

Vienna Community Center

Sometimes bigger and better takes longer than anticipated



photo by Adam Kincaid

Neither crumbling foundation walls nor incomplete construction documents nor unsuitable soil nor mold will stay the Vienna Community Center renovation project from completion. Sure, the finished product is going to cost a bit more than planned and open a bit later than hoped, but it's also ultimately going to be a fabulous addition to the community's amenities and provide Vienna residents with a light-filled, energy-efficient, more spacious place in which to practice, learn, and play.

With the renovation and expansion project approximately 62% complete as of February 15, the contractor and Town have, barring any additional delays, agreed upon an August 11 substantial completion date with hopeful expectations that fall programming will be offered at the com-

munity center. Parks and recreation staff will reassess construction progress late this spring in order to make a final determination on where fall programs will be held. The current substantial completion date is about eight months later than originally planned.

Initially expected to cost about \$10.4 million, the renovation and expansion project is now estimated at nearly \$13 million. This figure includes an additional \$635,100, recently approved by Town Council, to cover additional costs due to delays and contract extensions with the architect (Lukmire Partnership) and contractor (Keller Brothers), installation of a living wall, and mold clean-up as well as an additional \$200,000 in contingency funds.

"This has definitely been a challenging construction project," says Parks and

Recreation Director Leslie Herman, who came on board with the Town in September 2015, just as ground was being broken on the project. "That said, we're beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel, and our staff is really excited to move into our new larger, lighter, and more open facility and to share it, as well as enhanced opportunities for recreation, with our citizens."

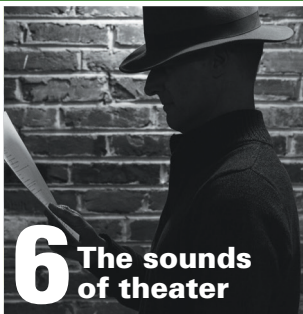
The Vienna Community Center was opened in April 1966 and underwent minor renovations three times, in 1968, 1988, and 1998. Before the current project, the center was 28,119 square feet.

The renovated 42,976-square-foot community center, which is being built to standards that will qualify it for silver-level LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification, features:

- a 14,857-square-foot gymnasium addition with a high school regulation-size basketball court
- an enlarged, glass-enclosed lobby and waiting area with an improved customer service counter
- new flooring, pads, and lighting in the old gym, now designated as the auxiliary gym
- new chairs, carpeting, paneling, control room, sound, and lights in the 200-seat auditorium where theater and musical performances are staged

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New certification program challenges businesses to go green



photo by Adam Kincaid

Making sustainability everyone's business Community Enhancement Commission members, from left, Tara Ruszkowski, Susan Stillman, and Desiree Di Mauro celebrate the launch of the Vienna Sustainability Challenge for businesses and nonprofit organizations.

From a financial perspective, businesses and nonprofits often are fixated, understandably so, on whether they're in the red or the black. The Town of Vienna's Community Enhancement Commission (CEC) is hoping that its new Vienna Sustainability Challenge will have local businesses and nonprofit organizations focusing on another color: green.

Following Town Council's approval of the program in January, the CEC is now launching the Vienna Sustainability Challenge to recognize local businesses and organizations who are taking a lead on sustainability and to encourage other companies to follow their example.

More information about the voluntary self-certification program is available at viennava.gov/sustainabilitychallenge. Information provided includes a checklist of practices that businesses and nonprofits can undertake to protect natural resources for future generations as well as to earn points toward sustainability certification. An organization must earn at least 60 of a possible 119 points to earn certification. Applications for certification, based on 2016 practices, are due June 1. Town Council and the CEC will recognize certified organizations in the fall.

In addition, the Town/Business Liaison Committee will present the annual Green Business Award to the business that obtains the highest sustainability certification score.

"We've been talking about climate change for 30 years," says CEC member Desiree Di Mauro, who led the effort to create the certification program. "Recycling by itself is not enough anymore. We need to kick it up and set the bar a little higher. Businesses need to model sustainability practices for other businesses."

Di Mauro, who teaches biology and environmental science at George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College, initially set out to create a green congregations program. Town Council challenged her to broaden the program to impact a wider range of organizations.

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The resulting Vienna Sustainability Challenge, she says, is designed to be a tool for businesses and nonprofit organizations, providing several simple and some increasingly challenging practices that help sustain natural resources.

