

Vienna businesses rally to support local's Olympic dream

If 2007 Madison High School graduate Veronica Day makes her Olympic dream come true this winter, she will have traveled 6,916 miles from her hometown of Vienna to PyeongChang, trained six years to take off and hurtle down a winding icy chute, and received financial assistance from nearly two dozen Vienna businesses.

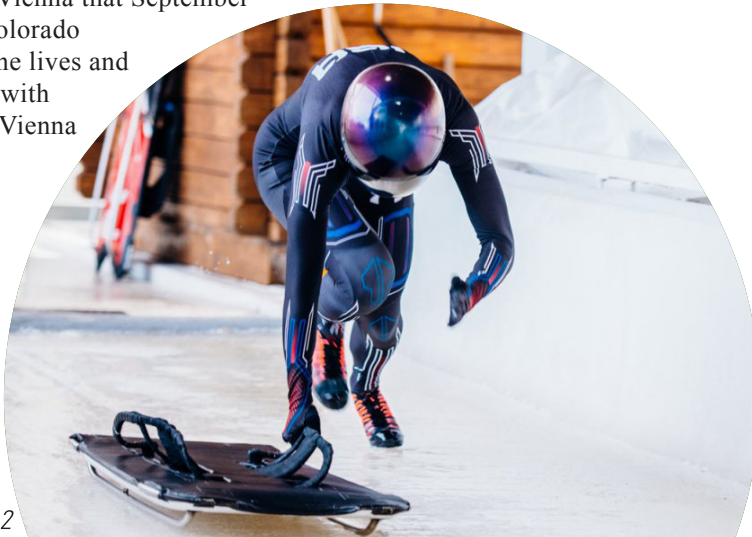
To assist Day, who is competing for a spot on the U.S. Olympic skeleton team, the Vienna Business Association (VBA) hosted Veronica Day Day September 16, raising more than \$6,000 to help Day cover equipment, travel, and training expenses accumulated along her journey to the 2018 Winter Olympic Games in South Korea this February. Day traveled back to Vienna that September weekend from Colorado Springs, where she lives and trains, to mingle with customers at the Vienna Farmers Market and participating businesses.

"Honestly, I consider this a team effort, and I couldn't do it without them," Day says of her financial supporters.

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photos by Molly Choma



Got what it takes to be 'best in show' in Vienna's time-honored Halloween Parade?

Each year Vienna's annual Halloween parade attracts tens of thousands of attendees, hundreds of costumed kids marching down Maple Avenue, and dozens of floats creatively and painstakingly decorated by businesses and community organizations, but there can be only one Best in Show.

As the Town gears up for the 71st edition of this fearsome annual event, to be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 25 with a theme of "The Great Outdoors," *Vienna Voice* thought it would be fun to speak with recent Best in Show winners to see what it takes and what it feels like to achieve that pinnacle of local superstardom.

Karin's Florist was last year's Best in Show winner with a magical, flower-festooned, pumpkin-shaped carriage drawn by two magnificent white horses and carrying none other than Cinderella and Prince Charming. It turns out that last year's 70th Halloween Parade, held October 26, coincided with the exact date that Karin's Florist first opened its doors 60 years earlier.

Karin's President Maris Angolia says that advance planning was the key to success. The florist partnered with Shenandoah Carriage Company in a co-promotion effort. Knowing that they wouldn't have access to the carriage to decorate it until the night before the parade, Angolia and her team gathered materials (including lilies, roses, mums, bells of Ireland, hydrangea, and carnations), assigned tasks, and made contingency plans.

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“To have the Optimist Club, the VBA, and the mayor say ‘Yeah, we believe in you, let’s make this happen’ – how cool is that? It’s awesome.”

“I don’t want to say that it’s been surprising,” says Day, “because Vienna never ceases to amaze me. It warms my heart a little that they’re that supportive.”

Finances can be a big hurdle for U.S. amateur athletes angling for the Olympics – and so can the competition, but Day, 28, likes her chances of making the U.S. Olympic women’s skeleton team, which won’t be named until January. Before then, Day has a lot of races, in North America and across Europe, ahead of her.

In skeleton an individual athlete, after getting off to a running start, rides a small sled, or skeleton, down a frozen track at speeds topping 80 miles per hour while lying face down. Day came to the sport in 2011, following her graduation from Elon University, where she was a long and triple jump stand-out.

The experience on a skeleton, Day says, is incomparable. “It’s like you’re flying. It’s smooth and fast and when you finish the first thing you want to do is go do it again.”

While she’s “mostly excited” about her first realistic shot at taking one of the two-three spots on the U.S. Olympic team, Day, who was named to the six-member U.S. women’s national team last year, admits to being “a bit nervous,” but more so about the first run of the season than the competition.

After taking the summer off, Day was scheduled to slide for the first time the week after she returned from her September visit to Vienna. “I’m more nervous for the first run than the races,” she said in a September 13 interview. “I feel like once I take the first run, most of my nerves will have settled. It’s like riding a bike....”

