will improve plant and animal diversity, not to mention aesthetics.

“The invasive plants appear lush, but they don’t bring much to the table,” he adds. “They crowd out the native, viable plants, and they’re not conducive to the native wildlife – the birds, amphibians, and small mammals. The invasives might look fuller, but they provide a sterile environment. We’re unleashing a healthier habitat.”

The cleared areas should green up by June or July, Cooney says, but will have a different, more meadow-like look and texture than the invasive plants that trail-users have become used to.

While no additional mulching in the Vienna area is anticipated for the immediate future, reestablishment of a native plant community is an ongoing process that will require targeted applications of custom-blended herbicides along the two Vienna sections this fall and probably the following spring.

Dominion’s vegetation management program is being completed in sections along the W&OD, which is owned and managed by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, and it’s possible that in the future other sections in the Vienna area will be restored. 📍

## W&OD improvements expected to be ready soon

As part of the Vienna Community Center renovation project, the Town is working with the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority to make improvements to the section of the W&OD trail there. The trail is being relocated and widened; these improvements are expected to be completed and the permanent trail reopened by the end of May.

The trail’s new route aligns more closely to the old railroad line, moving it to the perimeter of the community center’s parking area rather than between the parking area and community center, resulting in improved pedestrian flow and safety. Because of this relocation, the trail’s intersection with Park Street has been shifted slightly north, and the new crosswalk will be wider, increasing its capacity for bicyclists and pedestrians and making the intersection more visible to motorists.

Also, the trail itself is being widened. As popularity of the W&OD has grown over the years, so has the trail’s width. The standard width is now 10 feet with some busier locations up to 12-foot wide. NOVA Parks is using this opportunity to install an 18-foot-wide section as a prototype, designed to better accommodate busy weekend traffic and perhaps one day separated lanes for bikers and pedestrians. Signage and fencing also are being updated. 📍

MAYOR @ YOUR SERVICE Tuesday, May 10

## Walk ‘n’ roll safely Go with the flow. Be seen. Be predictable.

These will be some of the themes discussed when Vienna’s next Mayor @ Your Service forum takes on pedestrian and bicycle safety at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, at Town Hall, 127 Center Street S.

Vienna police officers will review essential equipment and rules, provide safety tips such as making eye contact with drivers, and discuss practices such as why it may not always be best to ride on the sidewalk, but it’s always a good idea when on foot to use crosswalks.

Members of Vienna’s Pedestrian Advisory Committee and Bicycle Advisory Committee will also be on hand to share information and answer questions. 📍



## An event for almost everyone

Hosting approximately 50 community events each year, Vienna's Parks and Recreation Department strives to offer something for all ages. While no single event can appeal to all, the department strives to create a collection of events that includes something for everyone.

As the event season swings into full gear this month, the May event line-up, which includes Summer on the Green concert performances (see page 9), offers a good sampling of the wide appeal that the Town tries to achieve.

"It's a good way to kick off the season," says Recreation Coordinator Kathy Blevins. "We're offering great reasons to get out and enjoy the community."

### Garden Faire – May 7

If you have a green thumb or wish you did, attend the Vienna Garden Faire from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on the Town Green, 144 Maple Avenue E. Garden design and landscape companies, gardening and craft vendors, and horticulture and conservation nonprofits will be there as will the

Ayr Hill Garden Club Native Plant Sale, which will be open from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Town of Vienna Arborist Gary Lawrence will present at 10 a.m., and at 11 a.m. the pros from the Merrifield Home Depot will discuss spring lawn care and how to attract birds and butterflies to the garden. For children, activities include a grass hair planter and garden coloring placemats. Live music, too, at 11:30 a.m. with musicians from NRJ. Sweet treats from Crepe Amour will be available for purchase.

### Big Screen on the Green – May 13

The young and young-at-heart will enjoy watching a movie outdoors on the really big inflatable screen when Vienna Parks and Recreation and Navy Federal Credit Union present Walt Disney's *Aladdin*, which is rated G. Free popcorn while supplies last. Festivities begin on the Town Green at 8 p.m.; the movie will begin when it gets dark enough. Rain date is May 14.