"This initial year of the program," Di Mauro says, "recognizes companies for green practices they already do. It's a report on 2016 practices. But even if organizations can't achieve certification

this first year based on past behavior, the checklist helps them set goals and achieve recognition for 2017 and future years and challenges them to take on additional, perhaps a little more challenging strategies."

Sustainable strategies are provided for five areas: energy, water, waste reduction, purchasing, and transportation. Some of the practices for which businesses and nonprofits can earn points include:

- unplugging appliances when not in use
- reviewing utility bills
- switching to CFL or LED light bulbs
- encouraging employee carpooling
- creating a rain garden
- implementing a composting program
- using greener cleaning products.

"It doesn't have to be hard to do," says CEC member David Steiner, whose company, D&R International, focuses on helping other businesses achieve energy efficiency. "Our certification program offers a broad checklist that goes after sustainability in a lot of different ways. The checklist is a pretty comprehensive way to quickly identify areas that could be opportunities for improvement."

To achieve recertification each year, businesses will be required to earn an additional 5 points. "We want to encourage businesses to take care of what's easy for them," says Di Mauro, "but then each year to take on one or two items that are a little bit more of a stretch." ♻️

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- new, zoned HVAC
- renovated and additional restrooms
- improved lighting and information technology capabilities throughout.

The new regulation-size gymnasium, says Herman, will allow recreational basketball games at all levels, something the former facility could not accommodate. And between the new gym and auxiliary gym, the Town will be able to offer additional gymnastics programming, three pickleball courts, and competition-level volleyball courts as well as more open gym times.

In addition to the two gyms, auditorium, and staff offices, the renovated center includes a large multipurpose room for exercise classes, a senior lounge, and teen center as well as six classrooms upstairs.

Also, the W&OD trail that runs along the community center has been widened and moved to accommodate the new gym and avoid “traffic” issues between trail and athletic field users and community center visitors entering via the parking lot.

“We really think folks are going to love the new community center,” says Herman, “especially the new regulation-size gym. We’re as eager as everyone else to get the center reopened and to bring the Town’s recreation offerings back home as well as to see what new opportunities this renovated facility opens for the community.”

Construction updates are available in each issue of *Vienna Voice* and at viennava.gov. In addition, community updates are provided at 6:30 p.m. before Council work sessions each month. 📍



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Mayor @ Your Service – March 14

Art: It’s not just for walls anymore

With formation of the Vienna Public Art Commission (VPAC) and anticipated installation of its first commissioned piece later this year, the Town of Vienna is poised to paint its own story through the creative, community-enhancing initiative that is public art. As the Town and VPAC consider how best to navigate this new adventure, Mayor Laurie DiRocco has invited public art professionals from four nearby communities to share success stories, inspiration, and lessons learned as part of the next Mayor @ Your Service event at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at Town Hall.

The panel will discuss how public art, both permanent and temporary installations, can create new energy in public spaces, new connections to the landscape, and new bonds within the community. Public art examples from the four communities represented have included murals, sculptures, and paintings as well as traffic control box wraps, ground murals made of tiles, bridges, a statue made of twigs and sticks, and an installation composed of LED lights and plastic bottles in a traffic island.

Mayor @ Your Service panelists are:

- Elizabeth Carriger, public art project manager with Arlington Cultural Affairs
- Anne Delaney, executive director with Initiative for Public Art Reston
- Lisa Mariam, grants director and master arts plan coordinator with Arts Council of Fairfax County
- Diane Ruggiero, deputy director in the Office of the Arts in Alexandria.

Arlington Public Art, says Carriger, “strives to...create a quality public realm and make meaningful connections between people and places important to civic life.”

“Public art has the potential to enhance our sense of place and our quality of life in ways that may be profound or fun,” says Mayor Laurie DiRocco. “I’m looking forward to hearing more about what other communities are doing in this area and imagining how Vienna can embrace public art.”

Mayor @ Your Service is a forum designed to share and discuss Town information, activities, and events with citizens. These events are free and open to the public. 📍



photo by Roger Foley

Art is for bridges, too, in Arlington Public art in the form of concrete, weathered steel, and LED lights, created by Vicki Scuri, enhances the visual appeal of two Arlington Boulevard bridges.

Street sweeping kicks off spring-cleaning season in Vienna

Just hours following the spring equinox, the Town of Vienna will be washing winter off the Town's streets. The Public Works Department's annual street sweeping program begins March 20.

The Town is divided into eight sections for purposes of the sweeping program, and the sweeper will proceed numerically through each of them. During the first pass through Town, public works asks that residents not park on the street during scheduled sweeping times to allow the sweeper to be most effective and fully reach the curb.



