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Fireworks, family & fun!

Another sparkling Town of Vienna July 4 celebration and fireworks show is on the way! Enjoy a circus show, chili dog and pie eating contests, moonbounces, and live music Monday, July 4, at Yeonas Park, 1319 Ross Drive SW. Of course, a fireworks display will provide the booming exclamation point to the fun-filled evening.

The celebration kicks off at 4 p.m. with the 2nd Annual Vienna Inn Chili Dog Eating Contest. Do you have the stomach to take on last year's champion, Thomas Jung, who finished 11 chili cheese dogs in just 15 minutes? A \$250 grand prize package awaits the winner. You must be 18 to enter the contest. There is a \$20 fee to participate and only 10 seats are available. To register, stop in at parks and rec offices at 262M Cedar Lane or the Vienna Inn or register online at viennava.gov via WebTrac with activity number 130620.

"Everyone had so much fun at the chili dog eating contest last year so we knew we would bring it back," says Brian Hanifin, parks and recreation coordinator. "The whole July 4 event is a blast – ha! I hope that we have even more people attend this year and continue to increase the fun."

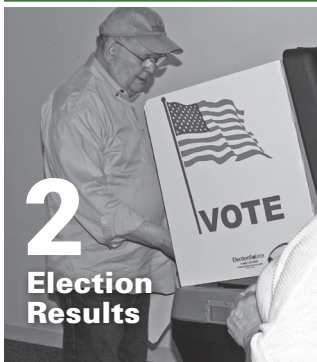
Kids ages 5-10 can compete in a pie eating contest at 5 p.m. To register, visit parks and rec offices or viennava.gov, open WebTrac, and search Special Events under "Type" or use activity number 130621.

At the Old Bay Circus Company shows, spectators of all ages will enjoy an astonishing one-ring circus that features lovely aerialists, giant unicycles, madcap juggling, and astounding stunts.

Festival attendees can also take part in kids' games and jump themselves silly in moonbounces. The "Field of Dreams," a fun, interactive obstacle course for kids of all ages and kids at heart, will be set up on the baseball diamond until 7 p.m. Each base and running

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FOX 5's Zip Trip visits Vienna

Come to the Town Green from 6-11 a.m. Friday, June 24, for music, food, activities, fun, and a chance to be on air on **FOX 5 News Morning** and **Good Day DC**. Fitness classes, samples from area restaurants, and musical performances are among activities being planned. More details will be available at viennava.gov. 📍

MAYOR LAURIE DIROCCO RE-ELECTED

Colbert, Majdi, Noble elected to Vienna Town Council

On May 3 Vienna residents elected Doug Noble and re-elected Linda Colbert and Pasha Majdi to Town Council for two-year terms. Five candidates vied for the three Town Council positions up for election.

Incumbent Laurie DiRocco, who ran unopposed, was re-elected mayor, receiving 1,309 votes.

Official vote totals for Town Council positions, according to the Fairfax County Office of Elections, are below:

Roy Baldwin	671
Craig Burns	382
Linda Colbert	1,096
Pasha Majdi	1,007
Douglas Noble	768

A total of 1,492 ballots were cast, including 45 that were absentee.

Colbert and Majdi were first elected to Town Council in 2014. DiRocco has served on Council since 2009; she was first elected mayor in 2014.

The two-year terms for mayor and Councilmembers begin July 1. 🗳️



Where the rubber meets the road

The Town of Vienna was among 17 Virginia Municipal League Insurance Program members to be recognized this spring for participation in a Where the Rubber Meets the Road defensive driving campaign. The Town was awarded for meeting its initial training goal of providing 90% of on-the-job Town drivers with defensive driving instruction and successfully implementing driving policies and procedures. The achievement has earned the Town a 5% credit on its automobile liability coverage premium.

Town of Vienna staff defensive driving trainers are Conner Duffy in the Parks and Recreation Department and Josiah Horton in the water and sewer division of the Public Works Department. Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor Craig Schlemmer is chair of the Town's Safety Committee and coordinates safe driving training.

Motor vehicle crashes are the number one cause of occupational fatalities. 🗳️

Banish boredom with fun summer camps

The Town of Vienna's summer 2016 camp line-up includes approximately 70 offerings for children ages 3-16. There's a lot to choose from: Sports camps. Art camps. Theater camps. Computer camps. Teen excursions, chess camps, and more. For more information and instructions for registering, visit bit.ly/tov_camps.