### Teens on the Green – May 14

This annual event, hosted by Club Phoenix Teen Center, features local youth talent,

including the Club Phoenix Teen Improv group. Enjoy performances as well as a fun, interactive inflatable called "The Wrecking Ball" and several other vendors who will be on hand for the 11 a.m.-4 p.m. event on the Town Green.

### Community Health and Wellness Fair for Mature Adults – May 14

Exercise demos (think zumba and chair exercises), screenings, give-aways, and information about services and programs for senior adults will all be part of the Community Health and Wellness Fair from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Green Acres Senior Center, 4401 Sideburn Road in Fairfax. This event is co-sponsored with the City of Fairfax Parks and Recreation Department.

All events are free and open to the public and generally rain or shine, unless otherwise noted; call 703-255-6399 for severe weather updates. Bring blankets, chairs, and friends, but no alcohol or pets please. For more information, call 703-255-6360. 📍

## Thank You

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Reading from a proclamation, Mayor Laurie DiRocco said that evening: "Volunteering of one's time and resources is a fundamental part of the tradition of our country and is essential to its spirit. The people of our community benefit from the deeds of these selfless and dedicated individuals and organizations." 📍



### Other volunteers recognized for their contributions to the Vienna community during the Volunteer Reception included:

Aldis and Ingrida Lusis	Goldsmith Family	Murphy Family
Anne Latham	Greg Bauer	Rebecca Huffman
Anne Stuntz	Jason Molfetas	Rhonda Harrington
Barbara Mackie Franklin	Jay and Terry Bachmann	Senior Girl Scout Troop #2684
Bernie Grace	Jean Schafer	Shari MacFarlane
Bill Padgett	John Kenny	Singh Family
Bob Zillian	John Ruff	Tina Ejtemai
Carol Shapiro	John Runyon	Tom Dashtaray
Corbin and David Welch	Liz and Mike DiFrancisco	Wayne Walker
Gambhir and Van Diest Family	Lynne Rhoads	
	Manich Sharma	

### Other Carole Wolfand Award finalists were:

Dr. Kavian Milani with the Virginia Family Medicine  
 Jeremy Watson with Donato's Pizza  
 Matt Greer and Tim McLaughlin with the Caboose Brewery Co.  
 Victor Mendez with Vienna Vintner

## Hop on the bus to get around Vienna – and to other nearby destinations

In the 2014 Town of Vienna citizen survey, 38% of Town residents reported that they use public transportation. Of that 38%, only 5% said they use public bus services.

Vienna resident Jim Nunno is part of that 5%, riding the bus to work in Rosslyn every day to bypass the stress of traffic and hassles and expense of parking. “If you really don’t want to drive and are looking for public transportation, I would recommend the bus,” says Nunno. “It is a practical and environmentally friendly option.”

Both Metrobus and Fairfax Connector systems serve Vienna residents – as well as metro area residents who wish to travel to Vienna to shop, do business, or grab a bite to eat.

Switching back and forth between Metrobus and Fairfax Connector, Nunno sees advantages in each. “I appreciate Metrobus because they have apps that let you track when the bus is coming,” he says. “I know exactly when I need to leave the house in the morning and when to leave work in the afternoon, which is very convenient.

“Alternatively,” he continues, “drivers on the Connector are very friendly, and the buses are kept in a very nice condition, which allows me to enjoy a comfortable ride.”

Serving almost 12,000 bus stops in Virginia, the District, and Maryland, Metrobus offers thousands of trips each week. An alternative to and extension of Metrobus, the Fairfax Connector began offering public bus service in 1985. Today, with more than 295 buses and 85 routes, about 40,000 people utilize the Fairfax Connector each weekday.

