

# Vienna



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## PLAY DATE

*Come Celebrate with Us!*  
**September 23 | 1-5 p.m.**

Ribbon-cutting at 1 pm • Tours, class demos & expo, food, musical performances, giveaways

### Opening celebration to add final ingredient to Vienna's 'new' rec center: community

**W**e'll be the first to admit that the two years since the Vienna Community Center closed for renovation and expansion have seemed like a long time to do without what is very likely Vienna's busiest community-gathering facility. But two facts may make you feel better about this:

- The community center is re-opening this month, with classes expected to begin at the "new" facility September 18 and a community grand re-opening celebration on September 23.
- The time from when the first funds were raised by the Vienna Lions Club for a community center until the first section of the facility was opened in April 1966 was 20 years.

Momentum for Vienna's long-awaited community center shifted in 1961 when a group representing 23 of the Town's most active organizations formed the nonprofit Vienna Community Center, Inc., chaired by William A Nutter.

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### Vienna Community Center by the #s



**42,976**

square footage of community center with latest 14,857 square foot expansion



**50-59**

points required to earn silver-level LEED certification



**8**

basketball hoops in building



**122,550**

estimated number of annual community center users



**20**

years to raise funds for construction of original community center in 1966



**125+**

classes, programs, trips, events offered this fall



**35**

subcontractors used in renovation/expansion project



**44,000**

approximate number of floor boards in new gym



**108.5**

hours community center will be open each week

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## Opening *from page 1*

Building on the \$1,500 nest egg established by the Lions in 1946, community members went door to door in the 1960s asking their neighbors to help make the community center a reality. In addition, aprons and zinnias were sold, teenagers washed cars, and beauty contests and pancake luncheons were held. At least \$62,000 was raised by the community.

When the Vienna Community Center first opened its doors in 1966, the modest but modern, air conditioned facility, which included a main general purpose room (now the auxiliary gym), kitchen, office, and bathrooms, was hailed as “the first of its kind in northern Virginia” and soon became “an inspiration for similar centers in other nearby communities.” Just two years later, the center’s first renovation/expansion was completed with a two-story addition that included a lounge, music room, and storage room as well as two large meeting rooms and additional bathrooms upstairs. Combined, the 1966 and 1968 facilities cost about \$193,000.

A schedule of parks and recreation classes from 1968 lists 40 offerings. This fall, the Parks and Recreation Department will offer more than 125 classes, events, lectures, trips, groups, and programs.

The community center was renovated two additional times before this most recent expansion project. The auditorium was added to the community center in 1988, and the Club Phoenix Teen Center was added in 1999.

Those earlier additions appear modest when compared with changes and additions that have been implemented with today’s project, which cost approximately \$13 million. So, what’s new since the community center temporarily closed its doors two years ago? Well, an additional 14,857 square feet for starters in the form of:

- a new main gym with a high school regulation-size basketball court and walking track
- new glass-enclosed lobby and waiting area
- renovated and additional restrooms and family changing room
- new viewing room in the auxiliary gym
- new sound and light control room in the auditorium
- new kitchen
- additional staff office space
- enlarged upstairs meeting rooms
- new, zoned heating and air system

The updated facility is expected to be silver-level LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified through a U.S. Green Building Council program that recognizes energy- and resource-efficient buildings.

Over the past 50 years, the Vienna Community Center has served countless area residents, and it’s attracted a few VIPs and celebrities as well. In May 2001, President George W. Bush visited the community center to talk about his administration’s



Then and now At top, the original Vienna Community Center building. Other photos were taken in August as the center’s fourth renovation/expansion neared completion.



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## Got a Town concern or request? Now, there's an app for that.

**B**eginning September 1, the Town of Vienna is introducing a 21st-century tool to its toolbox of customer service/citizen engagement gadgets. Help, Vienna is a website portal and mobile app that allows residents to report concerns and submit service requests on a 24-hour basis.

"Town Council has been a big champion of this project," says IT Director Tony Mull. "They've really encouraged staff to provide enhanced, accessible, user-friendly ways for citizens to engage with the Town and share concerns. For example, if someone notices that there's a new pothole on their neighborhood street, they now can take a picture and submit a work request to the Town with just a couple of clicks on their smart phone."

Service requests that may be submitted via Help, Vienna include animal issues, traffic and traffic signal concerns, street or playground maintenance issues, water leaks or sewer backups, trash or recycling questions, and more.

The Help, Vienna web portal is accessible from the Town's homepage at [viennava.gov](http://viennava.gov); just click on the Help, Vienna Service Request button at the bottom of the page.