Ahh and cheers: Chillin' on Church

by Adam Kincaid

Vienna's Parks and Recreation Department offers numerous ways for children to indulge in summertime. (See the list of activities at right for just a few examples.) But what about the Town's hard-working adults? They deserve some fun downtime, too.

If taking a relaxing evening away from the constant hustle and bustle sounds appealing, parks and rec has just what the doctor ordered: music, food, and beer at Chillin' on Church. Join your friends and neighbors for a low-key classic summer evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 17, along historic Church Street.

In a street-party atmosphere, American Legion Post 180 will provide both beer on tap and barbeque for sale. Several food trucks will tempt your palate with a diverse menu of savory and sweet treats.

Of course, any self-respecting street party must feature great music. Chillin' on Church will feature the summery beach sounds of The Bahama Rockits. If you're not going to be jammin' out on your feet all evening, please bring your own chairs. Feel free to bring a picnic dinner, too, but no bring-your-own alcohol may be brought to the event.

Admission is free. As always, you must be 21 or older to purchase alcohol, and a photo ID is required. Church Street will be closed from Mill to Dominion Street, and Mill Street will be closed from Maple Avenue to Church Street. 📍



More jammin' June events

Summer on the Green

6:30 pm • Town Green

June 3 Kingsley Winter Band

June 15 Rocknoceros

June 24 Nitehawks

June 26 Dead Men's Hollow

Vienna Idol Finals

June 10 • 6:30 pm • Town Green

Club Phoenix Live Improv Comedy Show

June 18 • 5:30 pm • Town Green

White Elephant Bingo

June 24 • 11 am-3 pm

American Legion Post 180, 330 Center Street N

Tweens & Teens Dine & Create Till 8

June 25 • 5-8 pm • 262M Cedar Lane SE

Stories & Sprinklers

Wednesdays, June 29-August 13 • 1 pm

Historic Vienna Little Library, 131 Church Street NE

For more information about these events, check the Summer 2016 parks and rec guide at viennava.gov or call 703-255-6360.



Dead Men's Hollow, June 26

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path will feature fun activities like dizzy bat, tire run, and lily pad leap.

At 7 p.m., Vienna-based Fat Chance will perform classic rock tunes that all generations can enjoy.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase from the Vienna Little League concession stand beginning at 4 p.m.

Last, but certainly not least, the fireworks display will launch from Southside Park at 1315 Ross Drive SW. Seating opens at 5 p.m. and is available primarily

at Yeonas Park; limited seating is available at Southside. Bring chairs and blankets; lawn chairs are prohibited on the baseball fields at Yeonas Park.

The following streets will be closed to vehicular traffic from 7-11 p.m.:

- Ross Drive from Cottage Street to George Street
- Patrick Street and George Street from Cottage Street to Ross Drive.

Parking is available at Cedar Lane School and Thoreau Middle School. 📍

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Pounds of expired or no-longer-needed medications collected from area citizens at the Vienna Police Department April 30 as part of the Drug Enforcement Administration's National Drug Take Back Initiative.

Seal up leaks for a more energy-efficient home

by David Steiner, Community Enhancement Commission

So, you missed the Solarize Vienna deadline and you feel like you've missed out on the opportunity to improve your home's comfort and efficiency.

Not a chance.

Do you know the best thing that you can do to improve your living comfort and your home's efficiency?

- Buy and install a high-efficiency HVAC system? No.
- Buy new replacement windows? No.
- Buy ENERGY STAR appliances? No, but getting closer.
- Seal and insulate your home? YES!!!

As they say, it's the little things that can really add up.

Before you do anything to your home that involves expensive upgrades, make sure you seal drafty leaks on your home's exterior and add proper insulation in your attic and walls. The costs can be a fraction of what you would spend on new equipment and installations. Also, you can



reap other benefits in the form of reduced outside noise and improved indoor air quality.

How do you find where the leaks may be in your home? To start, have a professional perform an energy audit of your home, which typically involves a simple blower door test.

At the recent Green Expo, a blower door demonstration was conducted at a Windover Heights home by a trained technician from LEAP (Local Energy Al-

liance Program). The test requires a front door for the blower fan, which pulls air out of the house, lowering the air pressure inside. Using an infrared camera, the technician canvases the interior of the house to identify any leaks that may be present. Common areas for leaks are around doors and windows, unfinished areas, ductwork for heating and cooling systems, recessed lighting, vent fans, and outdoor faucets.