Day will compete in four domestic races against her national teammates in Calgary and Lake Placid in October. After that,

she’ll participate in seven international races in November, December, and January.

“The U.S. women’s team is really, really tight,” Day says. “It’s kind of anyone’s game.... For me, it will be about being consistent with my results. I have a very realistic chance of making the Olympic team.”

If Day’s strength in skeleton is her push-starts, what she finds most challenging, she says, is “faking confidence on a track that I don’t have a lot of experience on.”

Standing at the top of the track, waiting for the light to turn green, she says that the last thing you want to think about is how poorly you could do. “Sometimes on new tracks, it’s a matter of really, really looking at the positives. ‘So I messed this up last run, but I know how to fix it, and I AM GOING TO DO THAT on the next run.’ You have to be really assertive and positive with self-re-enforcement.

“Sliding is so much fun even if you’re doing it wrong,” she says, “but when it comes to racing, you want to have fun, but you also want to win.”

Whatever happens between now and February, Day has an image of how her skeleton days may end. While at a master’s race in Austria last March, Day was bemused to see 60- and 70-year-old men hurtling down the skeleton track. “They were wearing helmets that are two decades old. They loved it. They come back every year to slide for a week in Austria. I’m pretty sure I’m going to be one of those old guys in another 30 to 40 years.”

In the short term, Vienna will look forward to the opportunity to root for a hometown girl in the 2018 Olympic Games. 🇺🇸



photos by Molly Choma

Prost! Come celebrate Vienna Oktoberfest's 10th anniversary

Dust off your lederhosen, don your pretzel necklaces, and enjoy a fun afternoon of beer drinking, live entertainment, good eats, and browsing the handcrafted market and business expo areas at Vienna's Oktoberfest from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday, October 7, along historic Church Street.

Hosted by the Vienna Business Association and Town of Vienna, Oktoberfest will be bigger and better than ever this year with an expanded beer garden and food court as well as new vendors and entertainment options. Brews from Caboose Brewing Company and domestic manufacturers will be served up; wine drinkers are welcome as well and will find something lovely to sip on from Vienna Vintner.

Entertainers will perform across three stages, and Vienna Singing Princesses, games, a Kiln & Co. paint-your-own-pottery activity, and bounce houses will be available in the kid zone. In addition to the business expo and hand-crafter's market, which includes more than 60 vendors, a new and classic auto show, featuring Mercedes, BMW, and Porsche, will be open. More than a dozen food vendors will be at the festival, and German food will be served in the Caboose Beer Garden.

The Bobby Thompson Blues Band will open the festival from the main stage at 11 a.m. Seventeen other music and dance groups will perform throughout the day, including favorites such as Rocknoceros, Sexton's German Band, Ocho de Bastos, PB&J Band, The Rockits, and 2017 Vienna Idol winner Louise York. For a full entertainment schedule and to learn more about Oktoberfest, visit viennaoktoberfest.org.

Each year, Vienna's Oktoberfest draws more than 20,000 people to historic Church Street. Admission is free, and a designated driver or car service is recommended. Parking is available throughout the Vienna commercial area; please do not park on nor block private properties. Vienna's Oktoberfest is a rain or shine event. 🍷



Thank you for supporting Veronica Day's Olympic journey

In addition to the Vienna Optimist Club, which has been a longtime Veronica Day supporter, the following businesses participated in Veronica Day September 16. The effort was organized by the Vienna Business Association.

- Appletree II School
- Ascend Physical Therapy & Wellness
- Bard's Alley
- Caboose Brewing Company
- Caffe Amouri
- Chick-fil-A (Tysons West)
- Cycle Chi
- Fisher Custom Homes
- Freeman House/Historic Vienna, Inc.
- Granite Wealth Partners
- Grass Roots Fitness
- Hana Studio
- Just Like New
- Masterworks Window Fashions & Design
- Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio
- Savvy Rest
- SourceCore Studio
- Stella & Dot
- Urban Mattress
- Usborn Books & More
- Vienna Business Association

CONVERSATIONS WITH COUNCIL

Madison’s County Fair celebrates coach who inspired event

by Mayor Pro Tem Linda Colbert

Six hundred t-shirts with “Leave No Doubt” on the front and Coach Lenny Schultz’s name on the back sold out quickly during lunch at James Madison High School September 1 as students prepared to honor their late head football coach with the school’s first-ever County Fair. For years, Schultz had had a vision to hold a carnival to bring the Vienna community together before the first home football game.

Madison’s Student Government Association (SGA) wanted the first home football game without its beloved coach, who was killed in a car accident this summer, to be special. SGA students Ashley



Go and Tommy Williams led the effort to organize a pre-game event, spending their last two weeks of summer coordinating food trucks, games, a DJ, and t-shirts.

