

## Vienna Youth, Inc. puts its \$\$\$ where its community is



photo by Adam Kincaid

Vienna Youth, Inc. (VYI), the community sports league that offers basketball, cheerleading, flag football, football, lacrosse, track, volleyball, and wrestling, recently presented a really big check (see photo for proof) to the Town of Vienna to be used for renovation and expansion of the Vienna Community Center. In July, the youth league presented the Town with an actual check for \$750,000, three-quarters of VYI's \$1 million pledge.

Citing the Town's long-standing willingness to "help out above and beyond what we see elsewhere," VYI First Vice President Mark Meana says, "fair's fair" and that the league saw the community center renovation and expansion as "our opportunity to join in another partnership with the Town for the benefit of Vienna families." He adds that this project offers an opportunity for VYI to support its indoor sports offerings, while recent turf projects/partnerships have focused on outdoor sports.

A key component of the Vienna Community Center expansion, notes Parks and Recreation Director Leslie Herman, is the addition of a full-sized gymnasium in which she

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## SafeTrack Surge #9 coming down track for Vienna Station

The longest of Metro's maintenance program segments, Surge #9, is scheduled to begin this month and will have a big impact on the Vienna Metro Station and its commuters.

Surge #9 in the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's accelerated track work plan to improve safety and reliability is scheduled to begin Thursday, September 15, and end Wednesday, October 26. The surge will impact Orange Line travelers and especially those who use the Vienna and Dunn Loring stations. During weekdays, Orange Line trains will single track continuously between Vienna and West Falls Church. Trains will run approximately every 18 minutes at Vienna and Dunn Loring and are expected to be extremely crowded.

In addition, the surge will include four consecutive weekend shutdowns, during which free shuttle buses will replace trains along segments of the Orange Line

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## Ceremony marks 15 years since 9/11 tragedy



photo by Adam Kincaid

Fifteen years after terrorist attacks shook “the foundations of our biggest buildings” but didn’t “touch the foundation of America,” the Town of Vienna, like many communities around the nation, will pause and remember. At 9 a.m. Sunday, September 11, the Town of Vienna and American Legion Post 180 will host a remembrance service behind the Freeman Store, 131 Church Street NE, to honor those affected by the tragedy. Del. Rich Anderson (R-51st District) of the Virginia House of Delegates will be the event’s keynote speaker.

The ceremony will begin after ringing of church bells at 8:46 a.m. to commemorate the time the first plane struck the north tower of the World Trade Center. The ceremony will include the presentation of colors by the Vienna Police Department color guard and a performance by the Vienna Choral Society. 📌

## First Wednesdays with Supervisor Hudgins

Residents are invited to meet, share any concern on any issue, or simply talk one-on-one with Fairfax County Supervisor Cathy Hudgins at her quarterly First Wednesday sessions at the Patrick Henry Library. The next session will be from 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, October 5. Walk-ins are welcome or, if you prefer, you can schedule an appointment by calling 703-478-0283.



## Who’s up for another round – of fun?

by Adam Kincaid

Round 2 anyone? To cap off a swampy summer, parks and rec has done it again: Chillin’ on Church is back from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, September 16. There will be something for each member of the family:

- barbeque and beer will be provided by American Legion Post 180
- eclectic fare will be served up courtesy of several food trucks
- Chump Change will provide classic rock tunes
- kids can participate in various games on the Town Green.

“It’s nice to bring a block party right to the center of Vienna,” says Parks and Recreation Director Leslie Herman, who adds that the Town hopes to offer additional Chillin’ on Church events next year. “This is a low-key event designed to allow folks to meet up with friends and neighbors to just chill and really enjoy a fun, relaxing evening.” 📌



photos by Adam Kincaid



## 29 award-winning years and counting

For the 29th consecutive year, the Town of Vienna has been awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). According to a GFOA press release, “The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.”

The award was presented to the Town’s Finance Department for the fiscal year 2015 CAFR, which was judged by an impartial panel as meeting high standards, including demonstrating a constructive “spirit of full disclosure” to clearly communicate the Town’s financial story and motivate residents and others to read the CAFR.