The energy technician will provide recommendations to correct any leaks that are identified.

Most houses in Vienna are old enough that they clearly would benefit from an energy audit, but new homes can improve energy efficiency, too. Not all builders construct new homes with sufficient sealing and insulation. If you want to ensure that you are not wasting money, get a quick check.

To schedule an energy checkup at your home, contact LEAP at leap-va.org/check-up or call 434-227-4666.

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Bike/Walk Challenge Week 2016

Pedaling and stepping our way to a stronger community

It's time to kiss the long kiss and ride line at school goodbye – at least for the week of June 13 when elementary schools throughout Vienna will participate in the 8th annual Safe Routes to School Bike/Walk Challenge Week. There are trophies – and a lot of community pride – at stake.

Each day during the challenge week of June 13-17, students at Vienna's seven elementary schools are encouraged to ride their bikes or walk to school. At the end of the week, the schools that have the most improvement, best overall participation, and best biking participation will receive trophies – and bragging rights for the next year.

"Parents and kids learn how easy it is to walk or bike to school," says Pedestrian Advisory Board Member Sean McCall, who has championed the communitywide challenge over the past several years. "Plus it's really fun for the kids."

Teachers report, he adds, that the challenge makes the classroom learning experience better and more focused because students have exercised before arriving at school.

McCall says he's gratified that there's "a lot more biking and walking happening in Vienna in the past few years" and that several of the school PTAs have initiated programs to encourage walking and biking throughout the year. He encourages adults, too, to make an effort to walk and bike, at least during the challenge week, to work, shopping, and dining.

"People are moving to Town, in part," he says, "because of our reputation that you can walk and bike here."

Last year, Westbriar Elementary School won the overall Challenge Cup for most improved participation. About 300 students, half of the school's population, participated in the challenge, says Principal Lisa Pilson, who adds that that number includes about 170 students who do not typically walk or bike to school.

The challenge not only encourages a healthy lifestyle that includes exercise, says Pilson, it also results in fewer cars in the kiss and ride line, "which is both good for the environment and traffic. Also, this activity promotes positive community engagement by providing an opportunity for neighbors to get to know one another."

As a result of the annual challenge, Westbriar's PTA organizes monthly "Wednesdays Are for Walking" events.

"I'm proud of our students for participating in this event," says Pilson, "and I sincerely appreciate the work of our PTA. The partnership between school and parents promotes well-rounded children and is the foundation for strong communities." 📍



Vienna Bike Rodeo June 11

Round up your children of all ages for Vienna's annual Bike Rodeo from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center Street S. Children will learn practical safety checks, including how to wear helmets and adjust bikes, while practicing skills, such as stopping and checking for cars, by pedaling through a fun obstacle course.

Bring your bicycles and helmets. Inova Trauma Center will give away free helmets while supplies last.

After participating in the Bike Rodeo, your children will be ready to pedal to school safely as part of Vienna's annual Bike/Walk Challenge Week, June 13-17. 📍



Adam Kincaid



Quarterly recycling day is June 4

These days virtually any material can be recycled or reused. Unwanted car parts and electronics are certainly no exception to this rule. Clean out your space and help keep the Earth clean, too, by participating in the Town of Vienna's quarterly recycling day on Saturday, June 4. Vienna residents may drop off electronics, motor oil, antifreeze, and car batteries for recycling at the Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill Street NE, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, call the Department of Public Works at 703-255-6380. 📍

CONVERSATIONS WITH COUNCIL

Exploring creative solutions to Vienna's **transportation, traffic conundrum**

by Mayor Laurie DiRocco

Transportation and traffic are two of the Town's biggest challenges. Vienna residents desire a walkable and bikeable Town where citizens have a choice of transportation options. Over the last seven years, the Town has invested millions of dollars in sidewalks and roadwork. Much of this funding was obtained through regional, state, and federal grants. Vienna continues to apply for and obtain grant money to help fund transportation improvement projects.

The Town's Transportation Safety Commission (TSC) reviews residents' requests for traffic-enhancing measures and makes recommendations to Town Council based on traffic data and studies. The Town will install a TSC-recommended mini-roundabout at the corner of Park and Locust streets, beginning this summer, as a creative solution to a challenging intersection.