It also can be downloaded for free from the Apple Store or Google Play. To download, search for the Click2Report app by Tyler Munis. Once the app is downloaded, open it, click the settings button, and select Vienna, VA from the list of available municipalities. And you're set to submit your concern, which you may do via map location or category type.

Once a request is submitted, the requestor will receive an automated email reply that the request has been received by the

Town and will be addressed during next normal business hours. It's important to note, Mull says, that the Help, Vienna website portal and app should not be used for emergency situations or those requiring an immediate response.

Citizens may track the status of their request through the app, and staff will be better able to monitor responses as well.

Help, Vienna isn't designed to replace any other means by which citizens may reach out to the Town – via phone calls, emails, social media, or simply stopping by Town Hall – but it will provide another, convenient means by which residents can contact the Town and submit service requests.

"Most of us have access to our cell phones all the time," says Mull, "so Help, Vienna should be an effective tool for residents to communicate concerns and service requests to the Town at any time at their convenience." 📱



### Opening *from page 2*

goal "to wage war on drug abuse in America." Joy DiLillo Harrington, now a parks and rec staffer, was one of the Madison High School students photographed with the president during his Vienna visit. The Gypsy Sisters of TLC's reality television series stopped in, with cameras rolling, a few years ago to participate in a chili contest. And back in the day, several legendary Washington Redskins, including Sonny Jurgensen and Billy Kilmer, were special guests at youth football banquets.

The building's personality has changed over the years, says John Wooden, who served as the community center manager from 1974-2005. "It's changed as the community has changed," he says, adding that the facility serves many more senior adults than it used to.

In addition to classes, the community center, which is available for rent to individuals and community organizations, hosts approximately a dozen large shows (think craft bazaars as well as coin and stamp shows) each year. There have been wedding receptions, memorial services, and Christmas craft shows as well as boxing events and even a one-ring circus complete with elephants.

"The community center," says Wooden, who still works part-time for the Parks and Recreation Department, "is non-stop. It's busy every day, every year, all the time."

Despite its non-stop busy-ness, says current Community Center Manager Leon Evans, the recreational facility's personality reminds him of Mayberry. "It's a laid back kind of place where residents come to relax, get fit, learn, and connect with one another."

Continuing, Evans says: "When I first came to the Vienna Community Center 15 years ago for a gang violence seminar, there was something awfully familiar about the place. Then when I came to work here a few years later, it felt like home. There's a comfort and familiarity about it that I really like. I hope that when residents walk into the 'new' facility, they'll feel like they're home, in their second home. It's a place where you can drop your kids off and they'll be safe. You can play mahjong and talk about world events. You can celebrate a birthday here...."

"The Vienna Community Center really is the epicenter of a lot that goes on in Town," Evans adds, "and we can't wait to get back home."

The Vienna Community Center will be open from 5:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Monday-Friday with staffed customer care from 8 a.m.-10:30 p.m. The center will be open 8 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Saturday and 12-9 p.m. Sunday with staffed customer care. 📞

**CONVERSATIONS WITH COUNCIL**

**A new way for reporting neighborhood nuisances**

by Councilmember Pasha Majdi

**R**esidential construction can be a headache. Noise violations, debris, road blockage, and run-off are merely annoying at first, but they become aggravating with repetition. Each particular instance may be rare for individual subcontractors, but they add up for neighbors. Therein lies the problem. I hear from residents constantly about nuisances brought on by residential construction. This month, the Town is rolling out a solution, and we need your help to make it work.

Residents can now report construction violations as well as requests for other Town services online and via smart phones. The goal is not only to provide a convenient forum for residents to submit complaints, but also to improve code enforcement.

While Help, Vienna has a much broader function with multiple options and service request categories, you can submit all residential construction-related issues via the “Construction Site Concerns” category option on the portal’s and app’s dropdown menu. (See story on page 3 about full functionality of Help, Vienna.)

**Online access** is available at one easy-to-remember location: Click the **Help, Vienna Service Requests** button at the bottom of the [viennava.gov](http://viennava.gov) homepage. This opens a new webpage with information about how to submit service requests. Click on the link for the web portal near the top of the page. When the portal map page opens, click on the map or type in an address to submit the service request location. Under “incident type,” select “Construction Site Concerns” or the appropriate category for your concern or service request.

To report residential construction concerns on the **mobile app**, tap “New Request” and then pick the “Construction Site Concerns” option from that drop-down menu. Download the Help, Vienna app via Click2Report by Tyler Munis from the Apple Store or Google Play (search “Click2Report” for the app), open it, click settings, and select Vienna, VA from the list.