This GFOA recognition is a bit like the cherry on top of an ice cream sundae as the Town of Vienna has received several pieces of good financial news over the past six months, including affirmation of its AAA general obligation bond rating from both Standard & Poor’s and Moody’s as well as a positive comment report from Moody’s last month. In addition, earlier this year, GFOA recognized Vienna, for the 22nd consecutive year, with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

Visit the Finance/Financial Reports page at [viennava.gov](http://viennava.gov) to view the Town’s comprehensive annual financial reports. 📌

**On your mark...  
get set...have fun!**



photo by Adam Kincaid

Like the Road Runner of Looney Tunes fame, Vienna youth will have a chance to triumph over their wily, er, we mean friendly, patrol beat cops when they take on officers in the Vienna Police Department's Cops & Kids Fun Run from 12-4 p.m. Sunday, September 25, at the Vienna Police Department, 215 Center Street South. Kids are invited to throw from the windup at the Dunk-a-Cop dunk tank at this free event, which also includes an open house, obstacle course, food, and more as a part of a "looney" afternoon.

When asked about the event, Ofc. Patrick Kiley, who is organizing the fun run, suggested: "Imagine Bugs Bunny and the Tortoise and the Hare did a show and throw in some cop gear, snacks, and games."

While the Cops and Kids Fun Run is a free event, registration is required. Sign up at [viennava.gov/police](http://viennava.gov/police). 📍

## Halloween Parade applications due Sept. 23

Vienna's 70th Annual Halloween Parade – Platinum Edition, to be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 26, will pay nostalgic tribute to the parade's formative decade with a "Jive Back to the 1940s" theme, celebrating music, fashion, and historical events circa 1946.

Businesses and organizations wishing to be part of the parade, hosted by the Vienna Business Association and Vienna Parks and Recreation, must submit an application and waiver. Those entering a float must complete an additional form as well as provide a detailed sketch and description of the float. The 2016 Halloween Parade packet is available at [viennava.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3129](http://viennava.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3129).

New and returning parade applications are due Friday, September 23. Acceptance is contingent on entertainment, variety, and adherence to theme and guidelines.

For children who want to wear costumes and walk in the parade, there's no need for any paperwork. Simply meet at 6:30 p.m. in the United Bank parking lot at 374 Maple Avenue E. Children must be accompanied by their mummy or another adult.

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360. 📍



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expects VYI basketball, volleyball, and wrestling events will be played.

Says VYI President Bob Forbes: "We are extremely proud to continuously work with the Town in order to give more kids opportunities to improve their health through participation and to have fun."

"One of the things that makes Vienna so special," says Mayor Laurie DiRocco, "is the collaborative bond that exists among community organizations who all want to make Vienna the best it can be. We're grateful to all of our community partners and, especially today, to VYI."

VYI's donation was made possible, says Meana, due to the league's fiscal responsibility and aggressive fundraising by individual sports and parents "for the greater good." 📍

## Metro from page 1



photo by John Pellegrino

so that necessary switch rehabilitation work can be completed.

### September 24-25 and October 1-2

Buses replace trains between Vienna and East Falls Church. Vienna, Dunn Loring, and West Falls Church stations will be closed.

### October 8-9 and October 15-16

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Commuters are encouraged to visit the [wmata.com/safetrack](http://wmata.com/safetrack) website for updated information and to consider alternate boarding locations or travel options. More information about alternative transportation options can be found at [commuterconnections.org](http://commuterconnections.org). 📍

**CONVERSATIONS WITH COUNCIL**

**Town working to minimize construction-related nuisances**

by Councilmember Pasha Majdi

**T**hese days when I'm giving directions, I don't use road names; I use construction sites. "Take a left at the new tear-down, a right just after the Don's Johns and go two more blocks...and watch out for the landscaping trucks blocking the left side of Berry."

Sometimes it seems there isn't a single Vienna street without construction. We've had about 100 active residential construction sites annually in recent years. While we certainly appreciate living in a desirable neighborhood, where new families invest so much to join our community, the pace and scope of construction present challenges for current residents, businesses, and Town Hall.

Construction-related noise, debris, run-off, and road blockage can be nuisances. Vienna has ordinances regulating when, what, and how much of these construction-related activities are allowed. The ordinances are in the Town Code and are set by Town Council and enforced by Town staff and Vienna Police.

The Town inspects every work site regularly, as often as every two days for erosion controls. The Town also enforces a noise ordinance, via the Vienna Police Department, which limits noise by type and duration. (Though not entirely precise, an easy-to-remember summary is: construction noise is permitted 7 a.m.-8 p.m. during the week and 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturdays.) These enforcement practices are merely the tip of the iceberg; the Town works with construction companies throughout the permitting process and is constantly working behind-the-scenes to make residential construction proceed more smoothly.