The free Student Bus Pass Program is the newest service offered by Connector. This program permits all Fairfax County high and middle school students to ride Fairfax Connector from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday free of charge. To take advantage of this program, parental/guardian consent is required. Students can obtain consent forms by contacting their school’s administration office.

As a regular rider, Nunno offers some advice to those thinking about trying bus service: “Riders should be aware that riding the bus is an art and not a science. Sometimes the bus is just not going to be on time – you have to have a bit of patience when dealing with public transportation.”

Public transportation helps stimulate local economies, reduce road congestion, and diminish environmental damage. If you have that “bit of patience” Nunno referred to, there’s really no reason not to consider hopping on Metrobus or Fairfax Connector for your next trip. 🚗



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## Solarize Vienna ends May 15

**Don’t miss this opportunity to save energy and money – it’s a sure bet**

The mayors of Vienna, City of Fairfax, and City of Falls Church believe so strongly in the solar energy option and free home energy check-ups being offered through May 15 through the Solarize NOVA program that they’ve put dinner on the line. The mayor and Council of the winning community, to be determined by number of home energy sign-ups in each community (with handicaps figured in for population size and number of years in program) will host a dinner and sustainability conversation with the mayors and councilmembers of the other two communities, who will pick up the tab.



Vienna came out on top in 2015 in a head-to-head friendly competition with City of Falls Church, with 289 sign-ups for home energy check-ups (and nine homes installing solar energy systems). As of April 15 this year, though, Vienna was in third place.

“We have a fairly new Energy Star home, but we still picked up some straightforward and simple tips that helped us improve the efficiency of our HVAC system,” says Community Enhancement Commission member Tara Ruskowski, who had a home check-up last year. “The contractor even climbed into our attic to measure our insulation against the Energy Star standard. Learning we had the right amount gave me peace of mind. I’d recommend this free opportunity to anyone, regardless of the age of their home. In addition to the solid advice from an energy expert, you get nice freebies including CFL bulbs, power strips, and pipe insulation. It’s a no-brainer!”

To sign up for a home energy check-up or solar site assessment, visit [solarizevienna.org](http://solarizevienna.org) by May 15. Solarize NOVA is sponsored by the Northern Virginia Regional Commission and Local Energy Alliance Program. 🚗

# Parks caretakers keep parks clean and green

article and photos by Adam Kincaid

**A**s spring settles in and Vienna ramps up the outdoor lifestyle, the Town’s parks maintenance crew is ready to shepherd community members into concerts, festivals, and other gatherings. The change of seasons, however, is not where this crew begins; year-round you may not always see them, but says Parks Maintenance Manager John King, Jr.: “If it’s green, we take care of it.”

This collective crew of 10 is caretaker of the Town’s parks, keeping them clean, safe, and ready for play. Trees, creeks, playgrounds, trails, and irrigation all require the parks and rec department’s upkeep, regardless of the weather. During the winter season, the crew is in charge of clearing sidewalks, Town parking lots, and assisting the Public Works Department with street plowing.

And in the spring when youth sports leagues are ready to play ball, the parks maintenance crew has already been at work months prior to opening day addressing landscaping needs as well as maintaining equipment, bases, posts, lights, and fences.

The crew also works each year with several scouts who are required to implement a project that benefits the environment in order to earn Eagle Scout status. Multiple other organizations rely on this hardworking, behind-the-scenes crew to set up and breakdown for Town events.

“We do a lot of event coordinating with different organizations, which can scatter responsibilities” says Parks and Recreation Director Leslie Herman. “It’s the maintenance crew’s dedication and hard work that allows us to pull everything together and put on a good show.”

You know that the parks maintenance crew has done its job well, she adds, when, the day after an event, “You look around and – there’s no trash and traffic is flowing normally – you’d never know that an event even happened.”



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## Construction questions? Who you gonna email?



**A**bout her new role with the Town of Vienna, Rebecca Greenberg says: “As Town construction inspector, my role is to monitor all active construction sites. In this capacity, I am charged with looking at erosion and sediment controls as well as on-site stormwater management controls and how they relate to Town and private property. In addition to these responsibilities, I also monitor any work done in the Town right-of-way, most importantly how the Town right-of-way is restored post-work.”