One construction-related incident may be trivial, but continuous violations at the same location can make life miserable for neighbors. The Town will collect data from these reports, enforce the code, and notify contractors when multiple violations occur at the same site. With time, we will analyze the data in order to devise better solutions.

The Town is listening. We need your help to make this system work. Please send feedback to IT Director Tony Mull at [tony.mull@viennava.gov](mailto:tony.mull@viennava.gov) or by calling Town Hall at 703-255-6300 or by contacting any of your Town Councilmembers (Council emails are provided below).

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# A friendly business-to-business challenge to go green

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

For businesses, operating in the black is obviously a good thing. But adopting green practices to underscore the bottom line and help sustain the local community and the globe? Even better.

The Community Enhancement Commission's Vienna Sustainability Challenge, which was launched this spring, encourages Vienna businesses and nonprofits to self-certify as sustainable based on points earned for green practices. Caboose Brewing Company and Caffè Amouri are the Town's first two businesses to earn certification through the Sustainability Challenge, and they'll be recognized later this year, along with other green businesses, by the Community Enhancement Commission (CEC), Town Business Liaison Committee, and Town Council.

Now, Michael Amouri and Caboose co-founder Matt Greer are urging other Vienna businesses to follow their examples, step up to the plate, and take a swing at going green.

"It's a good kind of friendly peer pressure that Caffè Amouri and we have created," says Greer. "It's fun to constantly one-up each other and gain notoriety for being at the forefront of a positive movement."

"The challenge is not a stereotypical finger-wag to shame businesses into green practices," says CEC Commissioner Tara Ruskowski. "We want to celebrate businesses and support their importance to the community. Many of them already implement eco-friendly practices, and we want to call attention to the care they continue to show."

Through the Vienna Sustainability Challenge, a checklist of green actions or practices allows businesses to tally points toward meeting the threshold of being "sustainable." Sustainable actions are classified under energy, water, procurement, transportation, and waste reduction categories. Strategies include simple actions, such as cleaning with green products, or using rain water to water

plants as well as deeper commitments, like installing EPA WaterSense toilets in bathrooms, instituting telework policies, or establishing waste reduction goals. A business or nonprofit with fewer than four employees and no outdoor property must earn 42 of a possible 119 points while those with four or more employees or outdoor property must earn 60 points in order to be certified.



photos by Adam Kincaid



"This is a win-win for businesses," says CEC

Commissioner Desiree

Di Mauro. "Not only does the checklist allow businesses to make simple changes that greatly help the environment, but it also helps them trim unnecessary waste, cut costs, and maximize profits. We want to credit businesses that make the choice to be eco-friendly and applaud their successes based on their green initiatives."

Caffè Amouri's Michael Amouri incorporates sustainability into his brand and credits his success to it. "Quality, community, sustainability – that's my brand, and sustainability is both a responsibility and a tool to achieving the other two parts of my mission. It's the right thing to do, but it also reinforces what my product and establishment are all about."

Amouri defines his brand of sustainability in terms of people. He empowers micro farmers who operate independently from a collective group. Amouri pays extra for higher quality coffee beans from these individuals, effectively sustaining a niche market in which they conduct business. In turn, the micro farmers' product underscores his green reputation in the community and factors largely into why many people choose to buy coffee at his establishment over another.

Caboose Brewing Company sources products from local farmers. The brewery also employs a unique sustainable effort, afforded by barley grain, a by-product of the brewing process. The barley grain is "residue" from the approximately 1,200 pounds of hops used per brew. Not only are these leftover grains used in the brewery's delectable crackers served to customers, Caboose also hands off the grain to local farmers, who use the feed as a treat for their animals.

"We have a rolling list of farmers who love to take our excess and make it something special for their livestock," says Greer.

Find a complete list of suggested green strategies and the Sustainability Challenge checklist at [viennava.gov/sustainabilitychallenge](http://viennava.gov/sustainabilitychallenge). The Town will recognize businesses and organizations who certify by September 30 for sustainable strategies and practices undertaken during the past 12 months. Contact Desiree Di Mauro at [desiree@d2t2.org](mailto:desiree@d2t2.org) with completed checklists or questions. ♻️

## Fall for these September events

If running, camping, native plants, helping out a potential hometown Olympian, fun, or just chillin' are up your alley, September has an event for you. Also on the calendar for September is a 9-11 commemorative event hosted by American Legion Post 180.



photo by Adam Kincaid

### September 15 Chillin' on Church

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

Rock out with Chump Change at the final Chillin' on Church block party of the year. Grab a beer or glass of wine and dinner. Food trucks expected include A&B Soft Serve, Captain Cookie and the Milkman, Fat Pete's BBQ/Curley's BBQ, Killer Tomato, Laughing Crab, Mr. MacFreeze, Phat Yummies, and Rito Loco.

