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of the Vienna Community Center

September 23

Join the Town from 1-5 pm for the official ribbon-cutting, music, art unveiling, demos, class expo, food, give-aways & more. Look for additional details in the September issue of Vienna Voice.



Hoping for sunshine: 'Hair' and youth today

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid



photo by Adam Kincaid

Youth lacking a voice in society is not a unique theme to this generation. It was big during the political unrest of the 1960s, and it's still big today," says Vienna Youth Players Director Barbara "Babs" Dyer, reflecting on what she wants her audiences and youthful performers to take away from this summer's production of *Hair*.

Vienna Youth Players (VYP) is putting its own spin on what youthful frustration with society looks and sounds like in its production of the 1968 Broadway hit, which features classics such as "Aquarius" and "Let the Sunshine In." *Hair* performances are at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, August 4 and 5 and 11 and 12, at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Road SW.

Several VYP alums are assisting in key areas of production, including the all-important dance scenes. Although dance itself may have changed since the 1960s, its application to storytelling has not. All three choreographers took a more physical approach to directing the dance numbers, offering a stark contrast from the original production.

"The kids came back to the next rehearsal with sore muscles they didn't

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Brand DNA analysis complete. Next? A new Town logo

Over a period of eight weeks, Trialogue Studio and Town communications staff members conducted 13 one-on-one interviews and eight group interviews with almost 100 community stakeholders, gathered about 350 online survey responses, and received more than 800 live polling responses. These efforts are part of the Town’s endeavor to uncover and clearly define its brand, powerfully tell its story, and develop a logo, or graphic representation of Vienna’s brand.

With the July 10 adoption by Town Council of the brand positioning platform, developed by Trialogue Studio, a Washington, DC-based strategic branding, design, and communications firm, the Town is ready to move forward on the second phase of this process: developing a Town logo.

“Vienna’s brand positioning statement,” says Trialogue Studio Principal Michael Altman, “is not just about defining where the Town is, but also about where it wants to go,” adding that a brand positioning statement must be relevant and authentic as well as aspirational.

“If the brand positioning construct were a mirror,” adds Trialogue Partner Ruth Wieder, “it would reflect who you are, who you want to be, and what you’re about.”

In the 10 years that she has worked on brand positioning, says Wieder,



she’s never before received such *consistent* warm and positive feelings from stakeholders for their community. “It’s as if everyone is reading the same book – and they love the book, though perhaps for different reasons,” she says. “People really love their Vienna community, and it’s wonderful to have that reflected so strongly.”

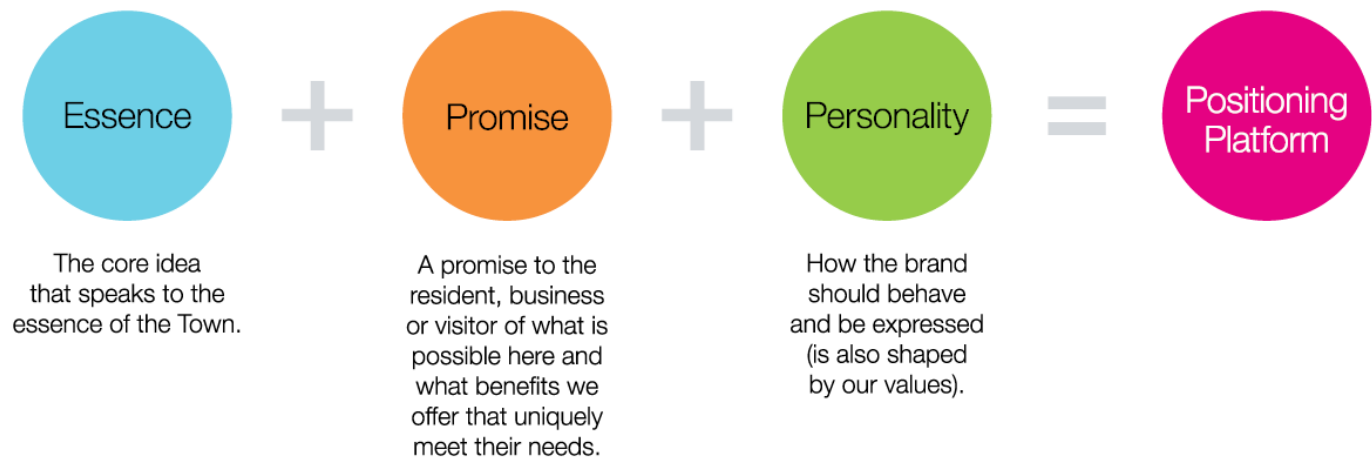
Through the interactive research conducted, a number of words, representing both positive and negative

