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Get to know Vienna's team captain

Steadfast leader champions Town residents and staff



photo by Adam Kirncaid

Just as he imagined when he was a child, Mercury Payton is a leader on a team that has a strong batting average and winning record.

“Growing up,” says Payton, “I just knew I was going to be a major league baseball player.”

Well...not quite. Instead, Payton found his calling on a different kind of team. Except for a brief stint in the family airport passenger business, Payton has proven to be a utility player and steadfast team leader within local government organizations. For the past six years, he has led Team Vienna as town manager.

Despite his flashy first name, selected by his father in homage to Miami Dolphins running back Mercury Morris, Payton's leadership style reflects his quiet, almost-shy, people-pleasing, steady personality.

“Mercury doesn't sit at the head of the table, he's part of the team,” says Vienna's Human Resources Director Maggie Kain, who also worked with Payton previously on Team Manassas Park. “Mercury really values people and gives them every opportunity to succeed.

“He almost represents what Vienna is all about,” she adds. “He's steady, has strong family values, and steers according to a sextant.”

“I admire Mercury's open door policy, strong communication skills, commitment to training and staff development, and caring for the citizens of Vienna,” says Mayor Laurie DiRocco. “Mercury believes in a safe community with a highly trained staff that are committed to serving the citizens of Vienna.”

After receiving a bachelor's degree from Hampton University in 1995 and a master's in public administration from the University of Delaware in 1997, Payton fell into a local government career when he went to work for the City of Suffolk, where he was a senior administrative analyst in the city manager's office. Three years later, he moved on to Emporia, where he was assistant city manager, later becoming Emporia's acting city manager.

“If Suffolk is where I learned about the impact of and what local government does,” says Payton, “Emporia taught me how to do it. That was where I learned how to work and lead in local government.

“I had known that I wanted to do something that could make a difference in the world, but I didn't know exactly what that was,” reflects Payton. “I learned that local government has far more contact with and impact on people's lives than state or federal government. Being immersed in local government right out of school was an eye-opener for me in terms of seeing how it can impact people's lives through issues like improving roads, water supply, emergency service response times, drainage issues, recreational opportunities, and zoning concerns.”

In 2003, Payton moved his growing family to Manassas Park, just 15 minutes from where he grew up in Dale City. About 18 months into his career at Team Manassas Park, the city manager left, and

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CONVERSATIONS WITH COUNCIL

A wise decision made

by Councilmember Howard Springsteen

For the Springsteen/Driscoll family, the past two months have been very special. In May, our son graduated from college and is now starting a job in Atlanta. In June, our daughter graduated from Madison High School and will begin her college journey at the end of August. Shortly, my wife and I will become empty-nesters and begin a new stage in our lives.

In 1997, we made a conscious decision to move into the Town of Vienna. We wanted to live in one of Vienna's special neighborhoods where we could enjoy a real sense of community and raise our children and have neighbors who would become our close friends. We are constantly reminded what a wise decision this was.

Looking back over the 20 years we have lived in Vienna and raised a family, it has been an incredible experience. From the schools they attended – Louise Archer, Thoreau, and Madison – to their involvement in scouting, youth soccer, and our church as well as Madison crew, field hockey, and basketball – well, we all kept busy.

Summers when not away on vacation,

our children attended the wonderful recreational programs at the Vienna Community Center. Throughout the year, they went to many Town- and community-sponsored events, including Viva Vienna, the July 4th fireworks, open house at the fire station, the Halloween Parade, visiting Santa at the Freeman Store, and of course seeing Santa ride around Town on the Vienna Fire Department's antique fire truck.

My advice to parents is this: Experience Vienna and the schools to their fullest. Get involved in our Vienna community, volunteer when possible, and support the organizations your children are involved in. Treasure and cherish our Vienna community.

Enjoy your summer! 🍷



Congratulations to Town grads

Congratulations to two Town of Vienna police staffers who recently earned their bachelor's degrees. In March, Lt. Tom Taylor graduated with honors from Bethel University in Tennessee with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Dispatcher Morgan Johnson earned a bachelor's degree in cybersecurity from the University of Maryland University College last December. 🍷



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Survey results offer snapshot of Vienna businesses and challenges



Results from a spring survey of Town businesses provide a snapshot of the state of Vienna businesses and the issues they find most challenging. The SurveyMonkey poll had a response rate of about 25%, with 321 of the Town’s approximately 1,300 businesses answering questions posed by the Town Business Liaison Committee (TBLC).