### September 16 CEC Native Plant Sale

8 a.m.-1 p.m. • Vienna Community Center Parking Lot

Find a large selection of native plants and herbs at great prices at the Community Enhancement Commission's Native Plant Sale. Easy to care for and lovely additions to gardens, native plants eliminate the need for toxic chemicals, require less water, and provide food and habitat for wildlife. Bring bags or boxes to carry your plants home. Cash, check, and credit cards accepted.



### September 22-23 Family Camp Out

5 pm-9:30 am • Glyndon Park

This event sold out last year, so don't wait to register for a suburban family camping experience. Enjoy family games, crafts for the kids, dinner, and breakfast. Bring your own camping equipment, including tent, sleeping bags, chairs, flashlights, snacks, a change of clothes, and personal items. No pets allowed. All family members attending must register at [viennava.gov/webtrac](http://viennava.gov/webtrac) (use activity code # 250000-A1). \$10/person.



### September 11 A Day to Remember

9 a.m. • Freeman House Lawn

This brief ceremony will honor the 2,977 civilians, public safety, and military personnel who lost their lives in terrorist attacks on September 11, 001.

### September 15-17 Veronica Day Weekend

Various Vienna locations, including Saturday Farmers Market

Don't miss your chance to get reacquainted with Vienna's own Veronica Day, who's working hard for a shot on the U.S. Olympic skeleton team. Get Day's autograph and provide a little financial support for her journey to South Korea and the XXIII Olympic Winter Games. Day will stop by Chillin' on Church, visit the Farmers Market, and make the rounds at supporting businesses throughout the weekend. Look for more information from the Vienna Business Association at [viennabusiness.org](http://viennabusiness.org).

### September 24 Cops & Kids Fun Run

12-3 p.m. • Vienna Elementary School

One-mile run/walk, tug of war, dunk-a-cop tank, moon bounce, face painting, live music, food, and more! First 300 registrants are guaranteed a t-shirt and medal; registration is free. Register at [viennava.gov/funrun](http://viennava.gov/funrun).



photo by T.R. Cook

# Up to code and up to snuff

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

In her new role with the Town as construction inspector, Emily Goodman has spent several weeks “in the field” making sure that residential construction projects throughout Town are checking all the right boxes. Coming from behind her desk in planning and zoning, where she was an administrative assistant for the past five years, Goodman has seen plans on plat drawings that she used to deal with in her former role transformed into physical realities in the field.

Vienna Voice decided to follow up on our July story about Goodman’s new role in the Public Works Department to see in more detail how she is helping ensure that residential construction projects around Vienna are abiding by the Town’s codes and expectations for developers. Goodman and Urban Arborist Sam Lilly are the one-two combo when it comes to construction projects and are both part of a larger team of Town inspectors.

A typical project for Goodman begins with a pre-construction meeting with the builder at the site of a residential teardown. Goodman combs over square foot lot coverage, reviews an ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliance checklist that must be met by project’s end, and assesses the site’s general compliance with its approved plan. If all is well, Goodman hands off to Lilly to see what greenery is salvageable.

“I’ve quickly noticed just how deliberate each stage of the construction process is,” says Goodman. “In my previous position as an admin assistant in planning and zoning, I really only saw what phase one entails. Getting a site plan approved is a process in and of itself, for both our staff and builders, and that was where the line ended for me. Now I’m seeing the bigger picture.”

At an August pre-construction meeting with local builder Brett Roman from Oak View Homes, both Goodman and Lilly bounced off each other’s expertise to preserve a very nice Japanese maple tree on the site’s back yard.

Lilly deemed the tree to be alive and thriving. Thrilled, Roman asked what he could do to best preserve it. Goodman replied with where and how the tree should be protected from runoff sediment, water, and debris during construction.

“Things are much smoother when someone wants to build a home or an addition and consults with Sam and me before jumping the gun on a project,” says Goodman. “It only gets messy if some corners of the process are cut. We really don’t want to have to ask someone to tear up a driveway halfway through construction, but if they don’t have a permit or if the driveway’s apron isn’t ADA compliant then we have no choice.”

A key part of Goodman’s service to residents surrounding a construction site is to make sure that the builder is a good neighbor to residents. Following the pre-construction meeting, Goodman inspects the site every 10 days or within 48 hours after a rainfall to check that sediment and dirt runoff are contained to the lot and don’t run off into the storm drain. Keeping things tidy on the construction site ensures that the neighborhood stays as clean as possible during the process and is best practice for stormwater management and protecting the Chesapeake Bay from potential contaminants.