attributes (sometimes within the same single word) came up over and over again. Those words are represented in the word cloud graphic above.

When asked about Town issues or problems, Wieder notes, “every single conversation we had related to traffic congestion and parking issues.” Those interviewed as part of the brand development process offered feedback that may have implications beyond the branding process itself as they suggested

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Brand Positioning Construct



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that more outdoor patios, public art, and independent retail would be top ways to make Vienna even more vibrant.

As for the positives, residents clearly love Vienna's small-town character, the active lifestyle it offers, events, and its celebration of traditions.

Triologue Studio used the words and characteristics that came up over and over again to create a theme for Vienna's story – the theme selected with input from a citizen-based Brand Advisory Board was "Independent since..."

Then, building on this theme, Triologue created a brand positioning statement or storyline and identified three differentiating personality attributes of the Town.

The brand positioning statement, printed in the circle to the right, will be used to inspire the Town's logo design and other marketing efforts. It's not meant to represent a mission statement but rather a well-researched and well-formed narrative that should provide a roadmap that directs future marketing and other Town decisions.

The brand positioning platform created by Triologue consists of three key elements:

- essence – the idea, essence of the Town ("Independent since...")
- promise – a promise to residents, businesses, and visitors about what is possible here and the benefits that Vienna uniquely offers (the positioning statement)
- personality – how the brand behaves and is expressed (Vienna's attributes: exuberant, nurturing, and unexpected).

Offering another metaphor, Wieder says that one can think of the brand positioning platform as a book. The positioning statement is the synopsis on the book jacket, and the attributes are the effervescent adjectives offered by reviewers.

With its brand platform in place, Vienna is currently conducting a juried design competition to create the Town's logo, which is tentatively planned to be unveiled this fall. 📌

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even know they had," Dyer says half-jokingly. "We want the characters to express their dissatisfaction and motivation in clearly visible ways, and our players and alums relate to this contemporary idea and really own it."

Other returning alums are helping run the production. Vocal coaching, stage management, and promotion and merchandising have all been part of the show's production and have offered eye-opening, practical experience for aspiring thespians and entrepreneurs.

In addition to the musical's reasonable logistics (having a small cast and limited sets), Dyer chose *Hair* because it yanks big time at the heartstrings of today's coming-of-agers.

"*Hair*," says Dyer, "is the kind of show that allows its participants to leave a mark. It's been an honor to work with youth of different days and to have them create something in hope that the sunshine comes back."

Tickets for *Hair* are \$14 and may be purchased online at viennava.gov/webtrac or in person at the parks and recreation office at 262M Cedar Lane. Any remaining tickets will be available for purchase at the door. 📌



photo by Adam Kincaid

Vienna's Brand Positioning Statement

The following Town of Vienna brand positioning statement was adopted by Town Council on July 10.