To find out in which "sweeping" section of Town you reside, access the online map at viennava.gov/sweeping. Additionally, signs will be placed on streets marking a window of 7-10 days during which the truck will come through.

To make the sweeping process as smooth and effective as possible, the Town asks residents to place large debris, sticks, trash, and trashcans on top of curbs or in driveways during the initial pass. Sanitation crews will assist in the process as well by placing containers on the curb on pickup days.

After the first pass through Town, the sweeper will repeat the process through each of the numbered Town sections. This will occur multiple times from March through summer in order to be thorough. After the first pass, residents may park their cars in the street as usual, and there will no longer be any advance-notice signage.

Street sweeping is one of many methods the Town utilizes to protect watersheds. All stormwater that flows through the streets carries anything lying on the streets into storm drains, which funnels into area creeks, streams, and rivers, straight to the Chesapeake Bay.

"Sweeping up debris, silt, sand, and salt after the winter indeed helps make the Town more aesthetically pleasing," says Operations Superintendent Jonathan "Bubba" Wooden, "but additionally and more importantly it protects the Chesapeake Bay from harmful waste."

Questions? Contact public works at 703-255-6380. 📞



Raise a hand for a hero

Help the Town of Vienna recognize volunteer-heroes in the community. To give a warm "thank you" recognition to your hero, simply complete the form available at viennava.gov/volunteers by March 3.

This year's star volunteers will be recognized at the annual Mayor's Volunteer Reception at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. 📍

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Play 'hooky' for the day, go fishing



photo by Adam Kincaid

Play “hooky” from day-to-day chores and activities and cast a line at the Family Fishing Rodeo Saturday, April 22, at the trout-stocked creek at Wildwood Park. Tickets are required and on sale via viennava.gov/webtrac.

Tickets are \$3 per person with a limit of six tickets per household. All participants over age 16 must possess a fishing license. Licenses may be purchased through the Virginia Department of Gaming and Inland Fisheries, dgiflicense.virginiainteractive.org.

The first of six available time slots is 9 a.m., and the final slot starts at 11:30 a.m. Attendees can access the rodeo via the walking trail through the park on Follin Lane, across the street from Navy Federal Credit Union.

Lucky participants who catch a tagged fish will win a gift card from a local business. Just take the numbered tag to a staff member to receive your prize.

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

Vienna rated one of Virginia's best places to raise a family

In news that you likely already knew: The Town of Vienna has been ranked as one of the state's best places to raise a family. WalletHub.com has announced that Vienna came in at #3 on its 2017 list of best places to



raise a family in Virginia. The financial services website rated 82 communities across the state using 21 metrics, including median family income, school system quality, and housing affordability. Vienna rated #1 for raising a family in Virginia in low violent crime rate and playgrounds per capita. 📍

Making dollars and sense of FY18 budget

The Town's budget for fiscal year 2018, which will begin July 1, 2017, is currently under construction. Citizens may comment on the proposed budget, tax rate, and water and sewer rates at designated public hearings. Here are important dates on the FY2018 budget calendar:

Council Budget Work Session	March 18
Council Budget Work Session	March 20
Council Budget Work Session (if necessary)	April 3
Public Hearing: Proposed Budget	April 17
Public Hearing: Proposed Water & Sewer Rates	April 17
Public Hearing: Proposed Tax Rate	April 24
Anticipated Adoption of Budget, Water & Sewer Rates, and Tax Rate	May 8



County budgets to be discussed at district summit

Join Fairfax County Supervisor Cathy Hudgins and Vienna Mayor Laurie DiRocco at the annual Hunter Mill District Community Summit from 8:30 a.m.-noon Saturday, March 4, at Frying Pan Farm Park Visitor Center, 2739 West Ox Road in Herndon. The summit will feature presentations and discussions on both Fairfax County's and Fairfax County Public Schools' fiscal year 2018 budgets.

A presentation entitled Prosperity, Equity, and One Fairfax will set the stage for an interactive build-a-budget exercise in which participants can make financial decisions to balance the county's budget. In addition, Department of Tax Administration officials will be on hand to provide counseling on tax relief for older adults and adults with disabilities.

For more information, email huntermill@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-478-0283. 📍

The sound of nostalgia for some rings new for others

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

Both veterans from the golden age of radio as well as children fluent in next-gen iPads will find wonder at the local theater early this spring. The Vienna Theatre Company's second edition of radio plays, titled *In Living Sound*, will take to the stage the first two weekends of April.

