

Permit = Peace of mind *by Adam Kincaid*



photo by Adam Kincaid

The ‘we want to help you’ department Members of the Planning and Zoning Department, including those pictured here – from left, Michael D’Orazio, Patrick Mulhern, Hyojung Garland, and Frank Simeck – can help homeowners be sure that their improvement projects meet Town codes.

A permit is a powerful tool that protects homeowners and the community at large.

to help maintain the overall aesthetics and property values of the community.

For a nominal fee, usually \$75, a homeowner can obtain a permit typically within 7-10 days for any given accessory project. Such projects include decks, patios, pools, porches, roofs, fences, or other additions that change a home’s appearance. With a permit in hand, a homeowner can rest easy knowing that their improvement follows Town regulations and their investment is protected.

Town codes are in place to protect the overall health, safety, and welfare of the community as well as property values, notes Mulhern. A permit is a powerful tool that protects homeowners and the community at large. For example, lot coverage standards and impervious surface maximums are in place, in part, to better manage stormwater and ultimately protect the Chesapeake Bay.

The planning department is more than happy to help homeowners realize what they dream for their property. “We will do all that we can to make sure you get to ‘yes,’” says Mulhern.

If you plan to make an addition or improvement to your home, call the planning office at 703-255-6341 or stop by Town Hall to see how planning staff can help. 📍

It’s great to dream – for the most part. When it comes to your dream house, though, be sure to check in with the Planning and Zoning Department and obtain a permit to ensure that your dream project doesn’t turn into a nightmare.

“Our goal is to be the ‘we want to help you’ department, not the ‘no’ department,” says Planning and Zoning Director Patrick Mulhern.

He strongly recommends that homeowners who proceed with property improve-

ments complete a small, but very important task before picking up a hammer or digging a post pole: Get a permit. Without first obtaining a permit from the Town of Vienna, homeowners who are making improvements run the risk of violating Town codes and having to tear down, pull out, or redo improvements, cumulatively wasting thousands of homeowner dollars.

The planning department, says Mulhern, makes sure that improvements are in compliance with Town code, in place

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Help Town show a little love to volunteers who perform labors of love for community



photo by Adam Kincaid

During the 2016 Mayor’s Volunteer Reception, more than 30 individuals and organizations were honored for generously and enthusiastically giving their time and services to the needs of others. The 2016 honorees were recognized for, among other things, organizing and managing a local food closet; helping out neighbors by shoveling snow, replacing a car battery, or digging up a bush; working in the schools; producing community theater over four decades; and planning, hosting, and providing refreshments for special events.

Who will be recognized and for what good deeds at this year’s Mayor’s Volunteer Reception, to be held at 7:30 p.m. April 18 at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department? You tell us!

Don’t let your colleagues’ and neighbors’ good deeds go unrecognized. Nominate someone you know and appreciate to receive that well-deserved community recognition and communal pat on the back. Simply complete the nomination form, printed on page 3, and available at viennava.gov/volunteers, and return to Town Hall by March 3.

Last year, June and Jim Cotter nominated their neighbors, the Goldsmith family. “We are so fortunate to have the Goldsmith clan across the street from us,” wrote Jim Cotter. “As soon as we get a smattering of snow they are right at our house...and they keep monitoring/shoveling the snow to ensure safety and mobility for us.... They also check to make sure we have adequate supplies....”

Lydia Russo nominated Tina Ejtemai, who opened her home to 40 children and youth (and their parents) participating in a service project. “The group made 120 lunches for The Alternative House shelter for children and teenagers, gathered dozens of toiletry items for a local shelter, made 50+ toys for dogs in an animal shelter, and put 1000+ greeting stickers on little sweets that will be handed out to strangers at an upcoming street fair,” Russo wrote. “I’d like to recognize Tina, who organized this great service project. It was a perfect way to teach children, at a young age, how wonderful it is to give back to the community!”