Among the most challenging issues facing Vienna businesses, responders identified:

- rental cost and other expenses
- general economic conditions
- changing market conditions
- traffic
- competition
- parking and accessibility

In a presentation to Town Council at its June 5 meeting, TBLC Chair Friderike Butler noted that while only 30% of responding businesses rated parking as “poor” or “very poor,” those who did so tended to be in commercial and industrial zones, but not necessarily on Maple Avenue, where traffic flow was identified as the larger challenge.

The vast majority of surveyed businesses, 90%, support mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly redevelopment along Maple Avenue. And while a majority of businesses, a little over two-thirds, felt connected to the Town and knowledgeable about Town happenings, they want more information about street closings and Town events.

“TBLC members are committed to keeping our ear to the ground and providing additional support to our Town businesses,” says Butler. “We’ll work with Town Council and staff as well as the Vienna Business Association to help make our businesses more successful.”

The businesses that responded to the survey fit into the following categories:

- services – 43%
- home-based – 28%
- office in commercial/industrial zones – 19%




photos by Adam Kincaid

The state of Town businesses Respondents to the TBLC Business Survey included home-based, retail, and industrial businesses. In photos from top left are: Friderike Butler; Donna Holt; and Jim and Ty Brooke.

- individually owned storefront retail – 16%
- restaurant/food service – 9%

Seventy-five percent of responding businesses have five or fewer employees while 2% have 51 or more.

A PowerPoint presentation of these business survey findings can be viewed online at viennava.gov/bizsurvey. 

Correction: 2017 election results

The Town Council election tallies printed in the June issue of *Vienna Voice* were a bit dated – in fact, they were from 2015! We apologize for this error. The election results are the same as reported in June in that three incumbent Councilmembers ran unopposed and were re-elected to Town Council. Here are the official 2017 election results, provided by the Fairfax County Office of Elections:

Carey Sienicki	374
Howard Springsteen	374
Tara Voigt	367

Mercury Payton

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Payton was once again named acting city manager.

Realizing that local government careers, like his beloved Baltimore Orioles' current season, can sometimes be a rollercoaster ride, Payton accepted his new position on a permanent basis on a condition he thought city leaders would never agree to: He asked for a seven-year contract; they agreed to six years.

At the end of his contract, Payton left Manassas Park to try his hand at the family business, but after six months, he says, "It became pretty clear that I'm supposed to be doing this, and [my parents] are supposed to be doing that."

The still-growing Payton family moved to Vienna in 2011. "Vienna is a great place to raise a family," he says. "It's a community where I feel respected as a professional and valued as an individual. It's a place where ethics and integrity matter."

And ethics and integrity matter mightily to Payton as do professionalism, excellence, compassion, and respect – traits he encourages the Town's staff to exemplify. In a world known increasingly for its vitriol, Vienna's town manager has a reputation for extreme politeness. Consider this: A staff member reports that Payton was leaving Town Hall one day as she was entering the building. The town manager walked back from the parking lot to the building to open the door for her. Nothing else on his mind, he just held the door and then went on his way.

"I most admire the fact that he treats people well and gives people the benefit of the doubt," says Andrea Payton, his wife of nearly 21 years and mother of their seven children, ages 2-17. "He will put others first. In his work, Mercury has always wanted to serve the community well. He's a people person. He likes to be around people and find solutions to problems. He has a servant-leader heart."

She also reports that Payton is "a very fun dad," adding that he's very active with the children. "He'll take them to the park, hang out, shoot hoops, take bikes and scooters to the playground. He's very hands on with them."

For his part, Payton says of his wife, with a smile: "She's very beautiful. She's



photos by Adam Kincaid

gorgeous. We still have fun together. What I appreciate about her and our relationship is that we talk a lot. We're very candid with each other and very respectful of each other, even when we disagree.... I like that she's really smart, which makes arguing with her hard. She's really sharp."

Despite a hectic work schedule, which frequently includes evening meetings and events, Payton makes a point to spend one-on-one time with each of his children, share date nights with his wife, and play basketball on Tuesday evenings.

As important as his family is to him, says his friend and pastor Garrett Kell, Payton is "first and foremost a follower of Jesus. He orients his life around the Lord and around his family."