More than 125 growth rings reveal our active commitment to nurturing and celebrating the history and continued health of this original Northern Virginia community. Independent and true to our small-town nature, Vienna embraces and honors traditions that have always been a touchstone of American life. Here individual civic investments pay off with big personal and community impact. Vienna, VA is about more than where you live, it's about how you choose to live. 📌

Temporary H₂O billing blackout ahead

As part of its ongoing conversion to the Munis software system for all functions, the Town's Finance Department expects to switch to a new utility billing system September 8. What does this mean for the Town's water customers? Well, while you should definitely pay your Town of Vienna water and sewer bill as it is due, the Town will be unable to access or confirm account activity from August 29-September 11. While the two-week conversion to and start-up of the new system is underway, the Town also will not assess late fees nor turn off any overdue accounts.

This might be a good opportunity to sign up for Town of Vienna Water and Sewer's direct payment – and then you can always be confident that your payment has been received. To sign up, visit viennava.gov/paydirect. Questions? Call 703-255-6385. 📌

CONVERSATIONS WITH COUNCIL

Who's behind the shield?

by Councilmember Carey Sienicki

The Vienna Police Department is visible at community events throughout the year, such as 4th of July fireworks or the Cops and Kids Fun Run (coming up September 24). Maybe officers have even responded to an issue in your neighborhood or at a traffic incident.



Reading the weekly Police Highlights and the department's budget mission statement "to enforce laws, investigate crimes, and suppress criminal activity employing a community-oriented philosophy" – it all seems straightforward enough, what our officers are asked to do each day. Well, maybe, maybe not.

This spring, I was privileged to attend the Valor Awards honoring Vienna's police officers who go "above and beyond" in the line of duty. It was a pleasure to speak with some of the officers and their family members. I now truly have a better understanding of what they do to protect us by day and by night. I feel fortunate that the Town is safe due largely to the fact that well-trained, community-focused police officers are here to support us in many aspects of our lives.

Often, citizens ask the Town to increase or decrease enforcement (many times related to observing posted traffic signs and signals). I appreciate that police officers must be able to see two sides of that same enforcement coin and follow a fine line. Let's all take a moment to reflect on how we can better serve and support them, too, by obeying laws, joining a neighborhood watch or the police auxiliary, and even giving a big "thank you" to those behind the shield, our Vienna Police officers. 📌

Cops & Kids Fun Run
Sunday, Sept. 24 • noon-3pm
Vienna Elementary School
 1-mile run/walk • dunk tank • tug of war • much more!
 Get a free t-shirt by registering at viennava.gov/funrun.

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%#@! Town raises the bar on civility and customer service

photo by Adam Kincaid

A glance at your Twitter feed or the latest headlines makes it pretty clear that the United States has a civility issue. According to an annual nationwide survey conducted in January 2017 by the global communications firm Weber Shandwick, a record-high 69% of Americans say that the country has a “major problem” with civility.

Even tranquil communities like Vienna aren’t immune. While Vienna residents are overwhelmingly polite, gracious, and patient and while Town staff strive to provide excellent customer service, occasional tense encounters do occur. When just such an incident occurred earlier this year, the Town’s human resources department took proactive measures to turn down the heat on a potentially simmering pot of incivility.

In an effort to support staff and provide them with versatile and effective tools and as part of Vienna’s staunch commitment to outstanding citizen service, the Town provided four nonviolent crisis intervention training sessions in June to 98 staff members.

“We’re no different in Vienna than anywhere else,” says former Human Resources Assistant Nony Ekwempu, who was one of two Town staffers who, following a week of intensive training with the Crisis Prevention Institute, led in-house training sessions for other employees. “What sets us apart from other places is we’re being proactive, we’re not just saying ‘Oh, this is just part of the job.’”

The daylong in-house training sessions were designed to empower employees to:

- recognize cues that can lead to confrontations, both physical and verbal
- utilize tools to keep situations from escalating and, if necessary, to detach themselves from crisis situations
- keep doors open and create opportunities for re-establishing communication with customers once emotions settle down.

In addition to discussions, the sessions included role playing, group activities, and practicing skills and tools.

“Ultimately,” says Ekwempu, who recently left the Town to attend medical school, “we want employees to feel empowered to take on any situation. Overall, these strategies help us better serve our customers.”