A varsity football player, Williams came up with the idea to name the event the County Fair. As part of the team’s August conditioning, Coach Schultz would tell players that they all had tickets to the “county fair,” which was a grueling 40-minute circuit of bag jumps, sled pulls, tackling, and more.

“My brother [Bobby] and I had always joked that one day coach was gonna come out in a red pinstriped suit with a top hat and cane, and he would have rides and games set up behind him. So...I knew that ‘County Fair’ would be the perfect name for our honorary event.”



The County Fair will become an annual event, and Madison SGA hopes to grow it with perhaps rides, face painting, and live music. It will be a way to gather the whole Town in celebration and to honor a man who gave so much of his time, talent, and heart to his players, students, and the Vienna community.

All proceeds of the event went to the Lenny Schultz Memorial Scholarship Fund. For more information, go to warhawksports.org.

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"It was stressful, but fun," Angolia says. "It came together better than we ever expected." In addition, she says, the parade proved "a great way to promote our business. It was really a chance to get noticed."

Leading off last year's parade and winning the Best in Show award, Angolia says, was exhilarating. "It was the neatest feeling. We had so much pride in our store and community. It was amazing. I couldn't stop smiling for days. It was so fun to hear the kids shout out."

While there were lots of moving pieces and months of advance planning in pulling off a winning float entry, Angolia says, the most stressful part related to something out of her control: the weather.



photo by Adam Kincaid

Weather, indeed, was an issue in 2015 when the Montessori School of Oakton took home the coveted Best of Show award. Thunderstorms that year caused the parade to be postponed by one day. And that's when the school learned that the tarp covering its float had a leak. A lot of touch-up was required the day after the storms, and the miniature Little Library that was part of the float had to be rebuilt.

The 2015 parade celebrated the Town's 125th birthday, and the Montessori float tied the history of its schools with that of the Town. Using plywood, 2x4s, corrugated paper, artificial grass, garland, cardboard, and metal, the 50 first- through sixth-graders at the Oakton school and many parents worked to recreate Town of Vienna and Montessori icons. For example, among the miniature items on the float constructed to represent Vienna was the Little Library, which was built in 1907, the same year that Maria Montessori's first Children's House opened.

The idea for the Montessori float coalesced in August, and the float itself was put together the week before the parade.

"You need a good idea and a lot of help," to make a winning float, says Linda Khan, the Montessori parent who led the 2015 effort. "Get lots of ideas and lots of input. The more people are part of the float's development, the more willing they are to work on it."

The best part of the experience, Khan notes, was watching the children work together on the float. "It brought them a sense of teamwork. They got really excited about the parade. The fun part was seeing the pride in their faces when they were walking down the street."

The Optimist Club, too, had a lot of student assistance (from the Octagon Clubs at Madison and Marshall high schools) in putting together their floats, which won back-to-back Best in Show honors in 2013 and '14. They also had a dual secret weapon: the leadership of float makers Phil Charlwood, a set designer at the Kennedy Center, and Steve Ross, an engineer.

While Charlwood and Ross are the creative and mechanical geniuses behind the Optimist Club's 2013 pirate-themed and 2014 gigantic Converse sneaker/Old Mother Hubbard's shoe complete with a slide, the floats' construction required hours of assistance from Optimist Club members.

"We met with them over several weekends – painting, painting, and painting," says Optimist Club President Michele



Wright. "It was when we worked beside one another over those few weekends that I really got to know some of the people who have been members of the Optimist Club for years."

Previously adds Wright, the club "had a sad pickup truck with people in the back." The Club upped the Halloween Parade stakes in an effort to raise awareness in the community about who Optimists are and what club members do.

"Halloween is so much fun," says Wright. "It's all about the spirit of the season. Now, Halloween may have different kinds of spirits...."

"All of Vienna is about community, having a safe place for kids, and the joy of the season," she adds. "This is an active community – it's so much more engaging than a town that does nothing. *We live in Vienna, and we live in Vienna.*" 🍷



Halloween – and history – on the Green

A full day of fun for the young and young-at-heart will be offered on the Town Green Saturday, October 14, through two free events.

Halloween on the Green

Bring your little goblins to the Town Green beginning at 10:30 a.m. for spook-tacular fun at Halloween on the Green. Until 12:30 boys and ghouls can enjoy spooky crafts, games and prizes, storytelling, moon bounces, petting zoo, treats to eat, a visit from Vienna Singing Princesses, and a chance to carve or paint their own pumpkin, while supplies last. Costumes are encouraged.

Big bash for Little Library's 120th anniversary

You might as well make a fun day of it: Directly following the Town's 10:30 a.m. Halloween on the Green event Saturday, October 14, Historic Vienna, Inc. will roll out the cake and hand-cranked ice cream, musicians, games, and stories in celebration of the Vienna Little Library's 120th anniversary. The Big Birthday Bash for the Vienna Little Library will take place from 1-4 p.m. on the Freeman Store grounds, and you're invited!