Payton is an elder at Del Ray Baptist Church in Alexandria where, says Kell, he has helped the congregation think well about how to love one another and encouraged parents to think about how to spend more quality time with their children in order to help them reach their full potential.

"He's a man of extraordinary integrity," says Kell. "When Merc says something, you don't need to take out an insurance policy.... He also doesn't assume that he has it all together and is willing to be corrected and apologize. He's courageous – he's not afraid to have hard conversa-

tions and take a strong stand. That's a rare combination."

Payton says that while his mother shared the Gospel with him when he was a child, it was in his 23rd year and at the beginning of his marriage that both he and Andrea truly started on "a journey...that radically changed our lives."

"We had a desire to have authentic faith that was daily and real, not just a means of crisis management," Payton says.

Kell adds: "Mercury is a man whose life has not always been easy. Some very deep wounds have happened. [As examples, Payton notes being cut from the otherwise all-white high school baseball team, the murder of his cousin in 2003, and a miscarriage.] Mercury would not be happy to say he just learned to overcome. His relationship with Jesus has enabled him to find a peace that is supernatural."

Because Payton is a good team leader, Kell says, "He loves to help other people who come from broken, wounded backgrounds to find that inner peace. That's what makes him a good town manager and pastor – he's aware of the brokenness that we all share."

From a young age, Payton has wanted to help people. "I see local government," he says, "as a place where we can help people every day." 🌱

Meet Town's new-ish construction inspector

The Town's new construction inspector is not actually "new," per se. If you've either applied for a building permit or submitted site plans to the Planning and Zoning Department, then you've probably come across Emily Goodman. After 15 years with the Town in various roles, Goodman has traded in her office flats in favor of steel-toed boots as the Public Works Department's new construction inspector.

"I'm excited for the opportunity to take everything I've learned in zoning and apply it as best I can in my new role," says Goodman. "I think I will bring a unique perspective, having been on multiple sides of the conversation."

Residents who have questions or concerns about private construction projects in Town, should email Goodman at emily.goodman@viennava.gov. ↴



Fight the bite



The nation's swampy capital is no stranger to mosquitos in summer, so before you get down to garden-partying this season make sure you're ready for those suckers.

Adopting strategies to reduce the mosquito population and potential for getting bitten can not only decrease your level of itchiness, but also your chances of contracting mosquito-borne illnesses, such as Zika and West Nile Virus.

Consider these tips.

- Eliminate standing water – Pools of water in fountains, tires, pots, cans, etc. are mosquito breeding grounds. Empty standing water at least weekly.
- Avoid peak times – Stay indoors at dawn and early evening. (Be aware, though, that mosquitoes that spread Zika are generally aggressive daytime biters.)
- Dress to protect – Wear long-sleeved tops, long pants, socks, and EPA-approved insect repellents, which are generally considered safe for everyone, including children and those who are pregnant. Light colors and loose clothing are best.
- Treat clothing with permethrin – This insecticide, when used on clothing, remains protective after multiple washings.
- Windows and doors – Generally keep them closed and be sure screens are in good repair.

More "Fight the Bite" tips are available on the Fairfax County website, fairfax-county.gov/hd/westnile/. ↴

2017 Water Quality Report

Raise a glass (of water) to toast Vienna

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

#nofilter. That's how clean Vienna's water is. The Town's water supply goes through the most rigorous screening processes available and meets, and often exceeds, federal and state guidelines established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Virginia Department of Health. Regulations for water systems, such as Vienna's, are even stricter than those for bottled water, which only must meet standards set by the Food and Drug Administration.

The *Town of Vienna 2017 Annual Water Quality Report* outlines testing and analyses, primarily completed in 2016, for drinking water provided by the Town. Each year, the Town is required to share this report with water system customers. To view the 2017 report, go to viennava.gov/waterreport2017. Printed reports may be requested by calling 703-255-6380.

"Due to our routine monitoring, there are rarely any surprises in the report," says Water Quality Engineer Christine Horner. "It's a great peace of mind knowing that we provide the best quality water possible to our customers. The Town's water has consistently been observed to have low levels of contaminants and therefore has been placed on a reduced EPA monitoring schedule for certain substances. Its high quality also cuts down on cost."

Horner works closely with Fairfax Water and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments to keep up with industry trends and make improvements each year, ranging from upgrades in monitoring technology to new equipment for motorized water valve operation.