For the most part, local builders are excellent to work with and very respectful of neighbors. Still, there are plenty of violations reported to the Town. We respond quickly to complaints from neighbors, often within a few hours. Reports are typically related to noise, trash and debris, parking violations for construction vehicles, and improper run-off from sites. If you see a violation at a construction site, you can call the Vienna Police Department for noise and parking (703-255-6366) or Town Hall (703-255-6300) for everything else.

In response to feedback from citizens, we are planning to overhaul our system for dealing with violations. Next year, we will have a universal system by which any resident can submit a residential construction-related complaint online. The system will automatically alert the proper department. Of course, you will still be able to call Town Hall. With the new system, the Town can accumulate data to determine if there are repeat offenders (which would be handled swiftly), if the Town Code needs to be updated, or if new enforcement mechanisms are necessary.

Residential construction can be frustrating, but we are listening to you, and we are making changes. And remember, you can always call Town Hall (703-255-6300) or contact a Councilmember and you will be heard. 📞



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# It's the most wonderful time of the year – Oktoberfest in Vienna!

by Friderike Butler, Town/Business Liaison Committee Chairperson

From its first installation in 2008, Vienna Oktoberfest has truly captured my German heart and added another highlight to feeling at home here in Vienna! There is so much to love about Oktoberfest: great music, German food and other tasty morsels from local food vendors, fun entertainment, local businesses showcasing their wares and services, kids' activities galore, and, this year for the first time, tasty beer from Vienna's own Caboose Brewery!

The Vienna Business Association is doing a fantastic job organizing this event and raises the bar each year. I am excited to see all the moving parts coming together again for a great event on October 1. Back by popular demand are an Oktoberfest fashion competition among attendees, a beer stein holding contest, the famous Chicken Dance dance-off, and a polka contest.

The Beer Garten will officially open at 11 a.m. when yours truly will be given the keys to the Town for the day. It will be my honor and delight to be "Frau Bürgermeister" for this year's festivities and to pass on some "Prosits der Gemütlichkeit" to everyone. So get your Oktoberfest gear ready, practice your sing-alongs, bring your family, and meet with friends and neighbors as we catch up on old and new stories and enjoy Vienna at its small-town best. For Oktoberfest event details, visit [viennaoktoberfest.org](http://viennaoktoberfest.org).



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## Town vehicle license fees, county personal property taxes due Oct. 5

Town of Vienna vehicle license fees are due Wednesday, October 5. The fee is \$33 per car and \$18 per motorcycle. Residents will receive notices in the mail early in September. There is no decal issued or required to be affixed to vehicles.

In addition, Town residents should be aware that they're also responsible for Fairfax County personal property taxes on motor vehicles, which are due October 5 as well. However, if the county tax bill includes a vehicle license fee charge, you may not owe it. Call the Town at 703-255-5735 or email [vehicle@viennava.gov](mailto:vehicle@viennava.gov) for more information.

New residents or those registering a vehicle for the first time must file a personal property vehicle registration form within 60 days of purchase or entry into the county. For more information, visit [fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/car-tax](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/car-tax).



## Mayor @ Your Service

**What:** Get the latest on the I-66 expansion project

**When:** 7:30 pm Tuesday, September 13

**Where:** Council Chambers, Town Hall

**Guest Speaker:** VDOT Regional Transportation Program Director Susan Shaw

## Optimist Club recognizes Vienna officer

Master Police Officer Trent Nelson, who has served with the Vienna Police Department for 24 years, is the 2016 recipient of the Vienna Optimist Club's Charles A. Robinson Respect for Law Enforcement Award. The award, named in memory of one of Vienna's longtime mayors, was presented in July. Nelson currently is assigned to the police department's patrol section. He also is a patrol mountain bike officer and instructor in crisis intervention, defensive tactics, field training, and rape aggression defense.



## We love junk!

There's nothing like turning garbage into gold. We don't mean literally, but the clunker in your garage or basement still may have a transformative purpose. So...are you feeling like being an environmental achiever? It's easy, just take your clutter down to the Northside Property Yard at 600 Mill Street from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, September 10.