In addition to emphasizing skills like emphatic listening and limit setting, the training, adds Community Center Manager Leon Evans, who was the other staff trainer, encourages self-introspection and empathy for others.

Evans challenged his colleagues-in-training, who included field employees as well as department directors, to consider extenuating circumstances beyond the current situation. In dealing with a difficult customer, he asked, would it make a difference if you knew that he had recently lost his wife? “We don’t know what factors may be contributing to someone else’s behavior,” he notes.

Evans also challenged staff members to reflect on their own behavior. “Sometimes people don’t turn inward and do self-examination,” Evans says. “In retrospect, sometimes an employee might realize:



‘Whoa, I was in that person’s space or my body language, tone, cadence, and words were aggressive, even if I didn’t think so at the time.’”

A key to the Town’s proactive approach to difficult customer service situations is an emphasis on team support – both in the field and post-event. “We need to talk about what worked, what didn’t work, and find patterns and triggers,” says Ekwempu.

“It was a very good class,” says Sharmaine Abaied, who provides water and sewer customer service. “We learned about how to compose ourselves and bring a situation that’s up here,” she says with her hand above her head, “down with the words we’re using, our tone, and even sometimes our gestures to de-escalate a situation. We’re all human. We all have stuff going on every single day.”

Abaied adds that she considers it a personal and professional challenge to turn an angry customer-caller into an appreciative one.

“If a citizen can walk away feeling better and having more information after talking to you – even if they still have to pay the bill as presented – then you’ve done your job,” adds Abaied, who has worked for the Town two years.

Omar Fleming has been with the Town 16 years and is currently a crew leader in the water and sewer division. This training, he says, was “very good at teaching us that we don’t need to add to someone else’s problems. We can be part of solving the problem. You have to be mindful and know that you’re in control of yourself. Whatever you do next can dictate where the situation goes.

“For me to be with the Town this long and knowing that I want to be here for the next chapter,” Fleming adds, “these will definitely be tools that I use in the future.”

The recent training sessions, Evans concludes, were all about “finding a different way of dealing with people and finding our way back to civility.” 🍋

Can't-miss August events

There's still a lot of fun left to this summer. Don't miss these upcoming August events!

August 4

Summer on the Green: Navy Sea Chanters

6:30 p.m. • Town Green



August 11

Summer on the Green: The Rockits

6:30 p.m. • Town Green

August 13

Big Screen on the Green: Cars

8 p.m. • Town Green

Bring blankets and lawn chairs to catch a free movie under the stars, presented by Navy Federal Credit Union and Vienna Parks and Recreation. Disney-Pixar's *Cars* (rated G) will be screened as soon as it's dark enough. Enjoy free popcorn and water, while supplies last, courtesy of United Bank.



photo by Adam Kincaid

August 18

Chillin' on Church

6:30 p.m. • Historic Church Street

Grab dinner and an adult beverage (beer and wine) while enjoying a block party with neighbors and friends. Mudlark will perform, and Historic Vienna, Inc. will commemorate the 275th anniversary of Fairfax County.



VPD stages active shooter training scenarios

Police prepare for the worst so that they can be at their best

“This, unfortunately, is the world we live in . . . but we actively do our best not to practice from an armchair, but actually do it and learn each time how we can improve.”

– Sgt. Tu Farhan



by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

Editor’s note: This article reflects on recent police training simulations, but purposefully does not include information about specific police tactics practiced during the training operation.

Everything changed after Columbine,” says the Vienna Police Department’s Sgt. Tu Farhan, reflecting on the impact of the horrific 1999 high school shooting rampage on police training strategies. Since then, police departments across the nation have studied Columbine and other all-too-common-now incidents and trained to specifically and effectively respond to “active shooter” threats.

The Vienna Police Department conducted its own active shooter training at Town Hall on the evenings of May 9 and June 16. The exercises were conducted in real-time, just as if an event were actually occurring, and started with someone dialing 911. The Vienna police trainers’ objective was to make the experience as real as possible – with the accompanying mixed messages, incomplete information, and adrenaline, but sans actual bullets.