Drink up, Vienna. ↴



July events go boom, twang, splash

Whether you like your events to have bang or just a little sizzle, chill or frenzied, loud or quiet, the Town of Vienna probably offers something on its July calendar that will appeal to you. Be sure to consider these upcoming Vienna events to add some fun – whatever your personal style – to your summer itinerary.

July 4

BOOM! Fireworks & Fun

6:30-10:30 p.m. • Yeonas Park

Come cheer on those vying for title of Vienna's chili dog chomping champ as well as kids competing in a pie-eating contest. (Those interested in participating may still be able to sign up for the eating competitions on site.) Music by Fat Chance begins at 7:15. Fireworks will launch around 9:30. Rain date, if necessary, is July 5, for fireworks only.



July 7

Summer on the Green: Richard Walton Group

6:30 p.m. • Town Green

July 14

Summer on the Green: Nitehawks Swing Band

6:30 p.m. • Town Green

July 21

Chillin' on Church

6:30-9:30 p.m. • Historic Church Street



C'mon on down to the coolest place to be this summer: Chillin' on Church. Enjoy the music of Harlen Simple. Beer and food truck fare available for purchase. This month's expected food trucks include A&B Soft Serve, Capmac, Captain Cookie and the Milkman, Killer Tomato, Laughing Crab, Mr. MacFreeze, Rito Loco, and Sloppy Mama's. For a list of craft beers on tap and other event details, visit viennava.gov/chillinon-church.

July 23

Summer on the Green: Vienna Community Band

6:30 p.m. • Town Green

July 28

Summer on the Green: Wayne Tympanick Quartet

6:30 p.m. • Town Green

July 29

Big Splash Party



photos by Adam Kincaid

1-3 p.m. • Town Green

Join the splashy-splashy frenzy as kids are invited to enjoy slip 'n' slides, water guns, sprinklers, water games, and more. Warning: You will get wet! Rain date, if necessary, is July 30.

Wednesdays through August 2 Stories & Sprinklers

1:30 p.m. • Town Green
(behind the Freeman Store & Museum)

Children of all ages are invited to a reading of a picture book story along with a little acoustic guitar and a dash through an old-fashioned lawn sprinkler.



photo by Adam Kircaid

Town of Vienna Department of Parks and Recreation's
vienna youth players
presents

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THE TRIBAL ROCK MUSICAL

August 4, 5, 11 & 12
7:30 p.m.

Vienna Baptist Church
541 Marshall Road SW

Tickets on sale at
Parks & Rec Offices
262M Cedar Lane
and at the door

Presented by Arrangement with Tams-Witmark Music Library, Inc.

Music by Galt MacDermot
Book and Lyrics by Gerome Ragni and James Rado



VBA, Town turn out lights on First Night Vienna

The Vienna Business Association (VBA) and Town of Vienna have decided to cancel the First Night New Year's Eve event – permanently.

While the event fits well with Vienna's family-oriented focus, says VBA Executive Director Peggy James, it could be difficult and expensive logistically due both to cold weather and the holiday season. The VBA funded the event from proceeds from its Oktoberfest event, for which attendance had been impacted the past two years by rainy weather.

The Town, says Parks and Recreation Director Leslie Herman, decided not to take up sponsorship of the event due, in part, to its high cost as well as to allow staff members, who work many holiday events already, to enjoy the winter holiday season with their families.

The Town can offer four Chillin' on Church events for a little more than half of what it costs to stage a single First Night event, adds Herman.

"We appreciate the VBA's sponsorship of First Night and several other of the Town's signature events," says Herman, "and we know that several people may be disappointed by this decision, but we hope that they also will appreciate the funding and staffing realities that the VBA and Town faced." 🍀

DISCOVER VIENNA

Shop. Eat. Explore. #DiscoverViennaVA

by Friderike Butler,
Town Business Liaison Committee

Over the last two summers, the Town Business Liaison Committee (TBLC) has introduced fun incentives to explore our Town and discover hidden gems in our community through our #DiscoverViennaVA social media campaign.

This year, we are asking you to join TBLC members in a free-flowing approach to this now familiar theme. We are inviting all residents and visitors to post their favorite #DiscoverViennaVA moments and places on social media. Is it a new ice cream place? A store with previously owned items that beg to enrich your life? Or is it a new or old eatery that has won your palate and your heart? Tell us about the businesses in Vienna you like best!