The Town's Public Works Department will accept most electronic items, motor oil, anti-freeze, and vehicle batteries during its quarterly recycling event. However, **old car parts as well as TVs and monitors of the "tube" era will not be accepted.**

**2,500**  
pounds of recyclable  
materials collected at  
Town's most recent  
recycling day in June

# Long-time businesses share their not-so-secret formulas for success

According to the Small Business Administration, about one-third of small businesses nationwide fail within their first two years, primarily due to lack of experience. Ten years after first opening their doors, one in three businesses will remain open.

The Town of Vienna may be bucking those national trends, however. Approximately 85% of Vienna businesses renew their Town licenses each year, according to the Town's Finance Department. And about 50% of Vienna's approximately 1,300 businesses have been around for 10 or more years.

What's their longevity secret and what advice would long-established businesses offer to those just hanging out their "We're open" sign? To find out, *Vienna Voice* asked seven of the Town's seasoned companies, who among them have more than 400 years in business.

## Bikes @ Vienna

Established 1998

Owner: Tim Fricker, head mechanic since 2005 and owner since 2010



**Key to success, longevity:** I think the two key things that have kept us around are the unique mix of products we focus on as well as our constant striving to provide excellent service that makes the customer happy.

**Biggest challenge:** I'd have to say it's matching supply and demand, both in the big picture and day to day and week to week. The cycle industry is ever changing and knowing what is going to be "the next big thing" is not always easy.

**Advice for new businesses:** Know who your customers are and listen to them. Find out what they need and want and like. Treat them like family (well, assuming you get along with your family) or friends. You will find word of mouth is still an extremely powerful marketing tool, so everything you can do to give your customers the desire to say good things about you to others is worth it.

## Brooke Rental Center

Established 1976

Owner: James Brooke

**Key to success, longevity:** Adaptation. Figuring out society's needs while the local demographic changes over time requires attention.

**Biggest challenge:** Balancing marketing strategy with rapid changes in technology, regulations, taxes and healthcare, and society's focus on low price.

**Advice for new businesses:** Build and maintain a strong relationship with a banker, get involved in the community, and never ask an employee to do something you are not able and willing to do yourself.

## Jud Tile

Established 1981

Owner: Jud Robertson

**Key to success, longevity:** Basically, it's the personal touch, dealing with each and every customer as if they were the only customer. Treating people with respect and trying to understand what their needs are.

**Biggest challenge:** Trying to make sure that you're current in your thinking and understand the marketplace. Trying to, as I get older, trying to stay abreast to changes in thinking as a younger generation becomes part of my business community. Doing business the old-fashioned way, but not getting stuck in the old ways.

**Advice for new businesses:** Set your goals and stick with them. And just be true to who you are. Understand yourself, try to understand who your customer is, and then stick with that and stay true to that.

## Merle Norman Cosmetics

Established 1964

Owner: Sharon Holland



**Key to success, longevity:** Focusing on family aspect of customers.... Many returning clients say, "My mother took me here when I was 13" and continue to rely on personal service through the years.

**Biggest challenge:** A lot of people in the area work with government/military and

move frequently. Maintaining customer loyalty drives a focus on logistics and availability of products and how to get them to customers – far and near.

**Advice for new businesses:** Appeal to the community. It's a family Town and hubs like Viva Vienna, sports, etc. bring together the entire Town so it's good to build relationships with groups and people surrounding favorite events and traditions.

### Money & King Funeral Home

Established 1881; Manager: Robert Carmical



**Key to success, longevity:** Good quality service to everyone who walks through our door. People appreciate that.

**Biggest challenge:** All of the regulations, the changing regulatory environment and implementing all of the new technology.

**Advice for new businesses:** You can never go wrong with just good, honest service. Listen to people, to your customers and employees. It never hurts to do the right thing. Good quality never goes out of style – we're proof of that.

### Norm's Beer and Wine

Established 1997; Owner: Norm Yow



**Key to success, longevity:** The Town of Vienna has turned out to be a perfect spot for a shop like we have.... The community in general seems to be very supportive of better beer,

better wine and that's what we're trying to do.

**Biggest challenge:** Traffic might be one of the biggest hurdles that customers talk about.

**Advice for new businesses:** I highly suggest that you take advantage of social media opportunities and don't neglect that aspect of getting your name out there. Social media is a key to promoting businesses now, and it would be really important to hit the ground running with that.

### Vienna Inn

Established 1960

Jaime Wall – Operations manager since 2005



**Key to success, longevity:** Die-hard, loyal customers who appreciate our unique sense of charm and history to the area.