Event transition activities include songs and stories for children at 12:30 p.m. Hickory Grove will begin



performing old-fashioned folk tunes at 1 p.m. with a proclamation and historic presentation offered at 1:30.

Throughout the afternoon, people who used the Little Library in its heyday will provide oral histories; games and races (think racing while balancing a book on your head) will be set up; and Northern Virginia Model Railroaders will welcome you to the train depot open house. At 3:30, Abram and Susan Lydecker, who built the Freeman Store in 1859, will present the Town of Vienna's history through 10 historic objects, and a best-decorated bicycle parade will get underway. Also, don't miss the dress-up and photo-op corners. 📍

Vienna Little Library by the #s

1897

year the Little Library was opened at corner of Library Lane and Maple Avenue

20

percentage of the Little Library collection donated by Mrs. Gilman Hall, president of the Vienna Library Association from 1940-46

1835

year the oldest book in the Little Library was published

2020

year that the Little Library can apply to be on National Register of Historic Places; since the library was moved in 1970, it has to wait until then to meet the requirement that it be in the same location for 50 years

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number of books currently in the Little Library (hint: it's less than the approximately 8,000 at its peak) *The adult and child who guess correctly October 14 will win prizes!*

Town talks trash on Cleanup Day

Volunteerism and community pride are not mutually exclusive. To wit, Vienna's semi-annual Cleanup Day offers an opportunity to serve the larger community as well as a very visible sense of accomplishment for those volunteers who have rolled up their sleeves.

During the Town's most recent cleanup event, more than 70 individuals and organizations banded together to spring clean the Town. Scout troops, churches, schools, neighbors, and Town staff divided and conquered parks, streams, streets, playgrounds, and the Town Green, removing trash and brush, cleaning streams, pulling weeds, raking play areas, and installing rocks and boulders to mitigate stream erosion.

The next opportunity for volunteer organizations and community members to roll up their sleeves for Cleanup Day is Saturday, November 4. Volunteers will work on a variety of projects from 9 a.m.-noon, meeting at the Town Green to obtain assignments. To sign up for Cleanup Day or for more information, contact Park Maintenance Supervisor John King Jr. at jking@viennava.gov.

"It's a great service opportunity for folks to take action in areas that directly affect them," says King. "We are expecting approximately 100 people from Our Lady of Good Council's church and school alone, and we will make sure that they have an opportunity to fix up areas that are important to and directly impact them.

"Cleanup Day polishes the Town," he adds, "but it also rewards those involved on both a practical and service-to-others level." 📍



Tracking the W&OD through time

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

Editor's note: Vienna Voice recently sat down with Paul McCray, W&OD historian and former park manager, to discuss the W&OD trail's history as a railroad line, before it became a 45-mile regional park. During his two decades managing the trail from 1985-2005, McCray collected photographs, news articles, and relics detailing the rail's history.

It's ironic that the iconic red W&OD caboose, which for many is *the* symbol of Vienna, actually comes from outside of Town. Before becoming a set piece in quaint Vienna in the fall of 1990, the caboose was part of a large and impactful railroad line that connected Washington, D.C. to all of Northern Virginia. The W&OD rail line chugged through the Civil War, the automotive boom, and Jim Crow laws until its closure in the late 1960s.

Prior to the 20th century, everything in Virginia west of Alexandria was pretty much considered "the land before time." There weren't dinosaurs, but rather farmers, merchants, vendors, miners, and others who needed to get from the boondocks to civilization in order to make their living.

"There was a real need for the rail in the East, most people lived there," says former W&OD Park Manager Paul McCray. "But as areas further west, such as Sterling, Leesburg, and Loudon County, were populated further and further out, the demand for rail expansion increased."

The then Alexandria-Hampshire line was the main transportation link for those needing to get to markets in Alexandria and D.C., and Vienna was along the route, only about an hour from the market hubs. The railroad knew it needed to accommodate the many towns popping up along its spine, so it located stations every few miles. The rail connected East Falls Church, West Falls Church, and Vienna, all of which are along Metro's orange line today.

The Vienna rail line experienced its 15 minutes of fame during the Civil War when a train car carrying Union soldiers from the west was ambushed by Confederates where the Vienna Community Center sits on Park Street today. The Union's 2nd Massachusetts Cavalry subsequently camped out in Vienna in its pursuit of Confederate cavalier John Mosby, known for leading lightning-quick raids and eluding Union pursuers.

While the Civil War ended in 1865, the country remained divided well into the next century. "Separate but equal" and Jim Crow laws literally and figuratively cut society in half, and railroads were no exception. In 1896, Vienna's train depot, like many throughout the country, had two waiting areas, one for whites and the other for "coloreds." Passengers filtered into their respective lines to talk to the station master, who had to address riders through two separate windows. Blueprints for the depot dated as recently as the mid-1960s show the sections labeled as such.