Who do you know who’s been a hometown hero and deserves to be recognized this year? 📌

Business do-gooders deserve some love, too

Help the Town Business Liaison Committee recognize a Town business that has donated its time, staff, money, and/or efforts to enhancing community life in Vienna. Nominations for the Carole Wolfand Community Service Award, to be presented April 18 at the Mayor’s Volunteer Reception, are due March 3.

Submit your nominations to Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid at adam.kincaid@viennava.gov (please put “Carole Wolfand nomination” as the subject) or at Town Hall, 127 Center Street S. Here’s what you should include:

- name, address, and phone number of nominated business
- in 200 words or less, a description of the business’s contributions/actions and why you think it deserves to be recognized
- your name, address, and phone number.



photo by Adam Kincaid

Partners in business and community Georgen Scarborough Associates received last year’s Carole Wolfand Community Service Award.

Help honor community-makers

Help the Town of Vienna give a deserved pat on the back and big thank you to an outstanding community volunteer! Nominate someone who deserves to be recognized at the Mayor's Volunteer Reception on Tuesday, April 18. Please fill out and return this form to either the email or postal address provided below. Nominations must be submitted by March 3.

Nomination Form for Outstanding Volunteers

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Describe the nature of the volunteer work performed by the nominee on behalf of the Town of Vienna and why you feel he/she deserves special recognition:

Name of individual or organization making nomination: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please return this form by March 3 to:
Mayor Laurie DiRocco
Town of Vienna
127 Center Street S
Vienna, VA 22180
Or email to mclark@viennva.gov

Candidate qualifying and voter registration deadlines for 2017 Town elections

by Adam Kincaid

For Town of Vienna citizens planning to run or vote in the May 2 Town elections, start your election engines off right by getting the required paperwork turned in on time.


Candidates who wish to be on the May 2 ballot must file all required documents with the Fairfax County Office of Elections by 5 p.m. March 7.

Three Council seats, those currently held by Carey Sienicki, Howard Springsteen, and Tara Voigt, are up for election in 2017.

There are no geographical areas or specific posts assigned to each seat. Candidates must be residents of the Town of Vienna, have lived in Virginia for at least one year, and be qualified to vote. Elected Councilmembers serve two-year terms.

Town of Vienna voters may cast their ballots from 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, at Vienna Presbyterian Church. If you're not already a registered voter, the last day to register in order to be eligible to participate in the 2017 Town elections is Monday, April 10. To vote in the Vienna Council election, you must be a Town of Vienna resident, at least 18 years of age by Election Day, and a U.S. citizen. The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot by mail or online is April 25; residents may apply for an absentee ballot in person through April 29.

Information about candidate qualifications and voting is available at both elections.virginia.gov and Fairfax County Office of Elections at fairfaxcounty.gov/elections.


Information provided by qualified candidates will be published in the April issue of *Vienna Voice*. 



Library card can lead to better investments

Oh, the places you can go and the things you can know with your Fairfax County Public Library card, Vienna. For example, did you know that your library card can provide access to quotes, analysis, earnings, forecasts, and more for companies that are traded on the stock market? Well, it can – and all from your home computer.

Simply visit fairfaxcounty.gov/library and click on the Online Resources tab in the Index on the left. Then select the Business and Finance link under Research Topics and scroll down to the bottom of that page for the Value Line Research Center login link. Have your library card ready and key in your card number. Now you're ready to do some financial research, just key in a ticker symbol or business name at the top right of the page for a quote and more financial information about the company.

Where else can your Fairfax County Public library card take you? Call the Patrick Henry Library at 703-938-0405 to find out. 

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Send community news and high-resolution photographs to lynne.dewilde@viennava.gov. All material provided is subject to editorial review and revision and will be used as space allows. **Deadline for the March issue is February 10.**

How do you like your information served up?

With apologies to Elizabeth Barrett Browning, how do we communicate with thee, Vienna? Let us count the ways.