The Town's Bicycle Advisory Commission (BAC) and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (PAC) are creating bicycle and pedestrian master plans to make better connections to schools, community facilities, and businesses. The Town also is upgrading and synchronizing traffic signals along Maple Avenue to improve traffic flow and wait times.

The Town of Vienna recently installed a HAWK signal on Maple Avenue West



near Pleasant Street. A HAWK signal (High-intensity Activated crossWalk) is a pedestrian-activated traffic control device used to stop traffic so that pedestrians can cross the street safely. Since HAWK lights are new to Northern Virginia, many drivers are not familiar with how they work. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) standardizes the light configuration for these signals, and the Town is working with VDOT to make the signals easier to understand and preparing materials to educate drivers about how the signals work. (Basically, flashing yellow means to slow and prepare to stop; flashing red means stop and then go IF a pedestrian is not using the crosswalk; solid red means stop.) Another HAWK signal is being considered on Maple Avenue near James Madison High School; it will be important to coordinate the light configuration for these signals.

The Town continues to explore creative solutions to our traffic problems. It is important that all modes of transportation are able to maneuver safely on our streets. The May 10 Mayor @ Your Service focused on pedestrian safety, and presenters emphasized the importance of making eye contact with drivers when walking or biking as well as the need for drivers to be on the lookout for pedestrians crossing streets.

The Vienna Police Department has appointed Ofc. Pat Kiley as the new community service officer; Kiley will focus his efforts on community involvement and safety. Vienna wants to spread the word about safety and be known as a pedestrian-friendly community. The Town also is considering a community charrette, a community gathering at which experts are brought in to help citizens brainstorm and discuss pros and cons of possible solutions to the Town's traffic challenges.

It requires commitment and involvement from many individuals to build and maintain communities that are safe and friendly for walking, bicycling, and driving. I believe it is important for Vienna to continue to strive to be a pedestrian-friendly Town as it offers citizens healthy options for transportation, improves the environment, grants greater access for businesses, and improves the overall quality of life in the community. 📍

Nothing is certain in this world, except . . .

First installment of 2016 Town of Vienna real estate taxes due July 28

For citizens' convenience, several payment options are available:

- Pay in person at the finance counter at Town Hall, 127 Center Street South.
- Drop payment in the night depository in the front door of Town Hall.
- Mail to Town of Vienna at: 127 Center Street S, Vienna, VA 22180
- Pay by credit or debit card at velocitypayment.com/client/faps/vienna/index_web.htm.

Note: A service fee, which goes to the credit card processor, will apply to your transaction.

Contact the Finance Department with questions regarding real estate taxes or the payment process, 703-255-6325.

Parting words

by Councilmember Edythe Kelleher

Editor's note: After serving on Town Council for 14 years, Councilmember Edythe Kelleher decided not to run for re-election this year. Her current term expires June 30.



As Shakespeare wrote, “Parting is such sweet sorrow.” It has been an honor and privilege to serve you on Vienna Town Council for the past 14 years, but now it is someone else’s turn. Before I bid farewell to Council, I wanted to share some hard-learned “wisdom” for future leaders.

- **Be fiscally conservative.** Keep diverse citizen pocketbooks in mind.
- **Think about the future.** Vienna’s sense of community doesn’t exist because of buildings. It is created by the activities, volunteer organizations, and opportunities for making personal connections within Town. As you plan for the needs of future generations, consider how our small-town feeling can be perpetuated.
- **Seek everyone’s input.** Vienna residents are trained in many subjects and know their own neighborhoods. Utilize their expertise.
- **Learn from others.** Stay involved with the Virginia Municipal League. Watch and learn from other communities’ experiences.
- **Don’t be stopped by traffic.** Do everything possible to keep Maple Avenue moving and to discourage neighborhood cut-through traffic, but proceed with making Maple Avenue a “vibrant street” for Vienna residents to enjoy.
- **Get out of the water/sewer business.** There are big advantages to merging into a large system’s economies of scale.
- **Build a municipal parking garage.** In a downtown location, it will provide convenience and help businesses to prosper. Keep looking for an opportunity.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve, and to depart knowing that I have contributed to my community. I will miss the Council, but have great confidence in the new team. 🍷

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.