"In addition to separate ticketing lines, the cars were segregated as well," says McCray. "However, the rail eventually ignored Jim Crow laws, and we have photos of early integration."

"Local" passenger rail travel began to decline in the 1930s as more and more people favored automobiles as those vehicles got faster and roads got better and more plentiful. Passenger service in Vienna stopped altogether in 1941, but was revived in 1943, as the country rationed gasoline for the war effort, and continued fitfully until 1951.

The first section of the multipurpose, recreational W&OD trail as we know it today opened in 1974 in the City of Falls Church. It spread westward on land acquired by NOVA Parks through power company easements, until it stretched 45 miles as it does today from Purcellville to Shrlington.

As for Vienna's caboose.... Sometime in the late 1980s, railroads, who were no longer required to use a red caboose, began looking for homes for these train cars in communities throughout the country. The Norfolk Southern Company drew up a list of localities that would be appropriate to foster the relics, and Vienna was an ideal fit.

Vienna's caboose was donated by the company and later dedicated by the Town on September 15, 1990 to commemorate the Town's 100th anniversary.

Today, The Optimist Club hosts caboose open houses, and the Northern Virginia Model Railroaders host depot open houses monthly throughout much of the year. Check the organizations' calendars at optimistclubofgreatervienna.org and nvmmr.org for dates and more information. ↴



Going energy efficient is easy – we'll show you how!

In celebration of Energy Efficiency Day, the Community Enhancement Commission will host a panel discussion and presentations on easy-to-do strategies to make your home or business more energy efficient. The presentation will take place 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, October 5, in Council Chambers at Town Hall.

Tips and information will be provided by professional energy auditor Ryan Van Patten with the Local Energy Alliance Program and Peter Soyka, of the Sustainability Guys and a published expert on energy efficiency. A video about how to use thermal-imaging cameras that attach to your smart phone to assess your home or business for leaks will be shown as well.

In addition, LED light bulbs will be given to several lucky attendees. This event is free and open to the public. ↴

Community Wildlife Habitat national certification: Vienna does it again!

by Bob Robinson, Community Enhancement Commission

In 2016 Vienna became the 92nd community nationwide to be certified as a leader in providing a healthy and sustainable environment in which people, plants, and wildlife all can flourish. To retain such Community Wildlife Habitat certification, the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) requires communities to continue efforts to expand and improve habitats. Each year communities of Vienna's size are required to earn 40 post-certification points. Mirroring last year's remarkable initial certification success, Vienna overachieved again, more than doubling this requirement for 2017 recertification.

This achievement was made possible through the commitment of many "habitat heroes." Each deserves our thanks and admiration. In particular, 20 homeowners and schools received certification this year as providing food, water, and cover for birds, pollinators, and other wildlife, adding to the approximately 200 properties that were certified last year. Likewise, the Town's impressive efforts to restore Wolftrap Creek in Wildwood Park and ongoing restoration of Hunters Branch, among other efforts, earned recognition and recertification points.

Recertification is an annual process, so our work has just begun. With many pollinator populations in freefall and so many songbird species in serious difficulty, the natural world needs our help. Every bit of newly certified habitat is part of the solution and, fortunately, requirements for backyard habitat certification as laid out on the NWF website (nwf.org) are not onerous. Planting a wildlife-friendly garden has the additional benefit of providing countless hours of viewing pleasure. 🍃

Urban Land Institute helps Vienna take fresh look at potential of W&OD

The Town of Vienna may have unrealized, unique land-use and economic development opportunities related to the W&OD trail, the 45-mile linear, regional park that cuts through the heart of Vienna's commercial area and connects to its Town Green. That was the conclusion of an eight-member panel of Washington-area real estate and land use professionals with the Urban Land Institute (ULI) who spent two days in September biking the W&OD trail in the rain, meeting with stakeholders, considering challenges and opportunities, and formulating preliminary recommendations to enhance the symbiotic relationship between the Town and the trail as well as land uses surrounding the Vienna section of the W&OD.



The Technical Assistance Panel, hosted by the Town in conjunction with ULI and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, presented its preliminary recommendations at the conclusion of its two-day study. Another presentation about the study and the panel's recommendations will be made to Town Council at its October 16 meeting.

The panel found that both Northside Park and the Town Green, which are directly linked to the NOVA Parks-managed W&OD trail, may be underutilized. In the Town Green area, the panel suggested that mixed-use development could boost the area, increasing vibrancy and creating a trail "destination."

Panel members identified parking, wayfinding signage, and land-use goal-setting as areas that should be addressed. Further, the panel recommended improvements to intersection safety, additional urban design recommendations, incorporating public art and wildlife habitats along the trail, a parking study and more coordinated approach to parking, and a "complete streets" concept for the Vienna section of the trail.

The Town applied to participate in a ULI Technical Assistance Panel to help jump start a future Town-based parks master plan process for areas surrounding the portion of the trail within Vienna. All strategies put forward by the ULI panel are recommendations only and would require Town action before moving forward.