The #1 goal of the Town's public information office is to provide accurate, timely, and helpful information to residents and other audiences about Town of Vienna meetings, events, initiatives, programs, and services. In today's information-overloaded culture, it can sometimes be a challenge to ensure that the Town's messages are being communicated effectively. Sometimes the challenge is in determining which of the Town's various communications tools are best suited to the information being shared.

To help citizens know what kind of information is typically shared via which "channel" or communication method, here's an overview of the ways the Town of Vienna provides information to residents.

Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram

Follow, like, tag, and share with the Town of Vienna on social media sites. The Town uses its social media pages to share photos and light-hearted information as well as "breaking news" about, for example, road closures or schedule changes. Fans and followers can find information about upcoming events and programs as well as community photos from events and business ribbon-cutting ceremonies.

While public information staff members monitor the pages for comments, feedback, and messages from users, they rarely comment on others' posts.

[facebook.com/TownofViennaVA](https://www.facebook.com/TownofViennaVA)
twitter.com/TownofViennaVA
[instagram/TownofViennaVA](https://www.instagram.com/TownofViennaVA)

TVCN

Town Council meetings (but not work sessions) and Planning Commission meetings are broadcast live on the Town's cable access channel, available on channel 27 to Cox subscribers, and channel 38 for Verizon Fios customers.

Council meetings are rebroadcast at 10 a.m. Wednesday and 9 p.m. Thursday the same week of meetings. Planning Commission meetings are rebroadcast at 10 a.m. Friday the week of a meeting.

TVCN programming also includes an occasional series of short *Vienna View* videos, produced by the public information office. The videos offer 3- to 5-minute updates on Town projects and services. In addition, static bulletins on the cable channel provide upcoming event and other information.

Cox: Channel 27
Verizon Fios: Channel 38

Vienna Alerts

The Town utilizes a subscription-based service to send out emailed and texted notices when something unexpected happens or when things are NOT "business as usual." These Vienna Alerts go out when an event is canceled due to weather, a road is closed unexpectedly, or a water main breaks, for example.

The notification system also provides weather watches and warnings, which are generated by the National Weather Service.

Residents and others sign up for – and can unsubscribe from – the alerts; users manage what kinds of notices and weather alerts they wish to receive and how they wish to get the notices, whether by text and/or email.

To sign up for or to manage notices:
[viennava.gov/alerts](https://www.viennava.gov/alerts)

Vienna Happenings

These brief, weekly, electronic newsletters put a quick reminder in your email inbox about what's going on with the Town of Vienna and what's coming up in the next seven days.

To sign up: [viennava.gov/happenings](https://www.viennava.gov/happenings). If you change your mind, it's easy to unsubscribe by clicking a link at the bottom of one of the Happenings emails.



Vienna Voice

The Town of Vienna's official newsletter is published and mailed to all Town of Vienna households monthly. *Vienna Voice* takes a "deeper dive," providing in-depth information about Town programs, services, events, and people. Each issue offers a mixture of news stories, features, and bullet-pointed information.

The most recent issue – as well as newsletters dating back to the 1960s – can be found in the Press Room at [viennava.gov](https://www.viennava.gov).

Website

With hundreds of individual pages, the Town's website is a virtual treasure trove of information, history, and details about Vienna services and programs. Available on the site are public hearing notices, public meeting agendas and videos, maps, upcoming parks and rec programs, details about refuse collection and other public works services, contact information for elected officials and staff members, details about special events, updates on current improvement projects, and much more.

In the top right-hand corner of the Town's homepage is a slideshow that rotates through images related to news, upcoming events, and "hot" Town topics. Typically, a click on the image will take viewers to a new page with additional information. Also, in the middle of the homepage is a list of some of the most popular links/pages.

[viennava.gov](https://www.viennava.gov)

A by-the-numbers look at Town of Vienna's workforce

The Town of Vienna's approximately 180 employees are a hard-working, diverse, and loyal group of folks. Consider these by-the-number tidbits gathered about the Town of Vienna's workforce.

They speak at least

30 languages

other than English.

11.28 years

is the average tenure for full-time Town of Vienna employees.