**Biggest challenge:** Keeping up with a shifting clientele and era. Being in an area that is changing so rapidly, you have to pay attention to a lot of moving parts.

**Advice for new businesses:** Be unique and be something new. Character is important, so it helps to be something the Town has never seen before that leaves an impression. 🍷

**DISCOVER VIENNA**

**#DiscoverViennaVA social media campaign continues through the end of September.**

Keep sharing your great Vienna discoveries via Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Remember to use the #DiscoverViennaVA hashtag and you could be a winner – like July’s winner, Melanie Meren.

**At #8, Vienna among safest communities in Virginia**

The Town of Vienna is the eighth safest community in the state, according to a SafeWise 2016 report, which is particularly impressive considering that Virginia’s overall crime rate, per SafeWise, is 30% less than the national average.

The 2016 SafeWise report, in which Vienna moved up one spot from last year, confirms Vienna’s high safety ranking from another similar recent report by Alarm Safety Reviews.

SafeWise used 2014 FBI Crime Report statistics and population data as well as analysis of violent and property crimes to create its list.

The SafeWise website and staff provide home security reviews, comparisons, and advice.

**Pitch a tent, spend the night  
Family Camp Out Sept. 23-24**

Love the idea of a low-key, high-quality, family camping experience, but hate the hassle of having to plan meals and activities and haul everything miles down the road in order to commune with nature and your family? Well, the Parks and Recreation Department has just the event for you!

The Town of Vienna is hosting a Family Camp Out from 5 p.m. Friday, September 23, to 9:30 a.m. Saturday, September 24, in Glyndon Park. You bring the tent and sleeping bags (and a few other helpful items) and the Town will supply dinner, a continental breakfast, family-fun activities, and, perhaps best of all, s’mores.

Advance registration is required and is only \$10 per person. All minors must be accompanied by an adult, and all family members must be registered. Sorry, Fido has to stay home.

In addition to a tent and sleeping bags, you may wish to bring chairs, flashlights, snacks, a change of clothes, and personal items.



**Stroll. Chat. Snip.**

Mayor Laurie DiRocco’s weekly Friday morning walks start back up September 9. You’re invited to meet at Town Hall at 9:30 a.m. Fridays to enjoy an approximately one-hour stroll around Town.

The September 9 walk will include a special treat: an opportunity to check out the new section of the W&OD trail near the community center and to be part of the Town’s official 10 a.m. ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the recent opening of this new, wider section. No RSVPs necessary, just be ready to leave from Town Hall at 9:30 a.m.

In partnership with Northern Virginia Regional Parks, the Town relocated and widened this 675-foot long section of the trail as part of the community center renovation project. This now 18-foot wide section of the W&OD is a prototype for future trail widenings and is designed to better accommodate busy weekend traffic and perhaps one day separated lanes for bikes and pedestrians.





# Community Center Renovation and Expansion Update

The following has been achieved, according to the most recent construction progress reports:

- completed excavation of north wall
- installed shoring materials for north wall of existing building; awaiting inspection from TRIAD
- began installation of sprinkler system piping
- installed asphalt surface and signage along W&OD trail
- installation of new gym roof trusses 98% complete
- installation of new gym roof decking 70% complete
- finished installation of steel decking on north corridor

- began masonry work around new restrooms and north wall
- installed new gym floor slab as well as conduit beneath it.

Looking ahead, next steps include:

- installing trail surface graphics and signs, cable between bollards, and topsoil along the edge of W&OD Trail.
- pouring concrete slab in the kitchen, roof deck, and exterior gym stairs and landing.
- installing roof top units above new gym corridor
- building second-floor storage room walls
- finishing new gym roof steel modifications and deck installation

- installing concrete masonry unit fire wall in gym corridor and north wall of new gymnasium
- installing brick veneer on exterior west and south walls of new gym corridor and foundation walls of lobby
- installing conduit and wire for fire alarm.