The October 16 presentation to Council is open to the public. Council meetings begin at 8 p.m. 🍃

Mark October 5 efficiently

by Susan Stillman, Community Enhancement Commission

As October 5 is Energy Efficiency Day, this month is a great time to make your home or business more comfortable and less expensive to operate. What can you do?

You can take the individual Light Bulb Challenge or Office Lighting Challenge at energyefficiencyday.org and pledge to change one or 10 light bulbs, respectively, to an LED bulb. LED bulbs have become very well priced and save large amounts of energy and money while providing an attractive light.

Check out for free from the Fairfax County Library a thermal camera that attaches to your smart phone and scan your house or business for leaks that let hot air in in the summer and your nice warm air out in the winter.

Or, if you've changed your light bulbs and fixed the obvious leaks, spring for a blower door test and a professional energy audit. You'll find these very worthwhile, and your home or building will be more comfortable and less expensive to operate when the work is completed! Winter is around the corner so make yours comfortable and cozy. 🍃

Mayor @ Your Service visits Vienna Inn



photo by Adam Kincaid

Mark your calendars for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 14, to be at the place where everyone knows your name: the Vienna Inn.

Mayor Laurie DiRocco is taking the November Mayor @ Your Service event on the road to the home of famous chili dogs, where she will host a panel discussion about the Vienna Inn’s long history and impact on the community.

Panel members will include local “veter-inns” who have been die-hard patrons since original owners Mike and Mollie Abraham established the Inn in 1960.

Come hear oral histories, anecdotes, and tales of the dive that is synonymous with Vienna.

More information about the event will be in the November issue of *Vienna Voice* and on Town and Vienna Inn social media sites (@TownofViennaVA and @viennainnva); use the hashtag #atyourservice to join the conversation. 📌

VTC turns up the drama from golden age of radio

In its return to the Vienna Community Center stage, the Vienna Theatre Company presents *In Living Sound – Back Home!*, live radio drama from the golden age of radio. Performances provide an entertaining evening of radio plays from the 1930s and ’40s, replete with live sound effects.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, October 20-21 and 27-28, and 2 p.m. Sunday, October 22. Tickets are \$14 and available online in advance at viennava.gov/webtrac or at the Vienna Community Center beginning October 20 and at the door, if still available.

Episodes from four classic series feature light-hearted comedy and detective drama as well as a taste of suspense and the supernatural. *In Living Sound – Back Home!* will feature Stuart Fischer, Terry Mason, Jay T. Stein, Jocelyn Steiner, John Totten, and Kathy Young in:

- Popeye: Visiting the Zoo
- Boston Blackie: Blackie and the Fur Trade
- Fleischmann’s Yeast Hour: The Church Mouse
- Lights Out: Knock at the Door. 📌



Vienna businesses with staying power

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

30 YEARS

Diplomat Cleaners

20 YEARS

Popeyes Chicken and Biscuits

15 YEARS

Advanced Auto Parts

Natta Thai Cuisine

10 YEARS

Bungalow Homes

Integrity Rehab Group

John Alabaster Watch & Clock

Laurie J. Smith

Plaka Grill

Reflexology and Beyond

Ryu & Ryu

Sarah S. Ganjavi-Rejali

Vienna Pediatric Dentistry

VTS Travel

Yeske Buie

5 YEARS

Affordable Marketing Lists

Halomed North America

Marty Virgilio

Salon Etoiles

Samobel Beauty Salon

Open for business

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

Erika B. Potmesil

reiki teacher

311 Maple Avenue W

703-340-4816

Potomac River Running

sales

111 Maple Avenue W

703-790-3338

Rita’s of Vienna

restaurant

116 Church Street NW

703-969-2502

Super Hair’s Beauty Academy

nail technician

165 Maple Avenue E

571-424-5557



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.

August 21

- Following a public hearing to consider recommended changes from the Planning Commission, planning and zoning staff, and Town Council regarding the Definitions section of the Zoning Ordinance, Council adopted the recommended changes except for those related to finished lot grade.
- Approved a proposed six-lot subdivision and final plat application, along with two requested waivers, from Mashie Drive LLC in the RS-16 zone.
- Approved site plan modifications from Willow Creek Estates LLC for yard setbacks, maximum lot coverage, and building setbacks for a proposed townhouse condominium development at 135 Center Street S in the RM-2 multifamily, low-density zone.
- Adopted changes to the rezoning protest vote provision in the Zoning Ordinance, Article 24 – *Rezoning and Amendments, Section 18-248 – Protest against proposed change*.
- Adopted a concept created by Ashton Design for further development as the Town’s logo.
- Approved renewal of annual contract with Day & Night printing for \$22,008 for printing and mail preparation of Town’s monthly newsletter.
- Approved capital improvement program spending of \$32,399.38 with Mity Lite for chairs, tables, and carts for the Vienna Community Center.
- Approved spending an additional amount not to exceed \$1,725.38 with MVP Sports for parks and recreation camps through June 30.