Habla Korean? Planning and Zoning Deputy Director Hyung Garland, who speaks Korean, and Police Public Information Officer Juan Vazquez, who is fluent in Spanish, share a conversation.

At **43 years** and counting,

Project Engineer Mark "Reds" Sherwood is the longest tenured current full-time employee.

As of the end of January, Street Supervisor James Kirby and Finance Deputy Director Rana Rose had the shortest tenures with about

2 weeks

 under their belts.

Mark Sherwood



At least
9 are military veterans,

having served in the Air Force, Army, Marines, National Guard, and Navy.



Thank you for your service Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor David Stephens served in the U.S. Marines, while Finance Clerk Joyce Miller was a sergeant in the U.S. Army.



Long way home Intern Tyler Weepie in the water and sewer division commutes from Brightwood, Virginia.

Approximately
10 are hometown heroes,
having grown up in Vienna.

70 miles
is the longest one-way commute.

photos by Adam Kincaid

First Wednesdays with Supervisor Hudgins

Area residents are invited to meet, share concerns on any issue, or simply talk one-on-one with Fairfax County Supervisor Cathy Hudgins at her next quarterly First Wednesday session on February 1. Hudgins will be available from 4-6 p.m. at Patrick Henry Library. Walk-ins are welcome or residents may schedule an appointment by calling 703-478-0283.



Mulch orders: Click or call while supplies last!

Mulch deliveries end Tuesday, February 28, so if you've waited until the last minute, then make sure you get your order in!

Here's how:

- Call the Mulch Order line – 703-255-6388
- Order Online – viennava.gov/forms.aspx?FID=157

Questions? Call 703-255-6380

Landfill ditched for recycling of Town's construction waste

by Tara Ruskowski, Community Enhancement Commission



photo by Adam Kincaid

It's nice when sustainability and the bottom line lead you to the same solution. That's exactly what happened when Public Works Director Mike Gallagher sought a more cost-effective way to dispose of tons of concrete, bricks, metals, cardboard, and other discarded construction materials generated by the Town's public works projects.

Gallagher found a creative solution that circumvents the landfill, conserves raw materials, and saves the Town money. He turned to a Manassas-based recycling company that specializes in construction waste management. The cost of recycling construction materials through the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design)-certified business is \$47.50 per ton compared to a landfill option for which costs increased by 200% to \$60 per ton in 2016.

Since entering the new contract in July, the Town of Vienna has sent 1,335 tons of construction waste to the recycler. Rather than packing a landfill:

- Wood and tree stumps are now being turned into colored mulch and animal bedding.
- Brick and concrete are recycled into material for road construction.
- Bailed cardboard is sent to Richmond and made into newspaper products.
- Drywall becomes a soil enhancer.
- Wiring and metals are melted down and re-purposed.
- Even dirt is recovered and used as an alternative cover for solid waste landfills.

Reflecting on the shift to recycling, Gallagher observed: "Finding the most economical solution for a public program is standard operating procedure, but an economical and environmentally friendly policy is an even bigger win for our community. That's why I'm excited to be able to send our construction debris to be re-used rather than sitting idle in a landfill – and at a lower cost." ♻️

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 The Mayor Jane Seeman Memorial Fundraiser.
 To learn more about Vienna's inaugural public art project,
 visit viennava.gov/donations or contact info@ViennaPublicArt.org

Get to know the VBA, your community Chamber of Commerce

by Peggy James, VBA Executive Director

The Vienna Business Association (VBA) serves, in many ways, as the voice of the Vienna business community. We promote business opportunities and development through networking and increased interactions among members of the Town's commercial and residential communities. Our members help maintain Vienna's small-town feel and high quality of life by encouraging ethical business practices and hosting community-focused events.

VBA's membership consists of local businesses, civic and nonprofit organizations, and citizens in the Vienna area who are interested in creating a dynamic partnership between businesses and the residential community. Together we work with the Town of Vienna to co-host several large annual community events throughout the year. Oktoberfest, the Halloween Parade, and First Night Vienna are all wonderful events that showcase local businesses and provide for merriment and community engagement.