Today’s police departments must be prepared to respond to active shooter situations and to neutralize perpetrators as quickly as possible in order to save lives.

In Vienna’s training scenarios, shotguns, assault rifles, and side arms (again, sans actual bullets) were used to take down actors playing a few bad guys. Responding officers coordinated with dispatch over the radio, receiving intel just as they would if it were a real threat. Role players and force-on-force training were incorporated through use of a Simunition (SIMS) training system.

“In today’s world, you can’t just sit and wait,” says Farhan. “You can’t afford not to be ready – for anything.”

Vienna’s simulated training sessions fell under the purview of a High Threat Response Committee, whose representatives come from a regional network of law enforcement entities in Fairfax County and throughout Northern Virginia. The committee establishes

standard law enforcement and EMS responses to acts of violence involving potential mass casualties.

Ideally, should any locality experience an active shooter incident, Farhan says, any and all neighboring localities can come off the bench and assist in the operation. The goal is for every officer to be a turn-key responder to any similar event.

“We need every branch to bring absolute repeatable consistency to any situation,” notes Farhan. “Any officer in any regional department should be able to plug in and respond.”

The next step, he adds, is to practice as part of a Rescue Task Force. Not only is this the best medical response to an active shooter, it also helps reduce barriers in terminology and types of rescue among different kinds of departmental aid.

“This, unfortunately, is the world we live in,” says Farhan, “but we actively do our best not to practice from an armchair, but actually do it and learn each time how we can improve.” 📌

Meet the farmers behind Vienna's Farmers Market

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

As it turns out, elves do not create the delectable produce for sale every May through October at the Vienna Farmers Market. Hard-working, farming families produce the spread of fruits and vegetables. These families take enormous pride in their customers' demand for the fruits of their past generations' labor.

Michele Wright, president of the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna, which operates the market, credits the variety and quality of vendors for the market's popularity. "People all over Town have been coming here for decades to pick up their favorite fresh foods from their favorite farmers and vendors," she says. "On a typical Saturday, as many as 1,000 people will stop in and shop, and many of those are familiar faces."

Each vendor has a specialty crop as well as a unique business philosophy. Here's a behind-the-scenes look at some of the Vienna Farmers Market's most popular produce vendors.

Kuhn Orchards

These apple geniuses, growing 15-20 different kinds, are from Cashtown, Pennsylvania, just outside historic Gettysburg. Kuhn also capitalizes on peaches through September, but its sour cherries are a unique item not commonly found at markets. The family also turns its fruits into preserves, jams, cider, and other goods. The family farm has been worked by five generations of Kuhns.

Lois's Produce

Hailing from Leedstown, which is nestled on the Rappahannock River, Lois's came about as a business in the 1980s with the family's own special brand of tomato. Today, Lois's specializes in watermelons and cherry tomatoes. Knowing that several of their regular customers are on a quest to make the perfect salsa, Lois's is always stacked for the chip n' dip folks.

McCleaf's Orchard

Not to get too sticky about this point, McCleaf's is passionate about peaches. One of many farms in the South Mountain Fruit Belt region, McCleaf's is located in Biglerville, Pennsylvania, where it has taken root for five generations. McCleaf's unique item is donut peaches, which are available in the fall.




photos by Adam Kincaid

Pleitez Produce Farm

This small, family farming group started 25 years ago. Pleitez includes two farms, both in Virginia, located in Westmoreland and King George counties. Pleitez sells every kind of melon imaginable and displays its produce with room to allow customers time and space to observe the beauty and benefits of its handpicked products.

Westmoreland Produce

The owners started their business in 1989 and grew it by leasing land and using their hands. Little by little they accumulated three farms in Virginia, two in Warsaw and one in Hague, which are worked exclusively by family members. If a type of tomato you are looking for exists on Earth, they have it.