This year's lineup of four short radio plays harkens back to a staple of early 20th century American entertainment. Each member of the clever cast of six masters several characters, dialects, and voice imitations – often within the same play.

The plays are strictly audio, but children – and other audience members – can experience physical theater in a throwback fashion. Listening to stories and seeing how their accompanying sound effects are created on stage adds a unique bit of fun.

Each play's sound effects are created, as they were in the past, by using ordinary items to mimic sounds that may be completely unconnected to their sources. For example, gunshots during last year's plays were created by popping balloons with a pin, and this year a pair of shoes shuffling through cat litter might simulate someone walking.

"It's very kid-friendly and, with all the mechanisms and contraptions on stage making the sounds, a lot of humor is added to each play," says Director Jessie Roberts. "It also represents a special piece of American history, a pastime that today's children may not get another chance to enjoy."

Tickets for *In Living Sound* are available at viennava.gov/webtrac. Shows will be performed in the Flame Room at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department March 31, April 1, 7, and 8. Friday tickets are \$14; Saturday tickets are \$25 and include the show as well as dinner at 7:15 p.m. Performances begin at 8 p.m. ↴



photos by Adam Kincaid



Brush off the creative cobwebs and share a Halloween theme

If you were to host the biggest Halloween bash in Town, what would your "party" theme be? Take a moment to marinate on ideas and share your brightest with the Town of Vienna – your suggestion just might become the theme for the 2017 Halloween Parade.

Theme ideas as well as suggestions for parade grand marshal are now being accepted. For more information and submittal forms, visit viennava.gov/halloween. Both forms should be submitted to the Vienna Business Association at info@viennavabusiness.org. ↴



Freeman House & Museum 2017 exhibits focus on 20th century women's march and a milestone birthday

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

The two exhibits opening at the Freeman Store and Museum this month explore centuries past but also echo national and regional issues of today. The exhibits, curated by Historic Vienna, Inc., feature the 1917 National Woman's Party's protest on the White House and ensuing "Night of Terror" as well as Fairfax County's 275th anniversary.

Last year's suffrage exhibit highlighted women's rights prior to the Civil War. This year's first-floor exhibit fast forwards to 1917 when National Woman's Party members wrote the book on White House protests. This is the second in a five-year series of exhibits chronicling the struggle for women's rights.



photo by Adam Kincaid

Silent Sentinels, a woman's party subgroup, were the original women's march on Washington, picketing at the White House 100 years ago in protest of a lack of legislation for women's right to vote on the national level. The demonstrations eventually led to the protestors' arrests. Their subsequent imprisonment and beatings at the Occoquan Workhouse where they were employed became known as the "Night of Terror."

This exhibit showcases various bios, cartoons, and photographs of key players involved, workhouse conditions, and the suffrage movement in general. Don't miss the exhibits "selfie" photo opportunity: You can get a photo taken while wearing a replica of the purple and white 20th century suffrage sash next to a life-size cutout of women's rights activist Alice Paul.

The second-floor exhibit celebrates Fairfax County's 275th anniversary with a physical timeline circling the room, displaying key events taking place around Vienna and the county during the past nearly three centuries. Descriptions, photos, drawings, artifacts, and reproductions manifest specific key events, people, places, and items that had local, state, and national impact.



Last year's agriculturally themed exhibit echoes in this year's display as agriculture was an economic staple during Fairfax County's formative years. Several agricultural objects are on display, including a sample of the very first iron-beamed plows to be employed in the United States, which were manufactured prior to the Civil War by Moses Cummins in his Ayr Hill factory.

These exhibits will be available to view throughout the remainder of the year during Freeman Store & Museum regular hours, 12-4 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. An opening reception will be hosted from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, March 12. Refreshments will be served, and exhibit creators will be on hand to answer questions. For more information, contact Historic Vienna, Inc. at 703-938-5187. 📍

What better place to join a book club than at the library?

Vienna's Patrick Henry Library offers three chances each month to share in a discussion on books with other adults and to learn about new titles and authors.

- The Classics Book Discussion Group will meet next from 1-2:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16, to discuss *Man's Search for Meaning* by Viktor E. Frankl. The discussion will be led by author/scholar Amanda Holmes Duffy. This club meets the third Thursday of each month, except in November and December when it meets on the second Thursday.