VBA's goal is to enhance the knowledge, stability, and growth of businesses in the greater Vienna area through increased exposure, professional growth, and community outreach. VBA supports businesses and organizations of all sizes and varieties. We offer a wide range of membership packages, which includes our most recent addition of a Junior Entrepreneur Membership, available to businesses operated by students in grades 1-12.

Through educational meetings and seminars, networking events, social media and print exposure, sponsorship opportunities, and civic involvement, VBA strives to promote and connect our members with potential customers. VBA-sponsored community events and volunteer opportunities help connect and bond local businesses and the community.

Our community is Vienna, Virginia, and we are: The Vienna Business Association – Your Community Chamber of Commerce! For more information, visit ViennaBusiness.org or email info@ViennaBusiness.org. 📍

Parks and Rec sampler

Here are just a handful of the many programs, lectures, and trips being offered by the Town's Parks and Recreation Department. Use the provided registration number to register via WebTrac at viennava.gov/webtrac.

Services for those who are blind or visually impaired

Alex Diaz with the Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (DBVI) will discuss the array of services provided by the agency as well as simple solutions to everyday problems at a workshop from 10-11 a.m. Monday, February 6, at 262M Cedar Lane. Come learn about DBVI programs and tips and tricks for navigating around Northern Virginia. This presentation is free, but please pre-register. Registration #340072-A1

Music as therapy

Joshua Schrader, founder and CEO of Capital Music Therapy, will offer a therapeutic music presentation from 10-11 a.m. Monday, February 13, at 262M Cedar Lane. Music can maximize human development and rehabilitation and improve overall quality of life. This presentation is free, but please pre-register. Registration #340073-A1

To trust or not to trust

Estate planning attorney David Carlson and realtor Jeff Wu will lead a discussion on the

pros and cons of using a revocable trust, rather than a will, when undertaking estate planning from 10-11 a.m. Saturday, February 25, at 262M Cedar Lane. The session will help you untangle laws surrounding death, wills, and probate that can complicate transfer of your home to loved ones. This presentation is free, but please pre-register. Registration #341333-B1

Take time to smell the flowers at Philadelphia Flower Show

The world's oldest and largest indoor flower show, the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show treats attendees to fabulous design, live entertainment, gardening how-to workshops, and lectures from experts. The 2017 show celebrates the wonders of Holland. From windmills and wooden shoes to bicycles and vibrant tulip fields, the 2017 Philadelphia Flower Show features diverse stories of horticulture, innovative eco-design, and modern urban greening and sustainability efforts of the Netherlands. The Parks and Recreation Department will host a bus trip to the show Wednesday, March 15. The cost is \$84 for Town of Vienna residents and \$105 for those who live outside of Town limits. Registration #351560-A1

For a complete schedule of classes and programs, see the winter 2017 programs and events guide at viennava.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3335. The spring 2017 guide is available, too, at viennava.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3424.

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.

January 9

- Adopted the Vienna Sustainability Challenge, a self-certification program created by the Community Enhancement Commission to encourage and recognize sustainable practices by for-profit and nonprofit organizations.
- Approved purchase of a Monroe anti-icing system (brine spreader) for \$29,828.
- Awarded a professional services contract in the amount of \$160,150 to Urban, LTD, who will team with Orr Partners to provide project management services through September 2017 for the Vienna Community Center renovation and expansion project.
- Deferred to a later date a public hearing on zoning ordinance changes.
- Approved an intent to adopt zoning ordinance amendments to the Maple Avenue Commercial Zone (MAC).