The Vienna Farmers Market is open 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays through October 28 in the parking lot of Faith Baptist Church, 301 Center Street S. For more information about the Farmers Market, visit optimistclubofgreatervienna.org 

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.

July 10

- Held a public hearing on Planning Commission-recommended changes to the protest vote provision in the Zoning Ordinance, *Article 24 – Rezoning and Amendments, Section 18-248 – Protest against proposed change*. Approved Planning Commission-proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance, except that the percentage of defined surrounding property owners who must sign a petition in opposition to a rezoning in order to trigger the requirement of a super majority vote by Council (set at 2/3 of the quorum present in the revised ordinance) must be at least 25%.
- Held a public hearing on Mobilite’s request for a 10-year license to use public right-of-way for installation of telecommunications equipment on existing utility and light poles. Approved the request with amendments.
- With consent of the applicant, deferred approval of a seven-lot subdivision previously reviewed by the Planning Commission and referred a proposed alternative six-lot subdivision (and request for waiver of sidewalk on Follin Lane) as the preferred subdivision layout to the Planning Commission.
- Approved the planning and zoning department’s program priority list for zoning code updates.
- Referred proposed amendments to the C-1/restaurant code, *Chapter 18 – Zoning Article 11: C-1 Local Commercial Zone Regulations, Section 72: Permitted Uses*, which removes the requirement that a freestanding restaurant have a seating minimum for 125 patrons to the Planning Commission for its review and recommendations.
- Awarded IFB 18-03 for slurry seal application as needed to Slurry Pavers and approved \$75,000 in FY18 spending.
- Approved emergency spending of \$37,036 with Advanced Building Services for two air conditioning units for Northside Property Yard.
- Approved purchase of traffic cabinets from J.O. Herbert Co., Inc. for \$22,724.90.
- Authorized the Town to obtain FY18 financing for vehicles and equipment purchases not to exceed \$730,000.
- Adopted the Town of Vienna brand positioning platform for use in developing the Town’s logo and in inspiring marketing and other efforts.

- Adopted recommended changes to the Vienna Town Code, *Chapter 6 – Finance and Taxation, Article 8 – Procurement*, increasing the dollar amount requiring competitive sealed bids from \$10,000 to \$20,000.
- Adopted amendments to the Town Code, *Chapter 9 – Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article 1 – In General, Section 9-3*, incorporating changes to the state code.
- Adopted a resolution and policy on electronic meeting participation by Town Council members.

Appointed to serve

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

- Jonathan Rak – Transportation Safety Commission
- Tamara Redmon – Transportation Safety Commission
- Bob Robinson – Community Enhancement Commission
- Sammy Thompson – Community Enhancement Commission

Benefits of ‘going native’

by Maureen Alonso, Community Enhancement Commission

Using native plants in your landscape benefits not only you but also the larger community as well as wildlife. With natural habitats disappearing at an alarming rate, you can help provide wildlife with an oasis they need to thrive. The native plants you use help meet native wildlife needs, including for food and cover. With the right diversity of native plants in your urban landscape you can provide: protective cover for animals, seeds, fruits, and insects for birds, nectar for hummingbirds and butterflies, and host plants for butterfly larva.

The use of native plants in gardens helps limit chances that potentially invasive plant species will be introduced into the environment. Many invasive plants today were introduced as landscape plants decades ago.

Native plants enhance the beauty of your landscape with showy flowers, fruits, and seeds. They also are generally better adapted to the local environment – typically native plants require less water and fertilizers to thrive.

With a little planning and careful selection of plants, anyone can have a native plant landscape that works in harmony with nature. “Going native” can be accomplished in small steps; you don’t have to replant your entire yard all at once. Instead, start small by replacing an exotic tree with a native one, creating a native plant garden in a single area of your yard, or replacing a section of turf with a bed of flowering native plants.

The Town of Vienna has been certified as a National Wildlife Federation Community Wildlife Habitat. If you haven’t yet had your property certified, please complete the self-certification form at nwf.org.