- The "Not Just for Teens" Book Club will discuss *Hungry* by H.A. Swain from 7-8 p.m. Monday, March 20. The

club typically meets the third Monday of each month.

- The Patrick Henry Book Club will next meet from 1-2:30 p.m. Thursday, March 30, to discuss *Girl Waits with Gun* by Amy Stewart. This club meets the last Thursday of each month.

For more information about the book clubs or to get information about other great reads, call the Patrick Henry Library at 703-938-0405. The library's catalog, available at fairfaxcounty.gov/library, provides book reviews, favorites, recommendations, and more for every age and interest. 📍

Help Vienna stay green: Recycle that hard-to-recycle stuff

Quarterly Recycling Days are your chance to help protect the Town's environment – and lighten the junk load at home.

Your next opportunity to take your detritus down to the Northside Property Yard at 600 Mill Street NE is Saturday, March 4. From 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., the Town will accept electronics as well as used motor oil, antifreeze, and batteries.

To review additional accepted items, visit viennava.gov/quarterlyrecycling or call 703-255-6380. ♻️



Conservation beyond the classroom

by Emma Choi, Community Enhancement Commission member

How can schools teach children about energy conservation if school buildings guzzle energy at grotesque rates? The leaders in Fairfax County Public Schools' Department of Transportation and Facilities asked themselves this same question, which resulted in the countywide initiative: FCPS Get2Green.

The collection of programs under the FCPS Get2Green umbrella are targeted both toward administrative and everyday school activities. Perhaps the most notable of FCPS's achievements to date is recognition received from the Environmental Protection Agency for having the most Energy Star-certified schools in the U.S. — 146, including Marshall Road, Vienna Elementary, and Louise Archer. Energy Star designation requires certification by a third-party engineer as well as placement in the top 25% in building energy efficiency among peer schools nationwide.

Furthermore, FCPS has clearly demonstrated that going green is NOT financially counterproductive. According to the Get2Green website, through the initiative, FCPS has experienced a realized energy savings of more than \$8.5 million and anticipates \$95 million in savings by 2025.

Going green can have academic benefits, too. The National Wildlife Federation says that its Eco-Schools program not only promotes conservation, but also literacy and critical thinking skills. Studies have connected environment-based education to higher test scores in math, reading, and critical thinking.

FCPS undoubtedly plays an integral part in the Vienna community. Therefore, in considering the successes of Get2Green, the question left to consider is: How can we, as a community, match the school system's efforts in order to become one conscious whole? ♻️



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 30

- Approved purchase of an upgraded Granicus encoder/archiver to record and store HD-quality public meeting videos; purchase amount not to exceed \$4,500, using funds set aside for public, educational, and governmental access channels. Also approved amendment to contract with Granicus, Inc. for an associated annual service increase of \$2,100.
- Approved modification and addendum to construction contract with Keller Brothers for the Vienna Community Center renovation and expansion project related to substantial completion date and associated general conditions payment claim of \$113,226.

- Approved additional expenditure of \$24,712.95 to HD Supply for residential water meters and associated supplies.
- Increased contract with Jeffrey Stack, Inc. by \$9,892.01 for completed Follin Lane construction project.
- Approved spending \$39,358 with Meridian Enterprise Office Solutions for scanning services.
- Set a public hearing on February 27 related to amending the general fund and water and sewer fund budgets for capital lease proceeds used for vehicle purchases.

February 6

- Approved a resolution to adopt the deferred compensation plan of the Commonwealth of Virginia; authorized Town Manager to execute adoption agreement with the Virginia Retirement System (VRS); and authorized the Town to pay the VRS administration fee of approximately \$8.50 per participant, for a total of about \$765.
- Approved \$521,874 in additional spending for the Vienna Community Center renovation and expansion project.

- Approved a resolution in support of an independent commission to consider redistricting in Virginia.
- Approved a resolution in opposition to Virginia Senate Bill 1282, which relates to wireless communications infrastructure.
- Authorized the mayor to share comments on proposed Tysons Implementation Plan amendments with the Fairfax County Planning Commission.