Community Center Renovation and Expansion Update



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

- Concrete sidewalks installed along Cherry and Mill streets.
- Rough grading for sidewalks between south entrance to Corridor 166 and new gym completed.
- Washington Gas personnel are working to install a new gas line.
- Awaiting design fee proposal for concrete aprons at each vehicle entrance; requirement was overlooked during project review and is required for transition between parking areas and streets
- Sprinkler piping installation 96% complete. Sprinkler mains routed through ceilings and 2nd floor storage area.
- Installed concrete masonry units at south and east foundation walls around auxiliary gym.
- Installed electrical conduits and cable to units in auditorium lobby.
- Auxiliary gym foundation walls completed.
- Installing gypsum board as conditions permit.
- Steel columns, beams, decking, and canopy complete in corridor 162 and lobby.
- Carpenters are repairing air barrier deficiencies.
- Electrical rough-in continues. Addressing issue with age of existing electrical panels with electrical engineer.
- Installed mineral wool panels on exterior walls.
- Roof on addition is 40% complete. Awaiting warmer weather so that roofers can return to site.
- Installed duct with roof trusses.
- Tiling of exterior drain completed and prepped for backfill.
- Wood blocking for roof-top unit curbs installed. Temporary roof installed.
- Preparations for concrete slab pour at corridors 162 and 166 completed.
- Ceilings in restrooms 137 and 138 framed.
- Fire dampers installed at new gym shafts and passed inspection. Electric heaters and exhaust fans installed.
- Grading north parking areas and backfilling auxiliary gym foundation.
- Removing and reinstalling mineral wool on new gym walls.
- Pouring concrete slabs and continuing to install sprinklers in corridors 162 and 166 and lobby.
- Continuing to install mechanical ductwork in new gym.
- Continuing inspection and repair of air barrier on new gym walls.
- Installing electrical control cable rough-in and conduit in miscellaneous walls.
- Continue roofing as weather conditions permit.
- Begin measuring for exterior wall panel fabrication.
- Installing waterproofing and drain tile on auxiliary gym foundation walls.

Looking ahead, next steps include:

- Installing concrete entry aprons at site.

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 February 13.

Vienna businesses with staying power

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

45 YEARS Home Builders Trading Association	25 YEARS Tuscarora Valley Beef Farm	10 YEARS Accuprep Tax & Accounting	5 YEARS East Wing Spa Information Strategies and Solutions
30 YEARS Re/Max Preferred Properties	15 YEARS KWE Parcel Plus	Vienna Animal Hospital	Karen Logsdon Landwehr Steadfast Construction

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

Crepes & Karak Café
restaurant
280 Cedar Lane
703-573-2323

Looks
skin care
320 Maple Avenue E
703-209-2667

Once Upon a Dream
*children's
entertainment*
527 Maple Avenue E
703-489-5427

Rice or Noodle
restaurant
330 Maple Avenue W
703-938-3888



Salon Nuvida
beauty salon
320 Maple Avenue E
703-281-3434

HAPPENINGS around town

Register now for the **Vienna Little League spring 2017 season**. Registration is open to boys and girls interested in playing on T-ball, rookie, and single A teams. Visit vll.org to register or for details about player age requirements, level of play, and registration fees. Don't delay – registration ends in just a few weeks.

The Fairfax-based nonprofit **Britepaths** offers free **budgeting classes and financial counseling clinics** for low- and middle-income adults in Northern Virginia. Sessions are held monthly in various locations. Attendees may be eligible to receive financial mentoring services. Visit britepaths.org/news/get-financially-fit-new-year for a schedule and information. To RSVP for a class or clinic, email croggers@britepaths.org or call 703-273-8829.

Internationally recognized photographer and instructor **David Blecman** will speak about composition and how to photograph windows at the **Vienna Photographic Society** meeting at 7:30 pm Wednesday, February 1. Visit vpsva.org for more details and meeting location. A member of Professional Photographers of America, Blecman has photographed many models and celebrities as well as projects for some of the country's largest retailers. To learn more about Blecman, visit his website at posneg.com.