If you are currently a native plant enthusiast or would like to begin planting native in your landscape, stop by the Town of Vienna Native Plant Sale from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, September 16, in the parking lot behind the Vienna Fire Station, across from the Vienna Community Center. 🍃

Community festivals: Great FUN for the community, GREAT marketing for local businesses

by Peggy James, Vienna Business Association Director


Aaaahh.... The sun is shining, children are laughing, live music is playing, and the smells of assorted delightful and delicious foods waft through the air. You look around and see thousands of your closest friends and neighbors eating, dancing, and chatting away. Where are you? Well, Vienna, Virginia, of course!

Every year, the Town of Vienna and community organizations host dozens of community events and street fairs. In addition to the joy and merriment these festivals bring, these community events offer great opportunities for local businesses to showcase their goods and services and to get involved, get noticed, and promote their brand to a highly localized market.

For relatively little cost, local businesses can be involved in these

Vienna street fairs and festivals as vendors, sponsors, or entertainers. This is a great way for local merchants to showcase themselves and their products while meeting and greeting thousands of folks attending these amazing Vienna events.

The Vienna business base is made up primarily (and uniquely) of small “mom and pop shops” with tiny marketing budgets, just the sort of businesses who can benefit most from the direct marketing and local branding provided by community events. Participation in community events not only demonstrates a business’s support and dedication to the community, but also provides localized brand recognition and a great opportunity to showcase goods and services to potential customers within a three-mile radius of your business.

In addition, most Vienna community events raise money to support Vienna nonprofits and community efforts. Both vendor fees as well as consumer purchases benefit community causes and help create an even greater, more altruistic, environment for families and business owners. For more information on Vienna events, visit viennava.gov/events. For more information about the Vienna Business Association, visit ViennaBusiness.org. 



Vienna businesses with staying power

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

40 YEARS

Donnelly's Printing & Graphics

15 YEARS

Rite Aid

Steve Arindaeng

10 YEARS

Born 2 Dance Studio

Butler Communication

Coldwell Banker

Lifeworks Consulting

5 YEARS

Clark Hall Doors

GAA Consulting

Open for business

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

Feeling Great

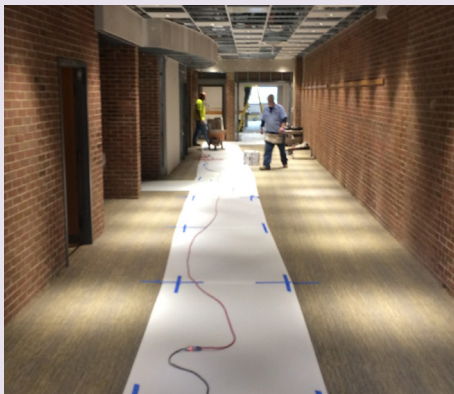
massage therapy
370 Maple Avenue W
407-470-9193

Lovely Nails

nail technician
103 Park Street E
703-255-3331



Community Center Renovation and Expansion Update



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

- Completed flooring on second floor and in administrative area.
- Installed ceiling in administrative area.
- Installed toilet partitions.
- Wall panel installation in auditorium begun; 95% complete in restrooms.
- Installed fire department connection vault and underground pipe.
- Installed gutter and downspouts in gym.

- Shingle roofs are 99% complete.
 - Installed gym floor.
 - Elevator installation begun.
 - Variant refrigerant flow piping complete and inspected.
 - Painting and light installation continue as does exterior Trespa wall panel installation.
 - Cleaned upper gym windows.
- Looking ahead, next steps include:
- Complete installation of exterior Trespa wall panels.

- Continue landscaping.
- Complete wall panel installation.
- Continue painting.
- Continue ceiling installation.
- Finish auxiliary gym floor.
- Continue installing interior flooring.
- Inspect fire department connection line.
- Pour colored concrete floors.
- Pour asphalt in and stripe parking lot.