Other Town staff members, from both planning and zoning and public works, also are engaged in the construction process.

When a home’s walls are put up, a zoning inspector visits to make sure the home indeed only takes up 25% of its lot and that its height does not exceed 35 feet, per Town code.

“A few weeks after diving into the field,” says Goodman, “I have been able to take a step back and think about the process. Each phase really is designed to ensure that the property and surrounding properties are in compliance and protected. I hope that Vienna homeowners, of the new construction project and surrounding properties, have a peace of mind knowing they are officially protected.”



**Tag team** Urban Arborist Sam Lilly and Construction Inspector Emily Goodman consult regarding a residential construction project.

photo by Adam Kincaid

## For monstrous fun, Halloween Parade applications due Sept. 22

**P**ioneers and all other organizations who want to march, perform, and float down Maple Avenue in the 71st annual Halloween Parade, themed “The Great Outdoors,” must submit parade applications by Friday, September 22. The parade will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 25.

All businesses and organizations wishing to be part of the parade must submit an application and waiver. Those entering a float must complete an additional form as well as provide a detailed sketch and description of the float. Costumed children are invited to walk in the parade as well; no registration is required.



Application acceptance is based on entertainment value, variety, and adherence to the parade’s theme and guidelines. All registered participants will be considered for awards in a variety of categories, including bands, floats, performers, and antique vehicles. Floats will be judged based on creativity and theme interpretation.

Find the registration packet, sponsorship opportunities, and more information about Vienna’s 71st Halloween Parade at [viennava.gov/Halloween](http://viennava.gov/Halloween).

Vienna’s annual Halloween Parade is co-hosted by the Vienna Business Association and the Town’s Parks and Recreation Department. 📍



photo by Adam Kincaid

## Vienna celebrates three decades of financial reporting excellence

**T**he Town of Vienna has received a certificate of achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) – for a remarkable 30 years straight. The most recent certificate, awarded for the Town’s fiscal year 2016 comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR), is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting.

Vienna’s CAFR was judged by an impartial panel as meeting high standards, including demonstrating a constructive

“spirit of full disclosure” and willingness to clearly communicate the Town’s financial story.

“Receiving this award from the Government Finance Officers Association is a high priority for the Finance Department,” says Town Finance Director Marion Serfass. “Along with a clean report from auditors, it represents our commitment to doing the best job possible in financial management and reporting. This is really a team effort, and it is thanks to the entire Finance Department that we are able to achieve these awards.” 📍

## Tickle your curiosity at Patrick Henry Library

**T**his month the Patrick Henry Library is unveiling new reading options, intriguing programs, and upgrades made over the summer. A few highlights include:

- A presentation on local connections to the internment of German POWs during World War II by historian Ann Shields at 3 p.m. Saturday, September 9.
- Expansion of infant, toddler, and preschool programming designed to help parents connect with their little ones using great books and to foster excited and able readers.
- Friends of Patrick Henry Library fall book sale September 30 and October 1.
- Programming for those with vision impairment, book clubs, knitting groups, and more.

For more information, stop in or visit [fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ph/](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ph/). 📍

## Billing blackout reminder

**W**ater customers, please keep in mind that the Town of Vienna is unable to access or confirm account activity through September 11 as the Finance Department is implementing a new utility billing system. 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. For more information or if you have questions, call 703-255-6385.



## Parks & Rec Sampler

### New classes

Most fall classes are back at the Vienna Community Center and begin September 18. Among the fall offerings are a couple of new classes. In Brain and Balance (#242474-A1), participants will focus on improving memory, reasoning, and problem-solving skills as well as stability and balance. Classes will be offered from 2-3 p.m. Mondays. Registration fee for the six classes is \$51 for Town of Vienna residents. The Women's Self Defense course (#233031-A1) will focus on proper body mechanics and self-defense principles and teach participants how to hit hard and create space in order to escape if attacked. Eight classes will be offered from 7-8 p.m. Monday evenings. The class fee for Town residents is \$60.

### Fun and learning on the road

Take a bus trip to Dorchester County, Maryland, to learn about the life and legacy of Harriet Tubman, who helped bring more than 70 relatives and friends from slavery to freedom using the Underground Railroad network. This Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Center trip (#241240-A1) is from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 13. A delicious crab cake lunch is included in the \$95 ticket price for Town residents.

Register for classes at [viennava.gov/webtrac](http://viennava.gov/webtrac).