- Approved publication of the annual report of delinquent real estate properties as of June 30, 2017 in a newspaper of general circulation and on the Town’s website.
- Awarded a four-year capital lease in an amount not exceed \$730,000 to finance vehicle and equipment replacement items to National Capital Finance.
- Approved \$15,200 in additional FY17 spending with Broad Run Recycling LLC, which provides construction and demolition waste disposal services to the Town.
- Approved expenditures of \$100,000 with E.E. Lyons Construction for water main and appurtenance improvements within the Town’s water service area.
- Approved a total expenditure of \$340,619.09 through the vehicle replacement program for one parks and recreation and three public works vehicles, including a 12-passenger van, loader, water and sewer TV unit vehicle, and utility truck.
- Approved payment of \$20,857.11 for supplemental legal service fees for FY2016-17.

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- Approved a memorandum of understanding between the Town and Vienna Business Association for the 2017 Oktoberfest event.
- Approved a memorandum of understanding between the Town and Morton and Spaperri Family Foundation for donation and installation of native and pollinator plantings at the Vienna Community Center.
- Authorized the police department to expend \$25,000 with the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force.
- Approved additional FY2017 funding in the amount of \$4,472 with Double H Locates for utility marking services.
- Approved \$254,850 in FY2018 spending with National Asphalt Manufacturing Corporation.

- Adopted amendments to the Definitions section of the Zoning Ordinance, Article 2, Section 18.4 as amended by Council on August 21.
- Referred proposed Town code amendment to Section 18-241 – *Decisions of Board*, requiring that any Board of Zoning Appeals action result from a vote of a “majority of membership of the board,” to the Planning Commission for review and recommendations.
- Ratified nominees to an advisory Design Guidelines Steering Committee as recommended by staff and design guidelines consultant with one additional nominee.
- Appropriated previously approved funds of \$198,382 to Keller Brothers for the community center project.
- Approved renewal of maintenance and support services contract with Tyler Munis Financial System Software for \$80,871.
- Approved a lease, with one amendment, with Cellco Partnership, dba Verizon Wireless, for installation of cellular antennae on the Tapawingo/Frederick Street SW water tower.

Appointed to serve

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

- Becky Allison – Transportation Safety Commission
- Friderike Butler – Town Business Liaison Committee
- Bob Leggett – Town Business Liaison Committee
- Mary McCullough – Planning Commission

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The October 1977 newsletter reported that Fairfax County staff members would present Tysons development plans to Town Council that month. “The Town Council has expressed great concern over the very substantial increase in traffic on Route 123 that such a development would generate,” the newsletter reported.

HAPPENINGS around town

A **Caregivers Support Group**, sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna, meets from 10-11:30 am the first and third Thursday 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 or Lynn Rafferty at 703-508-1365 or radmom8992@gmail.com.

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, October 3, 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 wv.pflag@gmail.com or visit pflagdc.org and facebook.com/groups/fly.pflag/.

Fred Siskind, a nature photographer who specializes in wildlife, will speak about taking macro photographs of dew-covered insects, such as dragonflies, damselflies, butterflies, and caterpillars, at the October 4 **Vienna Photographic Society** meeting at 7:30 pm in the Thoreau Middle School cafeteria (room C101). For more information, visit vpsva.org.

The **McLean Area American Association of University Women** will host its 48th annual **Used Book Sale** at a new location: the Spring Hill Recreation Center at 1239 Spring Hill Road. Books, CDs, and DVDs for adults and children will be available from: 9 am-7 pm Friday, October 6; 10 am-6 pm Saturday, October 7, and 12-4 pm Sunday, October 8. Come find some great reading/listening material and enter the raffle for a Washington Nationals jersey and cap signed by Max Scherzer.

Partisan gerrymandering of legislative districts – what it is and how to defeat it – will be the topic of discussion, led by OneVirginia2021 representatives, at the October 10 meeting of the **Vienna Area American Association of University Women**. This free event will take place at 6:30 pm at the Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place. For more information, email viennaauw@gmail.com.

In conjunction with National Fire Prevention Week, the **Vienna Volunteer Fire Department** is hosting its **annual open house**, featuring fun, family-friendly

activities and displays, from 10 am-4 pm Saturday, October 14, at 400 Center Street S. This year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!," emphasizes the critical importance of developing a home escape plan and practicing it.

Lessons Learned is the theme of a **TEDxTysonsSalon** being held from 5-9 pm Saturday, October 14, at the Barns @ Wolf Trap. The event, featuring four speakers, is organized to initiate discussion about the spirit of the individual and power of resilience as well as learning from mistakes, overcoming failures, and enduring loss. Tickets are \$22 in advance and \$27 at the door. Find more information and tickets at ted.com/tedx/events/22322.