If you have questions about private construction projects, email Greenberg at [rgreenberg@viennava.gov](mailto:rgreenberg@viennava.gov).

### Vienna businesses with staying power

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

- 25 YEARS  
**Eastern Business Machine Inc.**
- 20 YEARS  
**3S Group Inc.**
- Victoria Station Inc.**
- 15 YEARS  
**Central Nails**

- 10 YEARS  
**The Insurance Authority Agency**
- Ming Lu Home Maintenance**
- Scandiatravel Inc.**
- Thai Asian Food Market**

- 5 YEARS  
**Annette’s Amazing Granola**
- Christopher J. Olsen**
- Health Plan LLC**
- Panera Bread #1446**
- Sherri Stricker**
- Sohini.com**
- Subway #50504**



# Soulful start to Summer on the Green concert series

**T**apping your toes, singing along, maybe even getting up to dance as you listen to your favorite kind of music outdoors on a beautiful summer night with family and friends. Well, that's priceless. Doing all of that on the Vienna Town Green this summer – that's FREE!

The Town of Vienna will present 17 performances through its 2016 Summer on the Green concert series. With performances by local bands specializing in blues, rock, folk, beach, country, bluegrass, jazz, and swing, your favorite kind of music is almost certainly represented.

The concert series kicks off Friday, May 20, with a 6:30 p.m. performance by Sarah Bennett Swanner. A local, soulful blues favorite, Swanner is often compared to Janis Joplin, Melissa Etheridge, Jewel, and Jennifer Nettles.

As part of this Summer on the Green kick-off concert, the Town of Vienna will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the opening of the community center with displays and information about the current renovation project as well as free cake while supplies last.

Bring chairs, blankets, a picnic, friends and neighbors, and your dancing shoes, but no alcohol or pets please. All concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. Concerts are generally rain or shine, but may be canceled due to severe weather conditions. Call 703-255-7842 to check concert status in case of severe weather. 📍

## 2016 Summer on the Green

- May 20** Sarah Bennett Swanner – soulful blues
- May 22** Navy Band Sea Chanters – U.S. Navy's official chorus
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- June 3** Kingsley Winter Band – rock
- June 10** Vienna Idol Finals
- June 15** Rocknoceros – children's band, sponsored by Whole Foods, Evergreen Homes, and Vienna Moms
- June 17** Tommy's Bahamas – beach music as part of the new Chillin' on Church event
- June 24** Nitehawks - swing
- June 26** Dead Men's Hollow – bluegrass, sponsored by the Martin Family
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- July 1** Navy Band Commodores – U.S. Navy's premier jazz ensemble
- July 8** Shenandoah Run – folk Americana
- July 15** Bill Emerson and the Sweet Dixie Band – bluegrass
- July 22** Feedback – rock
- July 24** Vienna Community Band
- July 29** Wayne Tymanick – jazz, Dixieland
- 
- August 5** Navy Band Cruisers – U.S. Navy's premier contemporary entertainment ensemble
- August 12** Richard Walton Group – jazz
- August 19** NRJ – classic rock and country

Concert schedule is subject to change; please check [viennva.gov](http://viennva.gov) for updated information.



**Sarah Bennet Swanner performs May 20**

## Big trucks, little guests make for fun public works celebration

In celebration of National Public Works Week, the Town of Vienna will host an open house from 2-6 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at the Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill Street NE. The Northside facility houses all of the Town's public works operations – vehicle and equipment maintenance, street maintenance, general maintenance, sanitation, and water and sewer.

During the open house, Vienna residents, school and scout groups, and others are invited to tour the property yard; get an up-close look at the heavy machinery, vehicles, and equipment used by public works; and meet the employees who provide essential services. Police and fire equipment also will be on site.