Businesses with social media shout-outs – a photo using the #DiscoverViennaVA hashtag – from at least five different individuals will be awarded a Discover Vienna decal to proudly display in their window for all to see. We hope that over the next couple of months, you will start to see DiscoverViennaVA decals popping up all over Town. You want your favorite dentist to rise to local stardom? Post a photo with #DiscoverViennaVA and invite others to do the same. How about your favorite car wash? Nail salon? Auto body shop? Mattress store? Polish Market – wait, do we have more than one? Go find out!

Our local business community depends on your support. Vienna has a very unique range of mostly family-owned businesses, and they all need our support. We ask you to do your share and shop and buy locally – this summer and beyond. Please go out and #DiscoverViennaVA! I promise you're gonna love it! 🍷

What does public art look like in Vienna?

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

The Vienna Public Art Commission (VPAC) asked this question of students from various Vienna schools with a mission in mind: Show us.

VPAC Chair Midge Biles came up with the idea while strolling through the up-and-coming Mosaic District. Within a sea of construction and unfinished sections of the mixed-use area, artists have turned many temporary eyesores into a showcase of color. Murals, signs, collages, and other artwork line construction areas and bring vibrancy and identity amidst the temporary pain of construction.

The area around the Vienna Community Center renovation and expansion project has the same problem, thought Biles, and could benefit from a similar solution. Biles and VPAC invited students from Vienna Elementary, Louise Archer, Flint Hill, Cedar Lane, and James Madison to showcase Vienna through their artistic talents and help put some art around the community center's construction zone.

"VPAC's goal is to deploy both permanent and temporary art in Vienna to show its character," says Biles. "We are already underway with a permanent 'Taking Flight' statue at the community center in memory of former Mayor Jane Seeman and in honor of all volunteers, but in the meantime we can temporarily use art to alleviate the current situation until the center's opening."

The project also gives a unique voice to the Town's youth. The more than 15 painted wood panels currently displayed

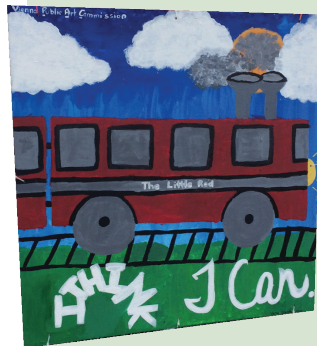


on the fence around the community center construction zone shed light on what's beautiful to younger residents, what hurts them, how the Town looks to them, and what they want themselves and Vienna to be now and in the future.

"Vienna has almost everything: great people, restaurants, shops, musical acts, and events," says Biles. "But for a certain stretch of age between the early and late teens, there's a lack of something. Projects like this can help fill the gap with something visibly engaging to a sometimes overlooked group."

VPAC is full steam ahead in adding additional artworks to other locations in Town. The board has negotiated with owners of the Vienna Shopping Center to put a large mural across the back of the building. VPAC also is nailing down final steps with the Board of Architectural Review to get a donated LOVE sign installed at the entrance to Northside Park.

"We hope to have our sign put up this fall," says Biles. "Placing it just beyond the Welcome to Vienna sign off the bike path, we think it's going to send the right message." 🍷



photos by Adam Kincaid

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.

May 22

- Held a public hearing related to and approved an amendment to the Town Code to increase the cigarette tax rate from \$0.75 per pack to \$0.85.
- Approved the 2017 memorandum of understanding with Vienna Little League to use Yeonas Park for the Town's July 4 fireworks display.
- Scheduled a public hearing for July 10 to consider draft Planning Commission-recommended changes to the definitions section of the Zoning Ordinance.
- Adopted proposed amendments for certain parking sections of the Town Code.
- Approved Transportation Safety Commission-recommended pedestrian and roadway improvements along Tapawingo Road SW.

June 5

- Held a public hearing related to and approved an ordinance to amend and vacate boundary lines abutting Linncrest Lot 2 to include the adjacent 2,790 square

foot parcel on property located at 503 Creek Crossing NE in the RS-16 zoning district.