Appointed to serve

At its recent meetings, Town Council appointed or re-appointed the following individuals to Town boards and commissions:

- Donald Chumley – Fairfax County Circuit Court for re-appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals
- Robert Holland – Town Business Liaison Committee
- Leonard Ignatowski – Transportation Safety Commission
- Tara Ruskowski – Community Enhancement Commission
- Carey Williams – Town Business Liaison Committee

Do you own a business in Town? We want to hear from you!

by Deepa Chakrapani, Town Business Liaison Committee member

As part of its mission to “study, analyze, evaluate, and offer recommendations to the Town Council on matters of public policy...,” the Town Business Liaison Committee (TBLC) is currently conducting a survey to collect feedback from local businesses. It is our hope that the data collected will help the TBLC and Town Council and staff better understand the needs of the local business community. Whether you own or operate a home-based business, a brick-and-mortar store, or an office in the Town of Vienna, we want to hear from you!

The survey takes only five minutes to complete online and can be accessed at surveymonkey.com/r/viennavabusinesssurvey. A paper version of the survey was mailed to all businesses along with the Town’s business license renewal form; if you prefer to complete the paper survey, please return it to the Town along with your business license renewal.

Thank you in advance for participating in the survey and providing your important feedback to the TBLC. This is your opportunity to help us help you! All data and feedback collected in the survey will be analyzed, compiled, and shared only in aggregate form in a comprehensive report to Town Council.

We appreciate that you have chosen to operate your business in the Town of Vienna, and we want to support and strengthen all members of our diverse and vibrant business community. 📌



Coming Soon: The TBLC will soon launch a monthly electronic newsletter, called *Town Business Matters*, to communicate information about important Town events and initiatives to the local business community. Look for the newsletter in your business email boxes soon.

Parks and Rec sampler

Don't let this free lecture slide by Colleen Cooper, a doTERRA wellness advocate, will share the many benefits of essential oils and how to use them safely and effectively during a free presentation at 10 a.m. Monday, March 6, at park and recreation's temporary offices at 262M Cedar Lane. While the presentation is free, registration is requested. Sign up at viennava.gov/webtrac using Activity #341240-A1.

Strategies for people with hearing loss Bonnie O'Leary, outreach manager with the Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons, will discuss the value of assertiveness (versus aggressive behavior) as a useful tool for people with hearing loss at 10 a.m. Monday, March 13, at 262M Cedar Lane. This free program also will provide effective strategies to help alleviate frustrations experienced by those with late

onset hearing loss and by those they interact and communicate with. Register for the program using Activity #341383-A1 at viennava.gov/webtrac.

Spring break fun

With cool titles like Zoo Doodle Safari Art Camp and Dramatic Kids, the Town of Vienna's spring break camps, offered through the Parks and Recreation Department, are sure to keep your young'uns engaged and entertained. Held April 10-14, the art camp is for children ages 3-6, and the theater arts camp for those 7-11. UK Elite soccer camps also will be offered for children ages 5-14. Find more information about the camps in the spring 2017 programs and events guide, available at bit.ly/2kMWnxi.

Get that garden growing

Debby Ward, coordinator of the Community Display and Learning Garden, will offer several classes and programs related to gardening this



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spring. Program topics include Strawberry Painted Rocks for children ages 6-10 and, for adults, Compost!, Maximize Your Garden's Potential, and Third Thursday Garden Stroll. The fee for the rock-painting class for youngsters is \$5 for residents and \$7.50 for those who live outside of the Town of Vienna; the other programs are free. Find more information at bit.ly/2kMWnxi. 📌

Community Center Renovation and Expansion Update



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

- Site concrete and sidewalk installation continued as weather permitted. Concrete slab at loading dock and toward transformer completed.
- Sprinkler piping installation continued. Routed mains through ceilings at corridor 162 and second floor storage area.
- Concrete masonry wall at auxiliary gym completed; vapor barrier and waterproofing operations begun.
- Electrical rough-in and gypsum board installation continued as conditions permitted.
- Wood blocking for rooftop unit curbs were installed. Temporary roof was installed. Additional roofing material was delivered.
- Concrete slab pour at corridors 162 and 166 completed.

- Ceilings in restrooms 137 and 138 framed. Framing in main lobby and blocking along parapet of corridor 162 well underway.
- Fire dampers installed at shafts and passed inspection. Electric heaters and exhaust fans installed.
- Work has commenced on auxiliary gym brick façade.
- Continued installation of roof drains along corridor 162.
- Ductwork in main gym being installed.

Looking ahead, next steps include:

- Installing concrete entry aprons at site.
- 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.