April 4

- Deferred public hearing on FY17 real estate tax rate from April 18 to May 9.
- Adopted Restated Agreement for ICMA-RC 401(a) Governmental Money Purchase Plan.
- Approved Programmatic Project Administration Agreement extension addendum.
- Approved additional expenditure of \$71,000 with HD Supply for cold water meters.
- Approved payment to Sagres Construction Corporation in the amount of \$28,739.15 for emergency water main repairs at Arrowood Parc Apartments.
- Set a public hearing for April 18 to consider vacation of the public alley adjacent to 102 Ayr Hill Avenue NW.
- Approved parks and recreation instructor contracts in amounts not to exceed \$13,380 for First Serve Tennis, \$9,000 for Vienna Woods Studios, \$15,000 for UK Elite Soccer, and \$15,000 for MVP Sports for classes and camps through June 30.
- Approved payment to Keller Brothers, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$68,238 for work completed on the Vienna Community Center project. 🍷

Community Center Renovation and Expansion Update

Here’s the most recent monthly progress report on the project as submitted to Town Council May 9:

- reinstalled sidewalk aprons correctly
- storm line and perimeter drain along west and south sides of building installed
- water line between community center and VVI building currently being installed
- well shed demolished
- electrical conduits installed
- final light pole installed – and operational
- new transformer installed
- demolition/digging undertaken along interior perimeter to install masonry piers in administrative office area and auditorium
- water pipes installed in family restroom and staff locker room

- concrete floors poured for auditorium restrooms
- piers in auditorium corridor laid for rooftop mechanical units
- west and east masonry walls for new gym installed
- masonry walls installed and concrete floor slabs poured for electrical room, theatre, and gym storage
- waste piping for new restrooms installed
- concrete foundation along corridor between the lobby and new gym 50% complete.

Looking ahead, next steps include:

- installing a steel retaining wall, asphalt surface, and bollards along the W&OD trail

- installing bar joist, decking, and roofing over the electrical room, gym, auditorium, and theatre storage
- continuing masonry work on west and south walls of the new gym
- installing exterior wall piers in the administrative area and corridor piers for mechanical equipment in the auditorium.

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 June 13. 🍷

Outstanding performances

A variety of community organizations recently recognized Town of Vienna staff members for their outstanding service.

American Legion Dyer Gunnell Post 180 honored Officer First Class Blake Tremont as Vienna Police Officer of the Year at an April 6 ceremony. With the Vienna Police Department since 2011, Tremont was recognized for his productivity in both traffic and criminal enforcement, ability to build rapport with citizens and co-workers alike, and his capacity to remain calm in stressful situations. Last year, Tremont was able to defuse a potentially deadly situation involving an agitated subject who required mental health attention. The American Legion also recognized Adam Searle with the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department as Firefighter/EMT of the Year.

On April 13 the Rotary Club of Vienna presented M. Jane Seeman Service Above Self Awards to Sgt. Tu Farhan with the Vienna Police Department and Kathy Blevins, recreation coordinator in the Town's Parks and Recreation Department. An accomplished officer, detective, and supervisor, Farhan volunteers for many additional duties and routinely uses his fluency in five foreign languages to assist fellow officers and better serve residents. Blevins has been instrumental in planning programs, tours, classes, and events for Town residents. Working closely with community organizations, she has created new events to better serve residents.

Officers Ara Post and Brad Reedy were recognized last month for their enforcement efforts related to drunk and impaired driving. The Vienna officers were among several local law enforcement officers honored by the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program and Mothers Against Drunk Driving at their 25th annual Awards for Excellence in Community Service and Safety ceremony held in Chantilly May 6. 📍



Officer Blake Tremont



Sgt. Tu Farhan

Adam Kincaid



Kathy Blevins

Adam Kincaid

Vienna Idol: the dream of dreamers

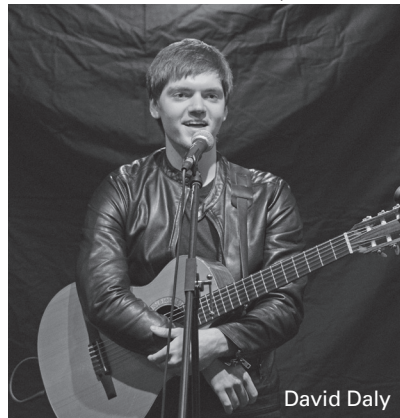
by Adam Kincaid

The tragic loss of a young person can send ripples across a family, but the collective community's achievements in that individual's honor can form an eternal tribute. Vienna Idol has done just that, evolving to shape peoples' lives in the most meaningful, lasting ways, whether it be through granting a scholarship for a dreamer in need, freeing an artist from self-doubt within, or creating a tradition synonymous with Vienna.