- Approved continued utilization of municipal contracts and approved \$635,318 in FY18 expenditures, from multiple department accounts, for contract renewals.
- Scheduled a public hearing for July 10 to consider draft Planning Commission-recommended changes to "Article 24 – Rezoning and Amendments, Section 18-248 – Protest against proposed change."
- Awarded the Maple Avenue Design Guidelines project under RFP 17-03 to Lardner/Klein Landscape Architects with a budget not to exceed \$50,000.
- Appropriated already-approved funding in the amount of \$280,985 to Keller Brothers and \$29,015 to RRMM Lukmire Architects for the Vienna Community Center renovation and expansion project.
- Approved \$16,000 in additional FY17 spending with Double H Locates.
- Adopted an amendment to the Town Code increasing the cigarette tax from \$0.75 per pack to \$0.85.
- Approved changes to the Town Code raising the requirement for competitive sealed bidding from \$10,000 to \$20,000.
- Reappointed the following officers for fiscal year 2018: Mercury Payton as Town

Manager, Steven Briglia as Town Attorney, Melanie Clark as Town Clerk, and Marion Serfass as Town Treasurer.

- Set a public hearing for July 10 on Mobilite LLC's request for a license to use public right-of-way.
- Approved installation of a free-standing living wall at the Vienna Community Center.
- Reset the date for a public hearing on Planning Commission-recommended changes to the definitions section of the Zoning Ordinance to August 21.

Appointed to serve

At recent meetings, Town Council appointed or reappointed the following individuals to serve two-year terms on Town boards and commissions:

- Roy Baldwin – Board of Architectural Review
- Michael Gelb – Planning Commission
- Dan Mielke – Bicycle Advisory Committee
- Ed Somers – Transportation Safety Committee
- David Steiner – Community Enhancement Commission

Parks & Rec Sampler

Among the classes, trips, and free lectures being offered by the Parks and Recreation Department this summer are two designed to help out – those who are visually impaired and wildlife.

Assistance for Those Visually Impaired

Alex Diaz with the Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (DBVI) will offer a free lecture on the array of services DBVI provides to citizens who are blind, deaf-blind, or visually impaired. He'll also offer simple solutions to everyday problems; share resources related to low-vision exams, glasses, and magnifiers; and provide information about tips and trips to get around Northern Virginia. The program is from 10-11 a.m. July 10.

Wildlife Rescue League

An all-volunteer, nonprofit organization, the Wildlife Rescue League is dedicated to providing care for sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife with the intent of releasing them back into their native habitats. The League provides education related to existing alongside our wildlife neighbors and operates a wildlife assistance hotline that provides advice, resources, and referrals. During this free presentation, from 10-11 a.m. July 17, learn more about the Wildlife Rescue League and its volunteer opportunities.

For a full listing of offerings visit viennava.gov/summerprograms. While the programs listed above are free, please register at viennava.gov/webtrac.

Check it all out at Patrick Henry Library

From the summer reading program to volunteer opportunities, from audiobooks for road trips to fun events – be sure to check it all out this summer at the Patrick Henry Library.

The summer reading program is in full swing with a theme of "Reading by Design," covering STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics) topics. Children who complete reading logs will receive a valuable coupon book for treats; adults can earn a certificate for the library's ongoing Friends Book Sale and be entered into a drawing for a gift card.

The library also is hosting performances for families and children throughout the summer. Visit fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ph/ for more information about events and volunteer opportunities at the Patrick Henry branch. 📖

Bright ideas for light bulb disposal

by Desiree Di Mauro, Community Enhancement Commission

A few years back, traditional incandescent light bulbs became scarce at the local hardware store, and we began to see more compact fluorescent (CFL) and light-emitting diode (LED) light bulbs. This switch was in response to the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, which required roughly 25% greater energy efficiency by 2014 for many common household lights. (The efficiency bar gets set even higher in 2020.)

Unlike incandescent bulbs, which often give off as much as 90% of their energy as heat rather than light, CFLs and LEDs provide light much more efficiently. Many of us now have a house full of CFL and LED light bulbs, and the question is: How do we appropriately dispose of them?

LED light bulbs are a great lighting option because they last a long time, work well where you need directional light, and do not contain dangerous chemicals. You can dispose of them in the



same way that you previously disposed of the old incandescent lights by placing them in your regular trash.

CFL light bulbs also are very energy efficient, last longer than standard incandescent bulbs, and many people prefer these lights for table lamps. These bulbs contain trace amounts of mercury, so they must be disposed of differently than LEDs.