Girls (ages 3 through sixth grade) are invited to dance the evening away with their dads, granddads, big brothers, godfathers, or other family members at the **Vienna Woman's Club's Daddy Daughter Valentine Dance** from 6-8:30 pm Friday, February 3, at Marshall Road Elementary. Tickets are \$30/couple and must be purchased in advance at vwcdaddydaughterdance2017.eventbrite.com. Enjoy dancing, prizes, good food, and a special fairy tale guest. Proceeds from the event will fund library donations to Vienna elementary schools and college scholarships for Vienna area high school students.

Vienna (Host) Lions Club will hold a **fundraiser** from 11 am-9 pm February 7 at Foster's Grille. Simply put your receipt in the Lions box, and Foster's will donate 20% of your purchase to Lions' youth, sight, hearing, and community programs. For more information, call Akin Oduolowu at 202-415-6085 or [facebook.com/viennahostlionsclub](https://www.facebook.com/viennahostlionsclub).

Hand and Physical Therapy Specialists of Fairfax will host "Caring for Your Body while Caring for Your Baby," a free seminar for expecting and new mothers from 3-4 p.m. Tuesday, February 7, at 11240 Waples Mill Road, Suite 202. RSVP or get more information by contacting lindsey@handtherapyspecialists.com or 703-255-2339.

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, February 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. For more information about both groups, email wf.pflag@gmail.com or visit pflagdc.org and [facebook.com/groups/fly.pflag/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/fly.pflag/).

The Fairfax County Chapter of the National Society **Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)** will present its **Good Citizen Award** at 10 am Friday, February 10, at Penderbrook Community Club, 3704 Golf Trail Lane in Fairfax. This award and scholarship contest was created in

1934 and is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. If you're interested in attending the meeting or joining DAR, contact Amy Cartwright at a.cartwrightDAR@yahoo.com or 703-507-0023.

The Vienna Photographic Society will host a critique of member-submitted photos at 7:30 pm February 15. The themes are windows and Town of Vienna scenes. The session is open to all; [check vpsva.org](http://check.vpsva.org) for location.

Vienna (Host) Lions Club will hold its annual **James A. Bland competition** for school-aged (elementary through high school) vocalists and instrumentalists at 1 pm Saturday, February 18, at the Vienna Assembly of God, 100 Ayr Hill Avenue. Competitors will perform a song or musical selection, no longer than eight minutes, for a panel of local musical experts. Cash prizes will be awarded to first and second place winners in each category; first-place finishers move to the next level of competition. Information and an application, due by February 13, are available by contacting Susan Stiles at sandcs89@yahoo.com or 703-938-1142.

American Legion Post 180 will serve up a **breakfast buffet**, including omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, and more, from 8 am-noon Sunday, February 19. Cost is \$9 for adults and \$3 for children 12 years and under. For more information, call 703-938-6580.

Beauty of Flora and Fauna, a juried exhibition of **Vienna Arts Society** members' artworks, continues at Green Spring Gardens Park, 4603 Green Spring Road in Alexandria, through February 19. Visit greenspring.org or call 703-642-5173.

Green Hedges School will host an **admission open house** for children ages 3-grade 8 at 9 am February 24. Interested parents and students are invited to come review the curriculum, meet the faculty, and tour campus. For more information, visit greenhedges.org or email admission@greenhedges.org.

Join the **Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary** for **scrapbooking** fun, from 6 pm-midnight February 24, and 9 am-7 pm February 25, at the fire station located at 400 Center Street S. Registration fee includes cropping space, lunch on Saturday, snacks and beverages, and a goody bag. A vendor will be on-site offering supplies for purchase. Registration fee is \$50 by February 3, \$55 by February 10, and \$60 after the 10th. Proceeds benefit the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. To register, contact Lisa Emerson at lisaemerson3@verizon.net or 703-981-4504.

Pam Powers, president of the Arlington Rose Foundation, will speak on "The Joys and Pitfalls of Growing Roses in Washington, DC" at the February 27 meeting of the **Ayr Hill Garden Club**. The program will begin at 1 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road; complimentary refreshments provided beginning at 12:45 pm. Guests are encouraged to attend.