In 2011, Madison Warhawk Khristin Kylo passed away due to Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy. To honor their daughter's memory and dreams, Tom and Julie Kylo sought not only to gather the people whose lives she touched but to create something in her honor that would bring people together: They found music. Thus began the all-day music festival called Kylopalooza, which has morphed into Vienna Idol and which funds a scholarship each year for a Madison High



Diana Park



David Daly

Photos by Adam Kincaid

School student who does not physically, financially, or otherwise have the means to achieve their dreams.

Since its inception in 2012, the local music competition has featured more than 150 dreamer-singers vying for the coveted title of Vienna Idol. The 2016 finale is set for June 10 on the Town Green.

"Vienna's family Woodstock," as Caffé Amouri owner Michael Amouri calls Vienna Idol, has raised more than \$50,000 over the past five years, and has given contestants a window into their own artistic talents and passions. Following in the footsteps of his musician-father, the very first Vienna Idol Ethan Schaefer discovered his

own dreams and performing capabilities through the competition. Schaefer continues to perform on stages at venues across the area, including Vienna's own Jammin' Java.

2016 contestant Diana Park marvels at the opportunity to perform live, saying: "I can practice multiple times at home or

record my voice to catch my mistakes, but performing live is such a raw experience." The stage is an opportunity for each contestant to learn about their own abilities, some of which they may not have known they had in the first place.

The success and popularity of Vienna Idol has inspired the Kylo family and Idol sponsors, including Caffé Amouri and Whole Foods, to dream bigger themselves. "Khristin touched a lot of lives and had large expectations for herself," says her father, "so it's good to have a similar mission and purpose in encouraging others to do the same for themselves."

Visit viennaidol.org to learn more. 🎵



Town of Vienna business licenses were issued in April to these businesses:

Chop't Creative Salad Company
restaurant
160 Maple Avenue W
757-656-1331

Emex Wellness Center
wellness center
165 Maple Avenue E
703-999-3320

Guest Services, Inc.
food services
901 Follin Lane SE
703-613-3266

Mod Super Fast Pizza
restaurant
168 Maple Avenue W
703-679-1860

Vienna businesses with staying power

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

40 YEARS
Auto Body of Vienna
30 YEARS
Vienna Paint & Decorating Company
20 YEARS
Vienna Massage Therapy
15 YEARS
Christopher E. Bonacci, D.D.S
Conein Communications

10 YEARS
7-Eleven
Cooperative Paws
Dr. Davoud Zadeh Dental Office
Glory Travel
Kolly Enterprises
Patron Insurance Services
Vienna Watch and Clock Shop

5 YEARS
4 Impact
Gimga Design Group
Maple Cleaners
Mid-Atlantic Construction Enterprises
Purple Onion Catering Company
Savvy Rest Natural Bedroom
Senior Management Associates
Spring Street Investments
Sweet Leaf Two

The buzz about Zika: prevention is best strategy

As the Summer Olympics approach and the virus spreads, Zika – and its prevention and treatment – seems to be one of the most pressing topics of discussion recently. Local, state, national, and global public health officials are closely monitoring spread of the virus.

For people who live in or plan to visit parts of Central and South America, the Caribbean, and some Pacific Islands, Zika may pose a worrisome risk. If you plan to travel to these regions, keep a close eye on health advisories. For most residents of Northern Virginia, however, it is important to be aware but not alarmed.

What is Zika?

Zika is a virus that is spread primarily through the bite of an infected Aedes mosquito. Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on a person who is already infected with the virus. To limit the spread to others, people with the virus are advised to avoid mosquitoes for seven days after symptoms start.

In rare cases, Zika may also be transmitted through sexual contact or from a mother to her child during pregnancy.

Zika is generally a mild illness. Most people with Zika do not experience symptoms. If symptoms do occur, they usually are mild and include fever, rash, muscle and joint pain, red eyes caused by conjunctivitis (pink eye), and headache, which can last up

to a week. However, for pregnant women, there is a possible association between Zika virus infection and subsequent birth defects, including microcephaly (small head and brain size).

While researchers learn more about the risk of Zika during pregnancy, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advises women who are pregnant

or considering becoming pregnant to talk with their healthcare provider about postponing travel to areas where Zika virus transmission is ongoing.

Anyone who travels to such areas should take steps to avoid mosquito bites and contact a health care provider if they experience symptoms.