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

25 YEARS

Symphony To Go

15 YEARS

MBH Settlement Group

Paul Layer Architecture

10 YEARS

Horner's Corner Pet Salon

5 YEARS

M&M Child Care

The Orion Group

Vienna Acupuncture

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

Beauty by Lana
massage therapy
129 Park Street NE
703-288-0862

La Anna White
massage therapy
129 Park Street NE
703-288-0862

Thai Wellness Center
massage therapy
129 Park Street NE
703-288-0862

Tom Yum Thai
restaurant
226 Maple Avenue W
703-255-2467

Tuangrat McMaster
massage therapy
129 Park Street NE
703-288-0862

Vienna Comfort Spa & Massage
massage therapy
226 Maple Avenue W
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HAPPENINGS around town

For those experiencing the pain of separation or divorce, **Vienna Presbyterian Church** is offering a path toward healing through its **DivorceCare** series. Programs are held 6:45-9 pm Tuesday evenings at the church located at 124 Park Street NE. The cost to cover materials is \$20; scholarships are available. For more information or to register, call 703-938-9050, visit viennapres.org, or email passages@viennapres.org.

The Freeman Store reopens March 1. The store's popular Giving Hearts are fully stocked, and a newly designed Vienna mug is coming soon. In addition to Virginia peanuts and jams, the store now carries local wildflower honey made in Stafford by a veteran-owned business. Stop in from 12-4 pm Wednesday-Sunday to see what's new in children's books, toys, and fun items for Easter baskets. Be sure to check out the large inventory of books on topics for every taste and age in the store's Used Book Cellar.

Ceasar Sharper will speak on "Eagle Photography – What You Need to Know" at the **Vienna Photographic Society** meeting at 7:30 pm Wednesday, March 1, in Room B114 at Thoreau Middle School, 2505 Cedar Lane. This presentation is free and open to all. For more information, visit vpsva.org.

The story of a promising heir who battles his family's and society's expectations and loses it all promises to enthrall those who attend the next meeting of the Fairfax County Chapter of the **National Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)** at 10 am Friday, March 3, at Penderbrook Community Club, 3704 Golf Trail Lane in Fairfax. Author, historian, and educator **Philip Bigler** will speak on his latest book, *Scandalous Son: The Elusive Search for Dolley Madison's Son, John Payne Todd*. If interested in attending the meeting or joining DAR, contact Amy Cartwright at 703-507-0023 or a.cartwrightDAR@yahoo.com.

Around the World, an exhibit of paintings by **Vienna Arts Society** members, will be on display at the Vienna Arts Center, 115 Pleasant Street NW, through March 6.

Vienna (Host) Lions Club will hold a fundraiser from 11 am-9 pm March 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 Tom Comi at 703-281-4575 or visit [facebook.com/viennahostlionsclub](https://www.facebook.com/viennahostlionsclub).

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, March 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/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/fly.pflag/).

Bird's Eye View is the title of the member exhibit at the Vienna Arts Center from March 7 to April 1. The center is open from 10 am-4 pm Tuesday-Saturday at 115 Pleasant Street NW. For more info, visit ViennaArtsSociety.org or call 703-319-3971.

James Madison High School Athletic Boosters are hosting a **"Field of Dreams" Casino Night and Silent Auction** from 7-11 pm Friday, March 10, at the Crowne Plaza Tysons. The \$55 ticket includes an open bar, light snacks, and "\$10,000" in chips. All proceeds will support replacement of the turf field at the school's stadium. To buy tickets or make a donation, visit warhawksparts.org and check out the online auction at 32auctions.com/2017MadisonBoosterAuction.

The Vienna Choral Society will sing *Requiem for the Living*, a hopeful repertoire featuring music inspired by Emily Dickinson and Dolly Parton and compositions by Dan Forrest, Sarah Quartell, Craig Hella-Johnson, and more. This **"concert for a cause"** will partner with Blume Haiti, which works to develop leadership skills and create opportunities through the pursuit of musical excellence. The concert is at 7:30 pm Saturday, March 11, at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Road SW. Tickets are \$25/adults, \$20/students and seniors, and free for youth 14 and younger. More info at viennachoralsociety.org.

If today's political scandals make you shake your head in disbelief, wait until you hear **Alice Roosevelt Longworth** "dish the dirt" on scandals of yesteryear at the **Shepherd Center of Oakton-Vienna's Lunch N Life** event at noon Monday, March 13, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road. Alice Roosevelt Longworth, portrayed by Elaine Flynn, was the eldest daughter of Theodore Roosevelt. Tickets for lunch and the Scandals in the City performance are \$10 per person. Prepayment is required by March 8; no refunds. To register, call 703-281-0538.