*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 September 19.*



## Vienna businesses with staying power

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

30 YEARS

**Accounting Financial Ltd.**

25 YEARS

**Craig Bollinger and Associates**

**Heidi's Puppenstube & Doll Gallery**

**Metropolitan Chiropractic Center**

20 YEARS

**Pediatric Neurohab**

**Pediatric Physical Therapy Services**

**Terry Johnson-Vann**

15 YEARS

**Body Grace Fitness**

**Chris Kahn**

10 YEARS

**Anam Cara Wellness Services**

**Music Instruction of Vienna**

**Sesen Spa**

**Subway**

**Taeho Kim, MD**

**Trang T., DDS**

**Vienna Hardwoods**

5 YEARS

**A-AVS**

**All Variety Service Company**

**American United Construction**

**Kara Bath**

**Lu's Skincare Clinic**

**Potomac Point Group**

The Town of Vienna issued business licenses in June to:

**Bush Veterinary Neurology Services**

*veterinarian*

140 Park Street SE

240-457-4992

**Cooper Support Services**

*sales & warehouse equipment*

319 Mill Street NE

703-303-0801

**Julie Richards Marketing**

*consultant*

303 Patrick Street SW

540-273-8440

**Karla Moffet, CMT**

*massage therapy & reiki*

311 Maple Avenue W

703-217-5832

**Oxanna Boutique**

*boutique*

448 Maple Avenue E

703-319-9100

**Park Street Valet and Tailoring**

*tailoring & alterations*

109 Park Street NE

703-281-5556



**Rain Lilly of Vienna**

*beauty salon*

527 Maple Avenue E

571-309-1711

**Sourcecore**

*fitness center*

144 Church Street NW

646-549-5701

**Vienna Singing Princesses**

*entertainment and parties for kids*

601 Tazewell Road NW

703-319-8287

## Lots of great reasons to go native

by Maureen Alonso, Community Enhancement Commission member

A native plant is one that occurs naturally in a particular region, ecosystem, or habitat without direct human intervention.

When shopping in local garden centers or plant catalogs, one typically will find native plant cultivars, which is a plant that has been selected for unique or desirable characteristics, such as flower color or growth habit.

The benefits of growing native plants are many. Native plants typically require less maintenance and watering, are resistant to most pests and diseases, and are adapted to local soil types. All of these factors add up to less time, resources, and money spent to achieve a healthy and thriving landscape.

Native plants offer environmental benefits as well by providing a local food source for birds, insects, and other wildlife. In Doug Tallamay's book *Bringing Nature Home* ([bringingnaturehome.com](http://bringingnaturehome.com)), the author shares that "studies have shown that even modest increases in native plant cover on suburban properties significantly increase the number and species of breeding birds." He then goes on: "As gardeners and stewards of our land, we have never been so empowered to save biodiversity from extinction, and the need to do so has never been so great. All we need to do is plant native plants."

If you are currently a native plant enthusiast or would like to begin planting native in your landscape, plan to stop by the Town of Vienna native plant sale on Saturday, September 10. The sale will be held from 8 a.m.-noon in the parking lot behind the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. 📍



## GO NATIVE!

Community Enhancement  
Commission's

### Native Plant Sale

Sept. 10 • 8 am-noon

Vienna Volunteer Fire Dept.,  
400 Center St. S

Why go with native plants?

- easier to care for
- require less water
- support wildlife
- beneficial pollinators

Fall is the perfect time to plant!

## 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).

### July 11

- Awarded IFB17-01 for \$22,008 to Day & Night Printing for printing and mail preparation of Town's newsletter.
- Approved a memorandum of understanding between Town of Vienna and Vienna Business Association for the 2016 Oktoberfest event.
- Amended a motion to increase funds for the Vienna Community Center, approved June 6, to allocate \$305,725 of approved funds to a contingency account.
- Renewed service agreement with Datamatx for \$45,200 for bill printing.
- Renewed a contract with SunGard Public Sector for \$50,269.35 for hosting fees.
- Awarded contract for \$350,460 to M&F Concrete for construction of mini roundabout at Park and Locust streets.

- Approved a resolution authorizing the Town to obtain financing for vehicles and equipment purchases in an amount not to exceed \$700,000 in principal.
- Sent proposed changes to MAC, RM-2 Zone, and parking requirements to the Planning Commission for consideration and recommendations.
- Approved re-subdivision of property located at 409 Beulah Road NE.
- Renewed annual contracts, totaling \$158,900, with vendors providing required and/or essential services to the Public Works Department.
- Approved contract for \$25,000 to Petroleum Management for cleaning of storm-water vault at Northside Property Yard.
- Approved additional FY2016 spending in the amount of \$20,000 with Double H Locates.
- Approved FY2017 spending in the amount of \$196,850 with National Asphalt.
- Approved FY2017 spending in the amount of \$200,000 with Sagres Construction for on-call roadway maintenance.
- Approved FY2017 spending in the amount of \$30,000 with Service Tire Truck Centers.