According to Fairfax County's website, unbroken CFLs should be recycled. To learn how to recycle unbroken CFL lights in Fairfax County, visit fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/mat-light.htm. If a CFL bulb is broken, you need to carefully clean up the bulb to avoid spreading the powder, which contains mercury. For instructions on proper cleanup and disposal of broken CFL light bulbs, go to the Environmental Protection Agency's website at epa.gov/cfl/cleaning-broken-cfl.

CFLs and LEDs are environmentally friendly lighting options – be sure to dispose of them properly to enhance sustainability! ♻️

Community Center Renovation and Expansion Update



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

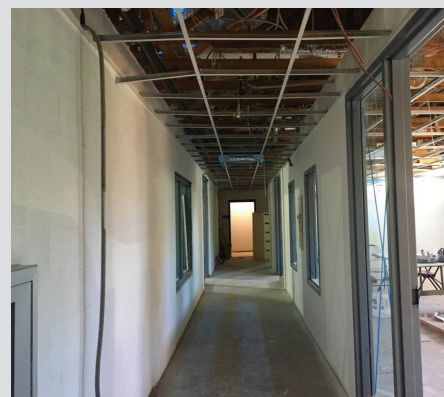
- Sidewalk installation and landscaping continue around the site.
- Sprinkler and light fixture installation as well as rough-in of electrical, mechanical, and plumbing are ongoing.
- Installation of toilet fixtures has begun.
- Roof is complete, with the exception of second half of shingles on the second floor roof.
- Drywall on first floor is being hung and taped.



- Painting is ongoing as areas become available.
- Ceiling grid installation is 95% complete and ceiling cloud installation is 90% complete.
- Exterior door installation completed.
- Installation of Trespa panels is well underway.
- Installation of wall panels has commenced.

Looking ahead, next steps include:

- Completing installation of electrical control cable.
- Continuation of light fixture installation.
- Completing shingle roof and installation of Trespa panels.



- Continue landscaping.
- Completing wall panel installation.
- Beginning metal coping and fascia on the roof.
- Installing the rooftop screen wall.

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. Because there is no work session in July, the next update will be presented July 10, prior to the regular Council meeting.

HAPPENINGS around town

Vienna (Host) Lions Club will hold a fundraiser from 11 am-9 pm July 4 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).

The Vienna Arts Society is hosting a reception for the **Healing Wall** exhibit from 6-8 pm Sunday, July 9, at the Vienna Arts Center, 115 Pleasant Street NW. The puzzle pieces are painted by recovering soldiers from Fort Belvoir Community Hospital and put together to form one large puzzle in a unique and moving creation.

Catherine Hillis will present a watercolor demonstration at the **Vienna Arts Society** meeting at 7:30 pm Thursday, July 13, at the Vienna Arts Center, 115 Pleasant Street NW.

In preparation for its annual fall book sale, the McLean Branch of the **American Association of University Women** will collect used books, CDs, DVDs, software, and children's books and records from 9 am-1:30 pm July 15 and August 5 at SunTrust Bank, 515 Maple Avenue E. The fall sale benefits scholarships for women. Questions? aauwbook-fair@gmail.com or 703-527-4206.

American Legion Post 180 will host a **breakfast buffet** from 8 am-noon Sunday, July 16. Enjoy omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, biscuits and gravy, and more. Breakfast is \$9 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and younger. For more information, call 703-938-6580.

Online-only **grant applications** are due to the **Giving Circle of Hope** by 5 p.m. Friday, July 21. An all-volunteer organization and the fund component of the Community Foundation of Northern Virginia, Giving Circle of Hope has awarded 133 project and capacity-building grants to 55 local nonprofits over the past dozen years. The organization will award up to \$7,000 in grants this year to local nonprofits in the areas of health, mental health, aging, and poverty relief. For information about submission guidelines, visit givingcircleofhope.org/grants/collective-grants. Questions? Email grants@givingcircleofhope.org or call 703-665-9334.

Lotus-Palooza, an exhibit of **Julie Chochran's photography** that features the many colors and varieties of lotus blossoms, is on exhibit at the Vienna

Arts Gallery, 513 Maple Avenue W through July 29. The gallery is open 10 am-4 pm Tuesday-Saturday.