Celebrate the "luck of the Irish" at the **Vienna Arts Society Blarney Bunco** fundraiser 3-6 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at the Vienna Arts Center, 115 Pleasant Street NW. A \$20 donation reserves your chance to roll the dice, meet with artists, and enjoy creative refreshments. No experience necessary to play this fun and easy dice game. More information at 703-319-3971 or artcenter@viennaartsociety.org.

A judge will critique images of music, performances, instruments, patterns in architecture, and creative photographs at a gathering of the **Vienna Photographic Society** at 7:30 pm Wednesday, March 15, in Room B114 at Thoreau Middle School, 2505 Cedar Lane. The session is free and open to all. For more info, visit vpsva.org.

Volko Ruhnke will discuss his successful board game *Fire in the Lake*, *Insurgency in Vietnam* as well as how the game contributes to an understanding of the Vietnam War for post-war generations at the next meeting of **Chapter 227 of the Vietnam Veterans of America**. Veterans and the public are invited to the meeting at 7:30 pm Thursday, March 16, at Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane. Admission is free. Visit vva227.org or call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 for more information.

American Legion Post 180 will serve up omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, and more at its monthly breakfast buffet from 8 am-noon Sunday, March 19, at 330 Center Street N. The buffet is \$9 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and younger. For more information, call 703-938-6580.

Designer **Joyce Overholtzer** will present on design techniques of the Sugetsu School of Ikebana during the March 21 meeting of the **Five Hills Garden Club of Vienna**. The meeting, which is free and open to the public, is at 10 am at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park Street NE. Overholtzer utilizes unusual materials in her ultramodern creations.

The **Madison High School Crew Boosters Organization** invites the community to laugh about the condition of our political system at a performance by the political comedy troupe **Capitol Steps**. The troupe will perform songs based on the recent year's dramatic news and from its current album, *What to Expect When You're Electing*, at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the James Madison High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$25 for students and over 65; prices at the door are \$40 and \$35, respectively. Tickets are available online at MadisonCapitolSteps.brownpapertickets.com.

"Getting to Know Your Fellow Members through Their Love of Plants" is the theme for the March 27 **Ayr Hill Garden Club** meeting. Guests are welcome to the 1 pm meeting, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road; complimentary refreshments will be served at 12:45.

Vienna resident **Donald Bishop** will speak on "The Colonel and his Bride in Her Little Gum Boots: Charles Russell Lowell and Josephine Shaw Lowell in Civil War Vienna" during the upcoming **Historic Vienna, Inc. membership meeting** at 7:30 pm Wednesday, March 29, at Town Hall. Charles Lowell commanded the Union camp in Vienna and, in 1863, brought his bride, Effie, to Vienna, where they lived in the old Ayr Hill plantation house. Come learn about this remarkable and talented couple. The Heritage Preservation Award will be presented during the brief business portion of the meeting.

Emmanuel Lutheran Preschool, which offers a developmental program for children ages 2½-4 years, is now enrolling for the 2017-18 school year. Call 703-938-6187 or email emmanuelpreschool2@gmail.com.

The **Vienna Arts Society** will offer **classes and workshops** this spring, including drop-in open studio hours, a class on mosaics, and workshop on watercolors. For more information, visit ViennaArtsSociety.org or call 703-319-3971.

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

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703-255-5730 TDD
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703-255-5730 TDD

Community Center
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TTY Virginia Relay 711
120 Cherry St. SE
Vienna, VA 22180

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MARCH TOWN CALENDAR

4 Quarterly Recycling Day (Northside Property Yard) • 8 am-2 pm

6 Town Council Work Session • 7:30 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 Meeting • 8 pm

15 Board of Zoning and Appeals • 8 pm

16 Board of Architectural Review • 8 pm

18 Town Council Budget Work Session • 9 am-4 pm

20 Town Council Budget Work Session • 8 pm

21 Public Art Commission • 7 pm

22 Planning Commission • 8 pm

23 Community Enhancement Commission • 7:30 pm

28 Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committees • 7 pm

28 Transportation Safety Commission • 8 pm

31 Vienna Theatre Company: *In Living Sound* (VVFD) • 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.

35 years ago...

The Town's March 1982 newsletter reported that after 18 months of service, Fairfax County was halting operation of the Vienna-Oakton-Tysons Corner Jitneybus system due to

low ridership and the need for financial subsidy. The system operated two buses running between Tysons Corner and Jermantown Road/Route 123 intersection six days a week. A county supervisor commented that the community apparently was "not committed to local public transportation at this time."