Light refreshments will be served; hard hats, games, and other goodies will be available for children. For more information, call the Department of Public Works at 703-255-6380. 📍

# HAPPENINGS around town

The **Vienna Arts Society** is hosting two exhibits May 2-28 at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant Street NW. *Slice of Life* features original artworks in different mediums. In the second exhibit, copies of several masterpieces by the National Gallery of Art Copyists, a group licensed to paint replicas of works in the museum's collection, will be on display. Exhibit reception is free and open to the public 7-9 pm Friday, May 6. Exhibition hours are 10 am-4 pm Tuesday-Saturday. For more information, visit [viennaarts-society.org](http://viennaarts-society.org) or call 703-319-3971.

**Sheperd's Center Oakton-Vienna** is participating in a Social Justice Yard Sale from 7 am-1 pm Saturday, May 7, at Unitarian Universalist Church of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road. Volunteers are needed May 4-7 for set up, sorting, and sales. To volunteer call 703-281-0538.

**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, May 3, 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](mailto:wf.pflag@gmail.com) or visit [pflagdc.org](http://pflagdc.org) and [facebook.com/groups/fly.pflag](https://facebook.com/groups/fly.pflag).

Join **Vienna Adventist Academy** for a talent show and dessert reception at 8 pm Saturday, May 7, at its 340 Courthouse Road SW location. Tickets are \$15 and available through May 4 at Vienna Adventist Academy or call 703-938-6200 to reserve tickets. All proceeds support the school's Partnering for Eternity and ASSIST community outreach programs.

Local artist and illustrator **Elizabeth Witcher** will be the guest artist at the May 12 meeting of the **Vienna Arts Society** at 7:30 pm at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant Street NW. Witcher will demonstrate her ink drawing tech-

nique, but she also works in watercolor, oil, and acrylic painting as well as collage and textiles. The meeting is free and open to the public. [viennaartsociety.org](http://viennaartsociety.org) or 703-319-3971.

### American Legion Post 180

will host a breakfast buffet from 8 am-noon Sunday, May 15, at 330 Center Street N. Enjoy omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, and more. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. For more information, call 703-938-6580.

### The North East Vienna Citizens

**Association (NEVCA)** will hold a general membership meeting at 8 pm Tuesday, May 17, at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant Street NW. Agenda items include discussion of plans for the proposed mixed-use Vienna Market, a 1.97-acre site at Maple Avenue and Pleasant Street NW; annual election of NEVCA officers; and door-prize giveaways courtesy of Great Harvest Bread Company. All are welcome.

The **Vienna Photographic Society** will host a competition and critique of member-submitted images with themes of "working with hands and images straight from the camera" at its May 18 meeting at 7:30 pm in the auditorium/Room 123 at Oakton Elementary School, 3000 Chain Bridge Road. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more details, see the newsletter at [vpsva.org](http://vpsva.org).

The **Vienna Choral Society** will present *Carmina Burana* at 7:30 pm Saturday, May 21, at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Road. The choral society is teaming with Mosby Woods Elementary School's Mustang Chorus, directed by Camille Haberland, for the performance, which will feature two pianos and six percussionists as well as soloists. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for seniors (65+) and students (15-18); youth (14 and younger) are free when

accompanied by a paying ticketholder. [vienna-choralsociety.org](http://vienna-choralsociety.org)

Current merchandise at the **Freeman Store and Museum**, open 12-4 pm Wednesday-Sunday, includes:

- new printings of *This Was Vienna, Virginia* by Connie and Mayo Stuntz
- custom-illustrated Virginia prints and notecards by Manayunk Calligraphy
- Bovano glass-enamel garden stakes in the shape of butterflies and dragonflies
- artifact soy candles, made in Urbana, Maryland, that have a Civil War artifact on the bottom of the wax that you discover after the candle burns down
- colorful striped, knitted bunnies and bug traps for kids
- wooden garden plaques and baby finch birds
- a new book in the Images of America series entitled *Northern Virginia's Equestrian Heritage* as well as gardening and farming books from Storey Publishing
- some of the cups, saucers, plates, tea towels, and plaques from the suffragette exhibit

Chapter 227 of the **Vietnam Veterans Association** will present the 16th annual Vince Kaspar Awards for Excellence in the Arts at 7:30 pm Saturday, May 21, at Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane. The award program recognizes local high school students and their art and poetry. The meeting is open to the general public; admission is free. For more information, visit [vva227.org](http://vva227.org) or call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353.