- Awarded a contract in the amount of \$369,576 to Sagres Construction for Cottage Street sidewalk project.
- Awarded contract for FY2017 asphalt milling, overlay, and traffic marking to Arthur Construction.
- Approved addendum to the Town Manager's two-year employment agreement.

## Appointed to serve

The following individuals were appointed or re-appointed to serve two-year terms on Town boards and commissions at the July 11 Town Council meeting.

- Keith Aimone – Transportation Safety Commission
- Sharon Baum – Planning Commission
- Jim Brooke – Town/Business Liaison Committee
- Emma Choi – Community Enhancement Commission
- Andrew Meren – Planning Commission
- Angela Sorrell – Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Charlie Strunk – Transportation Safety Commission

# HAPPENINGS around town

Looking to make a difference with just a little bit of your time? **The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna** has volunteer openings for those interested in serving as office assistants, drivers, friendly visitors or callers, and handy helpers. Flexible hours to fit your schedule. Learn more at [scov.org](http://scov.org). To volunteer, email [volunteer@scov.org](mailto:volunteer@scov.org) or call 703-281-0538.

WUSA9 news anchor **Peggy Fox** will be the speaker at the next **Welcome Club of Northern Virginia** luncheon September 1. This social club offers activities including monthly luncheons and groups interested in bridge/games, wine, books, and golf. For more information about the club and to register for the September 1 luncheon, visit [welcomeclubnvirginia.com](http://welcomeclubnvirginia.com).

**The American Association of University Women (AAUW)** will host an informational open house from 10 am-noon Saturday, September 3, at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue E. Come learn about AAUW upcoming programs and events and how the organization works to promote equity and education for women and girls. Discounted membership dues available to those who join during the open house. For more information, contact [ViennaAAUW@yahoo.com](mailto:ViennaAAUW@yahoo.com).

**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, September 6, 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 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/](http://facebook.com/groups/fly.pflag/).

*Paint the Town*, a **Vienna Arts Society** member exhibit, will be on display 10 am-4 pm Tuesday-Saturday September 6-October 1 at the Vienna Arts Center, 115 Pleasant Street NW. The awards reception is 4-6 pm Friday, September 10. For more information, [ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://ViennaArtsSociety.org) or 703-319-3971.

The **Town of Vienna Community Band** is welcoming new musicians in all sections, especially clarinets, bassoons, and percussion. If interested, please attend any 6:30 pm rehearsal on Sundays at American Legion Post 180, 330 Center Street N. The first rehearsal of the new season is September 11.

For more information, [viennacommunityband.org](http://viennacommunityband.org).

Register for the **Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna's fall semester Adventures in Learning** classes from 10 am-noon

Thursday, September 15, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road. Classes include bridge, tai chi, a health series, national and world affairs, and a selection of potpourri topics and will be held from 9 am-2 pm Thursdays, September 22-November 10. Registration fee is \$40 for all classes. For information and schedule, call 703-281-0538 or visit [scov.org](http://scov.org).

Newspaper journalist **Molly Sinclair McCarthey**, co-author of *America's War Machine: Vested Interest, Endless Conflicts*, will discuss history of the military-industrial complex and its potential impact on future U.S. foreign policy at the September 15 meeting of Chapter 227 of **Vietnam Veterans of America**. The meeting, which is free and open to the public, will start at 7:30 pm at Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane Shopping Center. For more information, call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or visit [vva227.org](http://vva227.org).

**The McLean Branch of the American Association of University Women** will host its 47th used book sale September 16-18 at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue. Hours are 9 am-7 pm Friday; 10 am-6 pm Saturday, and 12:30-4 pm Sunday. Credit cards accepted. Most books will be \$10/bag Sunday. Sales benefit scholarships for women. For more information, 703-527-4206 or [aauwbookfair@gmail.com](mailto:aauwbookfair@gmail.com).

**Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna** will host a Lunch N' Life event at noon Monday, September 19, in DeSales Hall at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 8601 Wolftrap Road. After lunch, the Capital Swing Quartet, a female *a cappella* group, will entertain with swing and barbershop tunes. Reservation and prepayment is required by September 14; \$10 per person. Call 703-281-0538 to register.

**The James Madison High School Class of 1966** will hold a 50-Year Reunion Party from 7-11 pm Saturday, September 24, in the Flame Room of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. Enjoy a catered BBQ dinner, cash bar, '60s music, and good times. For additional information, contact [kenneth\\_vickery@ncsu.edu](mailto:kenneth_vickery@ncsu.edu).