The **Ayr Hill Garden Club** will sell top-quality, mostly deer-resistant, **fall bulbs** from 8 am-noon Saturday, October 14, 21, and 28, at the Vienna Farmers Market in the parking lot of Faith Baptist Church, 301 Center Street S. Among bulbs for sale will be alliums, Spanish blue bells, crocus, narcissus, tulips, hyacinth, and muscari. Sale proceeds will help support six Vienna Town gardens cultivated and maintained by the Ayr Hill Garden Club.

American Legion Post 180 will serve up a **breakfast buffet** from 8 am-noon Sunday, October 15, at 330 Center Street N. Enjoy omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, and more. The buffet is \$9 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and younger. For more information, call 703-938-6580.

Get into the swing of things at the **Madison Masters 2017 – Mark McGinly Memorial Golf Tournament**, hosted by the James Madison High School Booster Club, Monday, October 16, at Westwood Country Club. The \$150 player registration fee covers breakfast, lunch, beverages, greens fees, and a player gift. The golf tournament is held each year in honor of Mark McGinly, a member of the 1990 and 1992 state champion Madison golf teams; McGinly died in the 9-11 attacks on the World Trade Center. To register, click on the "golf tournament" tab at warhawkspports.org. Questions? Contact Kathy Clark at kathyclarkconsulting@gmail.com.

Holly Seibold, director of BRAWS (Bringing Resources and Aid to Women in Shelters) will be the guest speaker at the

Vienna Woman's Club meeting at 7 pm October 18 at the Vienna Community Center. Donations of new bras, panties, and feminine hygiene products are encouraged.

Noted local historian **Jim Lewis** will share new information about Union commander Charles Russell Lowell Jr., and his bride, Josephine Shaw, at a Civil War program presentation at 7:30 pm Thursday, October 26, at the Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue E. Charles Lowell commanded Camp Vienna from 1863-64.

Church World Service will host a **virtual CROP Walk** in Vienna October 15. CROP Walks generate awareness of and relief for hunger issues worldwide and locally. Make a donation, sign up online, or organize a team for the virtual Vienna walk at crophungerwalk.org/viennava. Some of the funds raised through this walk will support the Committee for Helping Others, which provides food, clothing, furniture, and emergency relief to residents in need in Vienna, Oakton, Dunn Loring, and Merrifield

Ever wonder how milkshakes were made in the early 1900s? The answer is at the **Freeman Store and Museum!** It's part of the museum's exhibit on the history of the Town; another exhibit details the story of women suffragists. In the gift shop, lots of new novelties, including many Virginia-themed items, are available. The Freeman Store and Museum, at 131 Church Street NE, is open 12-4 pm Wednesday-Sunday.

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.

Mark your calendars for the November 11 **Vienna Woman's Club 55th Holiday Bazaar**. The bazaar will be held from 9:30 am-4 pm at the Vienna Community Center. Proceeds from this event support the Woman's Club scholarship awards.

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The October 1972 issue of the Vienna newsletter reported that 417 residents responded in favor of a total recycling program, 30 supported a newspapers-only recycling program, and six would be unwilling to participate in any recycling program.

**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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October TOWN CALENDAR

3 Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 pm

5 Energy Efficiency Day Forum • 7:30 pm

7 Vienna Farmers Market • 8 am-noon

7 Oktoberfest (Historic Church Street) • 11 am-7 pm

9 Holiday: Town Hall Closed/Regular Refuse Collection

11 Historic Vienna, Inc. (Freeman Store) • 7:30 pm

11 Planning Commission • 8 pm

12 Town Business Liaison Committee • 7 pm

14 Vienna Farmers Market • 8 am-noon

14 VVFD Open House • 10 am-4 pm

14 Halloween on the Green • 10:30 am-12:30 pm

14 Big Birthday Bash for Vienna Little Library (Freeman Store Grounds) • 1-4 pm

16 Town Council Meeting • 8 pm

17 Public Art Commission • 7 pm

18 Board of Zoning Appeals/Public Hearing • 8 pm

19 Board of Architectural Review • 8 pm

20 Vienna Theatre Company: In Living Sound (VCC) • 8 pm

21 Vienna Farmers Market • 8 am-noon

21 Vienna Theatre Company: In Living Sound (VCC) • 8 pm

22 Vienna Theatre Company: In Living Sound (VCC) • 2 pm

23 Town Council Work Session • 8 pm

25 Halloween Parade (Maple Ave.) • 7 pm

26 Community Enhancement Commission • 7:30 pm

26 Planning Commission • 8 pm

27 Vienna Theatre Company: In Living Sound (VCC) • 8 pm

28 Vienna Farmers Market (last market of the season) • 8 am-noon

28 Vienna Theatre Company: In Living Sound (VCC) • 8 pm

29 Town Council Meeting • 8 pm

31 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee • 7 pm

31 Transportation Safety Commission • 8 pm

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