Transmission of Zika

The CDC has identified countries and territories with active Zika virus transmission. These include multiple countries in Central and South America; multiple islands in the Caribbean, including Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands; several Pacific Islands, including American Samoa; and Cape Verde.

Zika cases in the continental United States typically have involved travelers returning from Zika-affected areas. In January, the Virginia Department of Health confirmed its first reported Zika virus infection, which was travel-related.

No local transmission of the virus through mosquitoes has been reported in the continental United States. More infec-

tions are likely as people travel to and from areas where the disease is currently being transmitted. To see the most current list of these countries, go to cdc.gov/zika.

The Virginia Department of Health and Fairfax County Health Department continue to monitor the Zika situation closely.

Prevention

Currently there is no vaccine to prevent Zika, so the best thing to do is avoid mosquito bites. The CDC advises people to:

- use an Environmental Protection Agency-approved mosquito repellent on clothing and exposed skin; use the repellent day and night because mosquitoes that transmit Zika are daytime biters that may also enter buildings and bite at night
 - wear loose, light-colored clothing and long-sleeved shirts and long pants when possible.
 - treat clothing with permethrin or purchase permethrin-treated clothing
 - sleep indoors in rooms with air conditioning or window/door screens to keep mosquitoes outside or use a bed net.
- To prevent mosquito breeding, the CDC recommends:
- emptying standing water from containers such as buckets, flower pots, and vases
 - treating water that cannot be emptied from containers with a larvicide that will help control mosquitoes; read and follow label instructions
 - using insecticides to control mosquitoes in your yard; read and follow label instructions. ♻



Kudos correction

Anne Stuntz, president of Historic Vienna Inc., has graciously – and persistently – pointed out to us that she was erroneously singled out for recognition in the May issue of *Vienna Voice*. She was included in the list of volunteers recognized at the Mayor’s Volunteer Reception in April when the recognition, she notes, belongs to Historic Vienna board members who “supported Afternoons on Church and Viva! and the holiday stroll and the walk and the exhibits and all the other activities [including helping plan 125th anniversary events] we did last year.” So...cheers and thank you, Historic Vienna, Inc. board members!



HAPPENINGS around town

The **Vienna Volunteer Fire Department (VVFD) Auxiliary** wants you! Continuously in service since 1927, the auxiliary is welcoming volunteers to help it organize a variety of events and provide services that support the VVFD and the Town of Vienna and Fairfax County residents it serves. Volunteers are needed to staff pancake breakfasts and spaghetti dinners, serve on the bingo team or canteen unit, and participate in Santa Runs and the turkey trot, and a whole lot more. Membership is open to all Northern Virginia area residents. To apply, visit vvfd.org, click on the "more information" link under "Become a Volunteer," and then click on the link under "Auxiliary." Questions? Email lauren.kirby@vvfd.org or call 703-216-2085.

Oakton Church of the Brethren will host a community flea market and food and bake sale from 8 am-1 pm Saturday, June 4, (rain or shine) at 10025 Courthouse Road. Reservations for vendor space available through the morning of June 3 for a \$15 donation to the church. For more information or to reserve sales space, 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, June 7, 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.

In conjunction with its June exhibition, *Animal Kingdom*, the **Vienna Arts Society** will host a

community outreach event featuring pet rescues and adoptions from 10 am-4 pm Saturday, June 11, in the Vienna Art Center parking lot, 115 Pleasant Street NW. Artists will offer pet-related art and original pet caricatures and portraits. Other vendors will offer pet products and services. Donations of towels, pet toys, and pet food are encouraged to benefit the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. Rain date is June 12. ViennaArtsSociety.org or 703-319-3971.

Bring dad for a delicious **breakfast buffet** at the **American Legion Post 180** on Father's Day, June 19. Breakfast will be served 8 am-noon. The buffet is \$9 for adults and \$3 for children ages 12 and under. Omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, and more are on the menu. For more information, call 703-938-6580.

Members of the **Vienna Arts Society** are participating through June 12 in an art abandonment project. Member-made pieces of art, from the simple to the elegant, are being left in public spaces where some lucky person can find and claim the treasures. If you find a piece of "abandoned" art, please post a photo of yourself with the artwork on the Town's Facebook page, facebook.com/TownofViennaVA.