**Lassie Corbett watercolor and acrylics workshops** will be offered at the Vienna Arts Center, 115 Pleasant Street NW, beginning this month. For schedules and fees, visit [ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://ViennaArtsSociety.org) or call 703-319-3971.

**Navy Federal's 24th annual 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, October 1**, starts and ends at Navy Federal headquarters and meanders through various historic parts of Town in between. The race, begins at 9 am. T-shirt for participants, post-race refreshments, ChronoTrack timing, and raffle prizes. Proceeds benefit the Committee for Helping Others. For information and to register, visit [navyfederal.org](http://navyfederal.org). For questions or concerns, 703-206-4362 or [fitnesscentermailbox@navyfederal.org](mailto:fitnesscentermailbox@navyfederal.org).

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**Wine-Tasting/Fundraiser hosted by the American Association of University Women.**  
October 2 from 2:30-4:30 pm  
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road. Learn how to choose the best wines for different foods, master the fine points of wine etiquette, and experience six wine tastings. Tickets are \$35.  
To reserve your spot, email or call Diane Hoyer at [dthoyer@hotmail.com](mailto:dthoyer@hotmail.com) or 703-421-0564.

## Parks and Rec sampler

### Take tai chi to a new level & time

A new evening tai chi class will be offered beginning Wednesday, September 7. Learn new energy expressions, martial art applications, and healing techniques you can use on yourself and share with others. This six-week program will run from 6:30-8 p.m. at 262M Cedar Lane. \$45 for Town residents; \$56.25 for non-residents. Register via WebTrac at [viennava.gov](http://viennava.gov).

### Get fiscally fit

Use financial planning and cash management strategies shared by Greg Bernhard, CFP, with Plum Tree Financial, to get yourself fiscally fit. This free, one-hour presentation will cover overcoming roadblocks, creating and maintaining a financial blueprint, developing action steps to financial freedom, and identifying cash flow traps as well as how daily habits influence financial fitness and why tax planning versus

tax preparation can put dollars back into your monthly cash flow. The workshop is at 10 a.m. Monday, September 12, at 262M Cedar Lane (second floor above the Subway). Advance registration is required; call 703-255-7801.

To learn more about these opportunities, see the fall Parks and Recreation Programs and Events Guide, available online.

**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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# SEPTEMBER TOWN CALENDAR

<b>2</b>	Vienna Farmers Market (301 Center Street S) • 8 am-noon	<b>21</b>	Board of Zoning and Appeals • 8 pm
<b>5</b>	Holiday: Town Hall Closed – Regular Refuse Collection	<b>22</b>	Community Enhancement Commission • 7:30 pm
<b>6</b>	Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 pm	<b>23 &amp; 24</b>	Family Camp Out (Glyndon Park) • 6 pm-9:30 am
<b>8</b>	Town/Business Liaison Committee • 7 pm	<b>24</b>	Vienna Farmers Market (301 Center Street S) • 8 am-noon
<b>10</b>	Vienna Farmers Market (301 Center Street S) • 8 am-noon	<b>25</b>	Cops & Kids Fun Run & Open House 215 Center Street S) • 12-4 pm
<b>10</b>	CEC Native Plant Sale (VVFD) • 8 am-noon	<b>26</b>	Town Council Meeting • 8 pm
<b>10</b>	Quarterly Recycling Day (Northside Property Yard) • 8 am-2 pm	<b>27</b>	Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committees • 7 pm
<b>12</b>	Town Council Meeting • 8 pm	<b>27</b>	Transportation Safety Commission • 8 pm
<b>13</b>	Mayor @ Your Service • 7:30 pm	<b>28</b>	Planning Commission • 8 pm
<b>14</b>	Planning Commission • 8 pm		
<b>15</b>	Board of Architectural Review • 8 pm		
<b>16</b>	Chillin' on Church • 6:30-9:30 pm		
<b>17</b>	Vienna Farmers Market (301 Center Street S) • 8 am-noon		
<b>19</b>	Town Council Work Session • 8 pm		
<b>20</b>	Public Art Commission • 7 pm		

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The Town's September 2006 newsletter announced the upcoming Town Green groundbreaking ceremony on the 16th of that month. The Town Green, said the newsletter, would be a place where "people can relax, eat lunch, and enjoy outdoor activities" as well as special events.

*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.*