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 August, the next update will be presented August 21, prior to the regular Council meeting.

HAPPENINGS around town

Vienna (Host) Lions Club will hold a **fundraiser** from 11 am-9 pm August 1 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, August 1, 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/).

Learn about the suffrage movement and enjoy finger sandwiches, scones, desserts, and a bottomless cup of tea at **Historic Vienna, Inc.'s Tea & Parlor Talk event** at 3 pm Thursday, August 10, at the

Freeman Store and Museum, 131 Church Street NE. The fee is \$30. To make reservations, call 703-938-5187.

Bring your appetite to the **American Legion's breakfast buffet** from 8 am-noon Sunday, August 20, at Post 180, 330 Center Street N. The buffet includes omelets, blueberry pancakes, sausage, bacon, and more – all for \$9 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. For more information, call 703-938-6580.

Historic Vienna, Inc. invites **used book shoppers** to stop by the Freeman Store, 131 Church Street NE, from noon-4 pm Wednesday-Sunday. Books on numerous topics are reasonably priced, and all proceeds support Historic Vienna, Inc. activities.

The **Vienna Arts Society's annual photo show, *The Human Condition***, opens August 8 and will be on exhibit through September 2 at the Vienna Arts Center, 115 Pleasant Street NW. This year's judge is local photographer Laura Goyer. The center is open 10 am-4 pm Tuesday-Saturday, and the exhibit is free and open to the public. The award reception for the show is 5:30-7:30 pm Saturday, August 19. For more information, visit ViennaArtsSociety.org or 703-319-3971.

Used book donations may be dropped off at the Freeman Store when it's open or bags and boxes of books may be left on the front porch when the store is closed. No encyclopedias, textbooks, magazines, or romance novels accepted.

Sprinkle a little reading, relaxation, and fun into your summer. **The Freeman Store**, open noon-4 pm Wednesday-Sunday, has all you'll need for these dog days of August:

- new jigsaw puzzles for the whole family
- fun toys and books for all ages
- fly a kite with the kids
- make something special using nature's backyard
- follow a recipe from a cookbook that pairs with classic children's stories.

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August TOWN CALENDAR

1 Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 pm

2 Stories & Sprinklers (Town Green) • 1:30 pm

4 Summer on the Green – U.S. Navy Sea Chanters • 6:30 pm

4 Vienna Youth Players: Hair (Vienna Baptist Church) • 7:30 pm

5 Vienna Farmers Market • 8 am-noon

5 Vienna Youth Players: Hair (Vienna Baptist Church) • 7:30 pm

9 Historic Vienna, Inc. (Freeman Store & Museum) • 7:30 pm

9 Planning Commission • 8 pm

11 Summer on the Green – The Rockits • 6:30 pm

11 Vienna Youth Players: Hair (Vienna Baptist Church) • 7:30 pm

12 Vienna Farmers Market • 8 am-noon

12 Kids Adventure Race (Southside Park) • 10 am

12 Vienna Youth Players: Hair (Vienna Baptist Church) • 7:30 pm

13 Big Screen on the Green: Cars • 8 pm

15 Public Art Commission • 7 pm

17 Board of Architectural Review • 8 pm

18 Chillin' on Church: Mudlark • 6:30-9:30 pm

19 Vienna Farmers Market • 8 am-noon

19 Board of Zoning Appeals/Public Hearing • 8 pm

21 Town Council Meeting • 8 pm

23 Planning Commission • 8 pm

24 Community Enhancement Commission • 7:30 pm

26 Vienna Farmers Market • 8 am-noon

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years ago...

The August 2002 newsletter noted the June 15 open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Town's Northside Public Works Facility, the then-new home for the Town's public works operations. The newsletter reported that 4-year-old Jimmy Reeping was the winner in a drawing for a toy truck.

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years ago...

The August 1997 newsletter reported that the Vienna Police Department planned to celebrate its 50th anniversary that October with a dinner dance at the Westwood Country Club.