## Fall back in step with mayor

Mayor Laurie DiRocco will resume her Friday morning Mayor's Walks beginning September 8. Meet in front of Town Hall at 9:30 a.m. Fridays to join the mayor for about an hour stroll through Town as well as conversation and camaraderie. Mayor's Walks for the remainder of 2017 are scheduled through November 17; any last-minute cancellations will be posted to the Town's online calendar at [viennava.gov](http://viennava.gov).



## A long history of doing business in Vienna

by Robbie Holland, Town Business Liaison Committee

**D**id you know that Vienna has more than 1,300 businesses located in a space less than five square miles? And home-based businesses now exceed the number of traditional brick and mortar businesses.

Traditional storefront commercial businesses continue to evolve and change. Still, the vast majority have remained in the same Maple Avenue and Church Street business corridors for more than 100 years.

In the 1890s, Vienna was populated with saw and grist mills, blacksmith shops, general stores, wheelwright shops, a tomato canning factory, lime kiln, wood and coal yard, funeral home, trolley car service, and broom factory. Several dairy farms also dotted the Town.

In 1940 Vienna's population was 1,237, and in the early 50s businesses began to move from Church Street to Maple Avenue. The first modern shopping center opened in 1954 and more quickly followed with the widening of Maple Avenue in 1958.

At a recent business opening ribbon-cutting ceremony, the owners stated that they had searched the entire United States before electing to open their business here in Vienna. Strong community support of local businesses and the fact that Vienna was ranked the third best place to live by *Money* magazine in 2013 contributed to their decision.

Vienna businesses now represent a great mix of wholesale, retail, restaurant, services, office, commercial, industrial, manufacturing, and home-based businesses. Despite the many changes that have occurred over our Town's 127-year history, Vienna continues to retain a sense of community pride. Everyone loves the "small town" feeling.

Thank you for shopping local and supporting the many "mom and pop" businesses that also call Vienna home. The Town Business Liaison Committee and Vienna Business Association encourage you to GO LOCAL and SHOP VIENNA whenever possible. ♻️

## Town makes it easy to recycle

**T**he Town's Quarterly Recycling Day offers an opportunity for residents to help protect the community's environment – and lighten the load at home. The next automotive and electronics recycling opportunity is from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, September 9, at the Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill Street NE. Visit [viennava.gov/quarterlyrecycling](http://viennava.gov/quarterlyrecycling) to see what items are accepted.

Here's what the Public Works Department collected during the June quarterly recycling event:

- 100 gallons of waste oil
- 13 gallons of antifreeze
- 4 automotive batteries
- 5 tons of electronics. ♻️

## Manners matter on W&OD

Cutting through Vienna, the popular 45-mile Washington and Old Dominion trail (W&OD) shuttles bikers, walkers, runners, and skaters between Shirlington and Purcellville. A little civility, courtesy, and knowledge of trail rules help keep the sometimes heavy day-to-day traffic on the trail moving safely and smoothly.

As the prime fall biking and walking season is upon us, we consulted both Vienna's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committees and NOVA Parks for some safety and courtesy reminders.

- Stopping and turning around without looking is the #1 cause of accidents. Give a look over your shoulder before deciding to pull a U-ey.
- Travel on the right side of the trail and pass on the left.
- Give an audible warning when passing.
- Cell phones and headphones are dangerous as you need to be able to hear passing trail users communicate with a bell or "on your left" that they are passing.



- Unless otherwise noted, pedestrians always have the right-of-way.
- When being passed, move to the right.
- When stopped, move off the trail.
- Stop for busy roads.
- Don't pass on a curve.
- Slow down for walking or biking children.
- Stop for busy roads.
- Be courteous and ride slow when on sidewalks. 🚲

## Crime prevention 101: Lock your car doors

The Vienna Police Department has noted an increase in car break-ins around Town recently. In the August 11 Vienna Police Highlights update, seven cases of vehicles being entered and items stolen were reported.

Here's a summary of one of the reported incidents: "A resident advised someone entered her unlocked vehicle and rummaged through it. Nothing appeared to be missing. The resident stated her other two vehicles that were locked were not tampered with."

Did you catch that? The locked vehicles were not broken into.

Other residents who reported vehicle break-ins had wallets, credit cards, identification, and purses stolen. Electronic devices also are frequently targeted by thieves.

Don't give would-be thieves an easy target: Remove valuables from your vehicles – or at minimum, place them out of sight – and lock your doors!