**In Flies We Fish**, a group of fly fishing enthusiasts, is hosting Flyer Tyer Tuesdays, at which Flies by Two Brothers will provide fly-tying demos. Participants can tie flies themselves and discuss everything from conservation to great fishing spots. The next event will be from 6:30-8:30 pm May 31 at Caboose Brewing Co., 520 Mill Street NE. Materials are provided; please bring a small donation to cover costs. [inflieswefish.com](http://inflieswefish.com)

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Save the date for a pet expo and adoption fair on June 11. In conjunction with the **Vienna Arts Society's** Animal Kingdom exhibit, this community outreach event, which will take place in the parking lot at 115 Pleasant Street NW, will feature pet rescues, adoptions, and pet-related vendors. Donations (of towels, toys, food, etc.) will be accepted to benefit the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

With the Vienna Community Center currently closed, **Twice as Nice**, an upscale second-hand store run by Capital Caring, is offering free meeting space, on a pre-registered, first-come basis to community groups of up to 20, 7-9 pm Monday-Thursday. The store is located at 8344 Leesburg Pike in Tysons, near the Greensboro Metro. Restrooms are available, but there are no kitchen facilities. Capital Caring requests a donation and that participants stop in early to shop at the store. Call 703-752-1045 to reserve.

**Historic Vienna, Inc.** is planning a country fair at the Freeman Store and Museum on August 20. It's time now to plant your tomatoes, squash, and other crops in anticipation of this judged event. Youth as well as adults are encouraged to compete. Keep an eye on HVI's website for upcoming details, [historicviennainc.org](http://historicviennainc.org), or call 703-938-5187.

Two opportunities to play softball:

**Northern Virginia Senior Softball** invites men 50 and older and women 40 and older to play on one of 28 slow-pitch softball teams, competing at three skill levels, on Tuesday and Thursday mornings through July and September-October. Everyone bats with 11 defensive players on the field. Visit [nvss.org](http://nvss.org) or call Dave Scheele at 703-524-5576.

**The Golden Girls**, a senior women's slow-pitch softball league, is looking for women 40 and older to play ball Wednesday nights and Saturday mornings through July and September-October. The league stresses skills development, exercise, and good sportsmanship – all while having fun. For more information and registration details, visit [goldengirls.org](http://goldengirls.org).

# Teens take over Pop-up events around Vienna

**S**o the community teen center is under renovation and the busy summer season is just ahead...not a problem for Vienna's creative parks and recreation staff and teenagers. Club Phoenix is going mobile this summer with pop-up Teen Park Takeover events hosted monthly at parks around Town.

The pop-up fun is free and open to registered Club Phoenix members in grades 6-10. The only rules: teens must wear sneakers to take part in games and must be dropped off by a parent or guardian.

Here's what's planned – warning before reading further: If you're not a teen, the fun described below is probably going to make you wish you were back in middle or high school. Really!

**May 20: Flashlight Tag @ Glyndon Park**, 300 Glyndon Street NE. Bring your own flashlights and batteries.

**June 10: Capture the Flag @ Glyndon Park.**

**July 29: Tennis Court Dodgeball @ Meadow Lane Park, 400 Courthouse Road SW.**

**August 12: Flashlight Manhunt @ Glyndon Park.** Bring your own flashlight and batteries.

All Teen Park Takeovers are 7-9 p.m. For more information, contact Tammy Funk at [tfunk@viennava.gov](mailto:tfunk@viennava.gov) or 703-255-5736.