DC-based author and illustrator **Sallie Lowenstein** will present at the June 16 **Vienna Arts Society** meeting. The meeting, which is free and open to the public, will be at 7:30 pm at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant Street. Lowenstein got an early start on adventure when at 8 she traveled with her family on prop planes through 17 Asian and European nations. Those experiences have colored her paintings, sculptures, illustrations, and books and shape her beliefs about creativity and the independent spirit.

Former U.S. Army helicopter pilot **LTC Chuck Harris (Retired)** will share experiences from his two Vietnam War tours of duty as a gunship pilot and flight leader at the June 16 meeting of **Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 227**. The meeting is open to the public and will take place at 7:30 pm at Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane. Harris flew missions in support of Hamburger Hill and An Loc battles.

The McLean branch of the **American Association of University Women** will collect books, CDs, DVDs, records, and recent textbooks from 9 am-1:30 pm June 18 at Sun Trust Bank, 515 Maple Avenue E, for its September 16-18 book sale. Please no encyclopedias or VHS or audio tapes. Future collection dates are scheduled for July 16 and August 13. Proceeds from the book sale are used for scholarships for women. Questions? aauwbookfair@gmail.com or 703-527-4206.

Members of the **Vienna Arts Society** will exhibit at the Meadowlark Botanical Gardens through June 30. The exhibit is free and open to the public at 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court. For more information, call 703-255-3631.

Congratulations to **Church of the Holy Comforter** for creating a certified wildlife habitat that has been recognized by the National Wildlife Federation (NWF), the largest wildlife conservation and education organization in the United States. The NWF recognition certifies that the church grounds improve habitat for birds, butterflies, bees, frogs, and other wildlife by providing essential elements needed by all wildlife: water, natural food source, and cover.

Historic Vienna, Inc. (HVI) and **District III National Capital Area Garden Clubs** will host a Country Fair and Flower Show at the Freeman Store and Museum on Saturday, August 20. The horticulture section of the small standard flower show will include fruits and vegetables, so now is the time to be planting. The fruit and vegetable sections will be open to all members of the public and all ages. In addition to the flower show, the event includes farm animals, chickens, annual bike decorating contest, farm crafts, living history re-enactors, old-fashioned games, ice cream churning, and HVI's demonstration farm garden.

Tours of the **Freeman Store and Museum**, 131 Church Street NE, will be available at 2 pm Saturdays through the summer. For more information, call 703-938-5187 or visit historicviennainc.org.

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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
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JUNE TOWN CALENDAR

3 Summer on the Green: Kingsley Winter Band • 6:30 pm	23 Community Enhancement Commission • 7:30 pm
4 Vienna Farmers Market (301 Center Street S) • 8 am-noon	24 White Elephant Bingo (American Legion) • 11 am-3 pm
6 Town Council Meeting • 8 pm	24 Summer on the Green: Nitehawks • 6:30 pm
7 Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 pm	25 Vienna Farmers Market (301 Center Street S) • 8 am-noon
8 Planning Commission • 8 pm	25 Dine & Create Till 8 (262M Cedar Lane) • 5-8 pm
9 Town/Business Liaison Committee • 7 pm	26 Summer on the Green: Dead Men's Hollow • 6:30 pm
10 Summer on the Green: Vienna Idol Finals • 6:30 pm	28 Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committees • 7 pm
10 Teen Park Takeover (Glyndon Park) • 7-9 pm	28 Transportation Safety Commission • 8 pm
11 Vienna Farmers Market (301 Center Street S) • 8 am-noon	29 Stories and Sprinklers (131 Church Street NE) • 1 pm
11 Bike Rodeo (VFD) • 10 am-1 pm	
13 Town Council Work Session • 8 pm	
15 Summer on the Green: Rocknoceros • 6:30 pm	
15 Board of Zoning and Appeals • 8 pm	
16 Board of Architectural Review • 8 pm	
17 Chillin' on Church: The Bahama Rockits • 6:30 pm	
18 Vienna Farmers Market (301 Center Street S) • 8 am-noon	
18 Club Phoenix Improv (Town Green) • 5:30 pm	
21 Public Art Commission • 7 pm	
22 Planning Commission • 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.*

45 years ago...

The June 1971 Town newsletter warned citizens that delinquent payments of parking fines would be costly. The \$2 fine for parking tickets was to increase to \$5 if not paid within five days. After 30 days, the wayward parker would receive a certified letter from the Town and the fine increased to \$10. At the end of 60 days, a warrant was to be issued. 📌