## Vienna businesses with staying power

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

30 YEARS

**Endocrine and Diabetes Center**

25 YEARS

**E.G. Comics**

**Lyn Wexler Designs**

20 YEARS

**Anthony Appraisers**

**Michaels**

**Mondo Tondo Travel**

**Vienna Ballroom Dance Academy**

15 YEARS

**AM Remodeling**

**Barbara Rosecrans**

10 YEARS

**Kathy Tison**

**Novexus**

**Rose Restaurant**

**Silvas and Son Patisserie**

**Streamside**

**Williams-Tison**

5 YEARS

**Cleaner4less**

**Cubsmart**

**Perisco Oriental Rugs**

**Restoration Homes of Vienna**

**Total Health Concepts**

## Open for business

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

**Bards Alley**

*bookstore/café*

110 Church Street NW

703-863-4484

**Brilliance Piercing**

*sales*

421 Church Street NE #C

413-537-5683

**Phuong Tran**

*skin care*

103 Beulah Road NE

703-380-2979



# HAPPENINGS around town

The **American Association of University Women (AAUW)** will hold a free, informational **open house** from 10 am-noon Saturday, September 2, at the Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue E. AAUW is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Membership discounts are available for those who join at this event. For additional information, email [viennaauw@gmail.com](mailto:viennaauw@gmail.com).

**Vienna (Host) Lions Club** will hold a **fundraiser** from 11 am-9 pm September 5 at Foster's Grille. Simply put your receipt in the Lions box, and Foster's will donate 20% of purchases 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, September 5, 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](mailto:wf.pflag@gmail.com) or visit [pflagdc.org](https://www.facebook.com/groups/fly.pflag/) and [facebook.com/groups/fly.pflag/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/fly.pflag/).

Led by Music Director Cornelius Young, the **Town of Vienna Community Band** is kicking off a new concert season and looking for additional enthusiastic musicians for all instruments, especially clarinet, bassoon, oboe, and tuba. If interested, attend any band rehearsal at 6:15 pm Sundays in the American Legion Post 180 event hall. The first rehearsal of the season is September 10. For more information, visit [viennacommunityband.org](http://viennacommunityband.org).

The **Mid-Atlantic ADA Center** will host the **24th Mid-Atlantic ADA Update**, the region's leading conference on the Americans with Disabilities Act, September 13-15 in Tysons. Topics range from accessible design to inclusive program planning and disability employment issues. For information and fees, visit [adaupdate.org](http://adaupdate.org).

Let **American Legion Post 180** serve you breakfast at its monthly buffet from 8 am-noon Sunday, September 17. Enjoy omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, and more. The **breakfast buffet** is \$9 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and younger. Post 180 is at 330 Center Street N. Call 703-938-6580 for more information.

**Paul McCray**, W&OD railroad historian and former manager of the W&OD trail, will speak at the **Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna's Lunch N' Life event** at noon Monday, September 18, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road. Lunch is \$10 per person; prepayment is required by September 13. To register, call 703-281-0538.

The **Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna** will offer more than 40 classes this fall, September 28-November 16, through its **Adventures in Learning** program. Registration will be available at an open house from 10 am-noon September 21 at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, where all classes will be held as well. Class topics include tai chi, bridge, world affairs, and health topics. A full class schedule will be available in early September at [scov.org.ail-open-house](http://scov.org.ail-open-house). For more information, call 703-281-0538.

Support the Town of Vienna's **Halloween Parade** by dining at **Foster's Grille** the 30th of each month. Foster's donates 20% of all sales that day to the Town to help pay marching bands in the parade.

Congratulations to Science Club students in grades 3-5 at **Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School**, who took home for the third consecutive year the award for Virginia 2017 Elementary School of the Year at the **National Energy Education Development Project's Youth Awards for Energy Achievement** annual event in June. This year, students educated one another about energy sources, worked on an ongoing recycling initiative, and participated in the school's STREAM (science, technology, religion, engineering, arts, mathematics) Night.

Beginning this month, **Generation Code** will offer **afterschool and Saturday classes**. Designed for children ages 7-17, options include Scratch and Animation Design, Exploring Engineering & Robotics, and Intro and Intermediate Web Development. For information, visit [generationcode.com](http://generationcode.com).

**Navy Federal Credit Union** will hold its **25th annual 5K Run/Walk** at 9 am Saturday, September 30. The race supports the Committee for Helping Others, which provides goods and services to those in need in Dunn Loring, Merrifield, Oakton, and Vienna. TECH t-shirts, post-race refreshments, RaceWire timing, and great raffle prizes will be available to participants. Register online at [navyfederal.org/5K](http://navyfederal.org/5K). Questions? Call 703-206-4362 or email [fittnesscentermailbox@navyfederal.org](mailto:fittnesscentermailbox@navyfederal.org).