## Rides Games Food Wares Shows FUN



**May 28-30, 2016**

Join us for an entire weekend of day-and-night family entertainment, eats, crafts and attractions in downtown Vienna, VA!



### Bring your family out Memorial Day Weekend

for a fantastic festival in downtown Vienna Saturday through Monday, 10am-10pm, where the whole community comes together for outdoor fun! Enjoy family-friendly entertainment, carnival-style rides, and scrumptious food all three days. On Sunday and Monday, see dozens of vendors, local businesses, artisans, and other community members from 10am-6 pm.

ViVa! Vienna! is the major fund-raising project for the Rotary Club, which uses 100% of the money raised to support charitable, community, and humanitarian organizations serving Vienna. In 2015, ViVa! Vienna! raised \$250,000 for Rotary to donate.

**Sponsorships and booth space are still available** for you, your company or nonprofit. For info, maps, and participant lists, please visit the website at [ViVaViennaVA.org](http://ViVaViennaVA.org) or contact Rotary Club of Vienna at [info@ViVaViennaVA.org](mailto:info@ViVaViennaVA.org).

[ViVaViennaVA.org](http://ViVaViennaVA.org)

### OVER 100,000 VISITORS & 300 VENDORS

Recycle your old electronics! **eWaste** is back this year! Madison H.S. near Dock #11 Sunday & Monday 12pm - 6pm

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(Voice & TDD)

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703-255-5730 TDD  
Non-emergency  
703-255-6366 voice  
703-255-5730 TDD

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

**Vienna Town Hall**  
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# MAY TOWN CALENDAR

<b>3</b> Town Council Elections • 6 am-7 pm (Voting at Vienna Presbyterian Church)	<b>21</b> Vienna Farmers Market (301 Center Street S) • 8 am-noon
<b>4</b> Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 pm	<b>23</b> Town Council Meeting/Public Hearing • 8 pm
<b>7</b> Vienna Farmers Market (301 Center Street S) • 8 am-noon	<b>25</b> Planning Commission • 8 pm
<b>7</b> Garden Faire (Town Green) • 9 am-noon	<b>26</b> Community Enhancement Commission • 7:30 pm
<b>9</b> Town Council Meeting/Public Hearing • 8 pm	<b>28</b> Vienna Farmers Market (301 Center Street S) • 8 am-noon
<b>10</b> Mayor @ Your Service • 7:30 pm	<b>28-29</b> Viva! Vienna! • 10 am-10 pm
<b>11</b> Planning Commission • 8 pm	<b>30</b> Holiday: Town Hall closed; regular refuse collection
<b>12</b> Town/Business Liaison Committee • 7 pm	<b>30</b> Viva! Vienna! • 10 am-6 pm
<b>13</b> Big Screen on the Green: Aladdin • 8 pm	<b>31</b> Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committees • 7 pm
<b>14</b> Vienna Farmers Market (301 Center Street S) • 8 am-noon	<b>31</b> Transportation Safety Commission • 8 pm
<b>14</b> Community Health and Wellness Fair • 9 am-1 pm (Green Acres Senior Center)	
<b>14</b> Teens on the Green Concert (Town Green) • 11 am-3 pm	
<b>16</b> Town Council Work Session • 8 pm	
<b>17</b> Public Art Commission • 7 pm	
<b>18</b> Board of Zoning and Appeals • 8 pm	
<b>19</b> Public Works Open House • 2-6 pm (Northside Property Yard)	
<b>19</b> Board of Architectural Review • 8 pm	

*Unless otherwise noted, all meetings take place at Town Hall, 127 Center Street S.  
Meeting schedule subject to change; check [viennava.gov](http://viennava.gov) for updates.*

**15 years ago...** Town of Vienna police officers **Jim Wicks** and **Donna Rippley** were recognized for using an automatic external defibrillator (AED) to revive a resident who had collapsed in his driveway. This was the first time an AED had been used since units had been purchased by the police department two years earlier. No update on the resident's condition was provided. 📌