Historic Vienna Inc. is **collecting used books** through

February. Feel free to leave books on the Freeman Store front porch at 131 Church Street NE. No textbooks, magazines, or encyclopedias please.

The Freeman Store and Museum and Little Library are open by appointment only this month. Please call 703-994-9054 or email stuntzag@aol.com to schedule tours or with any questions. The Freeman Store reopens Wednesday, March 1, with a grand opening celebration of new museum exhibits on Sunday, March 5.

Get in shape for softball season! Join **Northern Virginia Senior Softball (NVSS)** for "spring training" Tuesday and Thursday mornings in February and March. NVSS fields 27 slow-pitch softball teams in three skill-level leagues. Teams take the field Tuesday and Thursday mornings April-July and September-October. Open to men 50 and older and women 40 and older; the average age of members is 66. Visit nvss.org or call Dave Scheele at 703-524-5576.

Epiphany United Methodist Preschool is now registering students for the 2017-18 school year. For more information or to schedule a tour, call 703-938-2391, email epiphanypreschool@vacoxmail.com, or visit epiphanypreschool.com.

The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary is currently accepting applications for its popular **Spring Bazaar and Craft Show** on March 11. The bazaar is from 10 am-4 pm in the Flame Room of the fire department at 400 Center Street S and features crafts and home-based businesses. To reserve a space or for more information, call 703-309-3468 or email dancers1023@aol.com.

To help raise awareness for returning service men and women, participate in the first annual **For Our Troops' Sake Awareness Walk** at 11 am Saturday, March 11, at Water's Field, at Cherry and Center streets. Registration fee is \$7. Visit eventbrite.com/e/1st-annual-for-our-troops-sake-awareness-walk-tickets-29452660701?aff=eac2 to register.

Vietnam War veteran **Col. Roger Hill, USAF (Ret.)**, will discuss the history of U.S. military cemeteries from the Civil War through current day at the February 16 meeting of **Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 227**. The meeting, at 7:30 pm at Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane, is open to veterans and the general public. For more information, visit vva227.org or call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353.

The 2nd annual **Taste of the World Casino Night**, hosted by the **Rotary Club of Vienna**, is March 11 at the Westwood Country Club. Enjoy a festive evening with fantastic food and gaming tables, while supporting an organization that makes a difference locally and globally. For more information and tickets, go to ViennaCasinoNight.com or call 703-981-4911.

The Vienna Woman's Club will award a **\$2,000 scholarship** to a member of the class of 2017 living in the 22180-22182 zip codes. Applicants must have a 2.5 grade point average and a burning desire to further their education. Young men and women are encouraged to apply. Applications, due April 12, are available in local high school career centers, from Jo-Lynn Westlund at 703-698-1237, or via viennawomansclub.org.

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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
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TTY Virginia Relay 711
127 Center Street South
Vienna, VA 22180-5179
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FEBRUARY TOWN CALENDAR

- 6** Town Council Meeting • 9 pm
- 7** Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 pm
- 8** Historic Vienna Inc. (Freeman Store & Museum) • 7:30 pm
- 8** Planning Commission • 8 pm
- 9** Town/Business Liaison Committee • 7 pm
- 13** Town Council Work Session • 8 pm
- 15** Board of Zoning and Appeals • 8 pm
- 16** Board of Architectural Review • 8 pm
- 20** Holiday: Town Hall Closed – Regular Refuse Collection
- 21** Public Art Commission • 7 pm
- 22** Planning Commission • 8 pm
- 23** Community Enhancement Commission • 7:30 pm

- 27** Town Council Meeting • 8 pm
- 28** Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committees • 7 pm
- 28** Transportation Safety 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.

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The February 1977 Town of Vienna newsletter reported that Mayor Charles Robinson had sent a five-page letter to the Federal Aviation Administration supporting the President's

Council on Wage and Price Stability's request that the Dulles Access Road be opened to non-airport traffic. "Fairfax County is one of the most rapidly urbanizing counties in the United States," the mayor noted.