A **Cargivers Support Group**, sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna, meets from 10-11:30 am the first and third Tuesday of each month in the Program Building at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road. The support group is for caregivers (spouses, children, siblings, parents, and other family members) of adult family members who have dementia or other conditions. For more information, contact facilitators Jack Tarr at 703-821-6838 or [jtarr5@verizon.net](mailto:jtarr5@verizon.net) or Lynn Rafferty at 703-508-1365 or [radmom8992@gmail.com](mailto:radmom8992@gmail.com).

Save the date: **Historic Vienna Inc.** will host an event commemorating the **120th anniversary of Vienna's Little Library** from 1-4 pm Saturday, October 14. From 1897-1960s, the Little Library, a one-room building now located on the grounds of the Freeman House, served as the Town's public library. Come listen to and reminisce with residents who used to frequent the Little Library and enjoy other activities on the Freeman Store grounds.

The **Vienna Woman's Club** is looking for vendors to participate in its **55th Holiday Bazaar** on Saturday, November 11. For information, contact Diane Abel at [dcabel@cox.net](mailto:dcabel@cox.net) or 703-281-7494.

**Used book donations** are welcome at the **Freeman Store and Museum**, 131 Church Street NE, year-round. Boxed or bagged used books, excluding encyclopedias, textbooks, magazines, and romance novels, may be left on the Freeman Store porch or delivered to the store when it's open from 12-4 pm Wednesday-Sunday. In the Used Book Cellar, which is open during regular Freeman Store hours, books on numerous topics are reasonably priced; all proceeds support Historic Vienna, Inc. For more information, call 703-938-5187.

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years ago...

The September 1997 newsletter invited residents to visit the Town's spanking new website, which included the newsletter and recreation brochure, a Town calendar, history of Vienna, Town Council agenda, employment announcements, procurement opportunities, budget, zoning regulations, job applications, class registration, and more. The Town's web address 20 years ago – [www.ci.vienna.va.us](http://www.ci.vienna.va.us) – is not the same as the one used today, [viennava.gov](http://viennava.gov).

**Police,  
Fire & Rescue  
Emergency**  
**911**  
(Voice & TDD)

**Vienna Police**  
703-938-4900 voice  
703-255-5730 TDD  
Non-emergency  
703-255-6366 voice  
703-255-5730 TDD

**Community Center**  
703-255-6360 voice  
TTY Virginia Relay 711  
120 Cherry St. SE  
Vienna, VA 22180

**Vienna Town Hall**  
703-255-6300 voice  
TTY Virginia Relay 711  
127 Center Street South  
Vienna, VA 22180-5179  
Monday-Friday • 8 am-4:30 pm

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# September TOWN CALENDAR

- 2** Vienna Farmers Market • 8 am-noon
- 4** Holiday: Town Hall Closed/Regular Refuse Collection
- 5** Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 pm
- 9** Vienna Farmers Market • 8 am-noon
- 9** Quarterly Recycling Day (Northside Property Yard) • 8 am-2 pm
- 11** 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony (Freeman House Lawn) • 9 am
- 11** Town Council Meeting • 8 pm
- 13** Historic Vienna, Inc. (Freeman Store & Museum) • 7:30 pm
- 13** Planning Commission • 8 pm
- 14** Town Business Liaison Committee • 7 pm
- 15** Chillin' on Church: Chump Change • 6:30-9:30 pm
- 16** Vienna Farmers Market • 8 am-noon
- 16** CEC Native Plant Sale (VCC parking lot) • 8 am-1 pm
- 18** Town Council Work Session • 8 pm
- 19** Public Art Commission • 7 pm
- 19** Board of Zoning Appeals/Public Hearing • 8 pm

- 21** Board of Architectural Review • 8 pm
- 22** Family Camp Out (Glyndon Park) • 5 pm
- 23** Vienna Farmers Market • 8 am-noon
- 23** Community Center Grand Re-Opening • 1-5 pm
- 24** Cops & Kids Fun Run • noon-3 pm
- 25** Town Council Meeting • 8 pm
- 26** Bicycle or Pedestrian Advisory Committee • 7 pm
- 26** Transportation Safety Commission • 8 pm
- 27** Planning Commission • 8 pm
- 28** Community Enhancement Commission • 7:30 pm
- 30** Vienna Farmers Market • 8 am-noon

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years ago...

At a special meeting, Town Council declined to purchase a privately held mini park at Maple Avenue and Center Street, according to the lead story in the September 1977 newsletter. While Council regretted the possibility of losing the green space, the newsletter reported that members agreed that the Town could not afford the \$200,000 – or \$7 per square foot – purchase price.

*Unless otherwise noted, all meetings take place at Town Hall, 127 Center Street S.  
Meeting schedule subject to change; check [viennava.gov](http://viennava.gov) for updates.*