Shop locally for used books at the **Freeman Store and Museum**. Historic Vienna, Inc. offers a selection of reasonably priced books in its **Used Book Cellar**, which is open noon-4 pm Wednesday through Sunday. Enjoy browsing through books, DVDs, books on CDs, and vintage prints covering many topics. All profits support Historic Vienna, Inc. events and museum exhibits. **Used book donations are welcome** and bags or boxes may be placed on the Freeman Store porch or brought into the store at 131 Church Street NE. Dealers are welcome. Please note that textbooks, encyclopedias, dictionaries, romance novels, and magazines are not accepted. For more information, call 703-938-5187.

The Vienna Woman's Club is now accepting applications from vendors interested in participating in its **55th Holiday Bazaar** at the Vienna Community Center on November 11. For more information, contact Diane Abel at 703-281-7494 or dcabel@cox.net.

Happenings Around Town notices are printed as a community service, and items are included as space allows. Submissions may be edited. Listings do not constitute an endorsement of content nor necessarily reflect any policy or position of the Town of Vienna, Town Council, or employees.

Vienna businesses with staying power

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

40 YEARS

Dermatology & Dermatologic Surgery Group

30 YEARS

Luz E. Drinkuth

Richard M. Whittington

25 YEARS

BFR Construction Company

20 YEARS

William L. Padgett

15 YEARS

Academy of Music for Young Children

Golden Touch Jewelers

10 YEARS

Cosmos Communications Consulting Corporation

School of Rock

Wolf Trap Motel

5 YEARS

Be Happy 7

Crepe Amour

Infoptima Corporation

Isabella Gutfreund

Karme Group

Lotus Garden

Loud Castle Media

Merry Maids

Vienna Neurology

Waterfalls Wellness Center

Open for business

Town of Vienna business licenses were issued in May to these companies:

7-11

grocery store/carryout
427 Maple Avenue E
703-255-9302

Aseeka Lamichhane

child care
715 Marshall Road SW
301-502-0702

FabFilms

filmmaker
301 Mashie Drive SE
703-915-4266

Tint FX

window tinting
396 Maple Avenue E
703-504-8468



**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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Vienna **July TOWN CALENDAR**

- 1** Vienna Farmers Market • 8 am-noon
- 4** Holiday: Town Hall Closed/No Refuse Collection
- 4** July 4 Festival & Fireworks (Yeonas Park) • 6:30-10:30 pm
- 5** Refuse Collection for July 4 & 5
- 5** Stories & Sprinklers (Town Green) • 1:30 pm
- 5** Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 pm
- 7** Summer on the Green – Richard Walton Group • 6:30 pm
- 8** Vienna Farmers Market • 8 am-noon
- 10** Town Council Meeting • 8 pm
- 12** Stories & Sprinklers (Town Green) • 1:30 pm
- 12** Historic Vienna Inc. (Freeman Store & Museum) • 7:30 pm
- 13** Town Business Liaison Committee • 7 pm
- 14** Summer on the Green – Nitehawks Swing Band • 6:30 pm
- 15** Vienna Farmers Market • 8 am-noon
- 18** Public Art Commission • 7 pm
- 19** Stories & Sprinklers (Town Green) • 1:30 pm

- 19** Board of Zoning and Appeals/Public Hearing • 8 pm
- 20** Board of Architectural Review • 8 pm
- 21** Chillin’ on Church: Harlen Simple • 6:30-9:30 pm
- 22** Vienna Farmers Market • 8 am-noon
- 23** Summer on the Green – Vienna Community Band • 6:30 pm
- 25** Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committees • 7 pm
- 25** Transportation Safety Commission • 8 pm
- 26** Stories & Sprinklers (Town Green) • 1:30 pm
- 28** Summer on the Green – Wayne Tympanick Quartet • 6:30 pm
- 29** Vienna Farmers Market • 8 am-noon
- 29** Big Splash Party (Town Green) • 1-3 pm

5 years ago...

In the July 2012 Town newsletter, then-Councilmember Edythe Kelleher wrote an article that celebrated Historic Vienna Inc.’s efforts to get the Freeman Store and Museum included on the National Register of Historic Places. HVI members spent three years working through an “extremely complex, tedious, and demanding” process to successfully get the store, which was constructed in 1879 and purchased by the Town in 1969, accepted on the National Register.

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings take place at Town Hall, 127 Center Street S. Meeting schedule subject to change; check viennava.gov for updates.