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Vienna's top-of-the-line bond ratings affirmed; Town issues \$7.9M in bonds for capital projects

In preparation for the Town of Vienna's issuance of bonds in order to fund capital improvement projects, the nation's two top-regarded rating agencies affirmed in February the Town's AAA bond ratings, the highest rating that is available. Those high ratings helped the Town's \$7.9 million general obligation bond issuance, executed on February 13, appeal to investors; they also helped ensure that the Town would obtain a favorable interest rate.

The winning bidder for the Town's bonds was Morgan Stanley and Co., LLC, who provided a 2.45% interest rate on the bonds as well as a \$1.3 million – or 17% – premium, which is additional funding not subject to interest. Eight financial firms submitted bids with interest rates ranging from 2.45-2.51%.

Investors, notes Finance Director Marion Serfass, looked favorably on Vienna's offering because of the Town's strong bond ratings and also because changes to the nation's tax laws at the end of last year meant that relatively few bond offerings were available in February.

The Town issues bonds every other year to fund capital improvement projects and repays the 15-year bonds using meals tax revenue and water and sewer fees. More than half of the funds raised through the 2018 bond issuance will be used for water and sewer improvement projects; the remainder will fund architectural and engineering services

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photo by Adam Kincaid

Last call to say 'thank you'

If you're a superfan of a Vienna individual or business, now's the time to slow clap and chant their name. Or you could simply nominate them to receive community recognition for their good deeds at the Mayor's Volunteer Reception on April 17.

Nominate your hometown hero by March 3. Go to viennava.gov/volunteers, complete the form, and submit it via email or drop it off at Town Hall.

If you know of a business in Town that consistently goes beyond the call of duty in service to the community, send an e-mail to Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid at adam.kincaid@viennava.gov by March 7 in order to nominate them for the Carole Wolfand Award, which is presented by the Town Business Liaison Committee. Please put "Carole Wolfand nomination" in the email subject line. 📧



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Private-public pARTnership seeks mural artists

The Vienna Public Arts Commission (VPAC), Vienna Shopping Center Limited Partnership, and Rappaport have partnered to bring an approximately 2,500-square-foot mural to the rear of the Rappaport-managed Vienna Shopping Center at Maple Avenue and Center Street. The mural will be created along approximately 200 linear feet of the rear of the shopping center and will be visible from Cottage Street. Rappaport is generously providing financial support of up to \$20,000 for this project.

VPAC has issued a call for artists to create the mural embracing a “Small Town, Big Community” theme; artist qualifications and concept submissions are due March 31. For additional information about artist qualifications, selection criteria, and how to submit applications, visit viennava.gov/mural.

Consideration of artists is open to those who have previously installed exterior murals of a similar size for public view (photos/details should be provided) and are fully licensed and insured. A unique requirement of this project will be that the artist outline how James Madison High School students can be actively engaged in the mural installment process.

Interested artists should submit a portfolio or previous work as well as a rendering or sketch and a detailed description (no more than 400 words) of their proposed concept embodying the “Small Town, Big Community” theme and conveying an understanding of the Town of Vienna community. Submissions also should indicate how the artist will integrate the building’s rear façade in the concept, including active rear doors. Proposals and questions may be submitted to viennapac@gmail.com.

Scope of work will include cleaning and preparation of façade, provision of materials, application of the mural, appropriate safety precautions, and recommendations for proper maintenance

of the mural. Any additional costs outside the scope of work must be identified.

Application of the mural is expected to begin in late spring or early summer with completion in September. A project timeline should be included in the artist’s submission as well.

Artist selection will be determined by a panel of VPAC members, Rappaport representatives, and Town officials. Criteria includes creativity and appeal of concept presented and how well it

connects with the community and theme, artist experience and portfolio, timeliness of installation, and proposed cost.

“We’re so excited and grateful that Rappaport was willing to underwrite this public art effort,” says VPAC member Lu Cousins. “We can’t wait to see how Vienna’s ‘Small Town, Big Community’ way of life plays out in the mural. This and other public art efforts will, we know, add just a little more color and depth and richness to our community.”

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Mural makeover The back of the Vienna Shopping Center will serve as the canvas for a “Small Town, Big Community”-themed mural.



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for renovation of the police station, several smaller public works and parks projects, and issuance costs.

The Town's bond ratings were reaffirmed by Moody's and Standard & Poor's Global Ratings. S&P's AAA rating reflects its view of the Town's very strong economy, strong management, adequate budgetary performance, very strong budgetary flexibility, very strong liquidity, and strong debt and contingent liability position.

"We consider Vienna's economy [to be] very strong," the ratings agency said in its report. "...[W]e believe the [T]own's strong financial policies and procedures as well as adherence to conservative budgeting practices provide additional rating stability."

Moody's assigned its most favorable Aaa rating based on Vienna's sound financial operations and conservative budget management; stable, favorably located tax base with above-average wealth levels; and manageable debt burden.

"Vienna's financial position will remain stable given adherence to formal fiscal policies and conservative management practices, as evidenced by the [T]own's ability to maintain strong reserve levels over the last five years," Moody's states in its analysis.

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- Standard & Poor's

"Vienna's strong financial position is supported by a history of conservative budgeting, a long-range capital improvement plan, and adherence to formal fiscal policies." 📌

Egg rolls! You can't beat 'em, hope you join 'em

Two egg rolls, of the scattered and candy-filled plastic type, will take place in Vienna Friday and Saturday, March 23 and 24.

At 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 23, children of all ages will descend on Glyndon Park where they can jump around on a moon bounce, get a selfie with the Easter Bunny at twilight, and then scatter in search of Easter eggs filled with sugary goodness in the dark. This event is sold out. If you have tickets, bring a flashlight!

From 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 24, Historic Vienna, Inc. will host an Old-Fashioned Egg Roll on the lawn of the Freeman Store. The Easter Bunny will be poised for photos; crafts and activities will be hoppin' as well. This egg roll is for kids ages 12 and under. To participate in the egg roll, HVI recommends arriving by 10:30 a.m. sharp. This event is free and open to the public; no registration is required. 📌



Marshall Road sidewalk project set to get underway

A capital improvement project to replace an asphalt path along Marshall Road with concrete sidewalk, elevate the roadway, replace curb and gutter, and make additional safety enhancements is set to get underway at the end of the month. The primary objective of the project is to enhance safety for children walking and biking to school.

This project was originally scheduled for last summer, but was delayed when it was determined that utilities needed to be relocated first. Gas pipeline and water lines have now been relocated, and the three-month project is scheduled to begin March 26.

The project area extends from Marshall Road Elementary School to Trowbridge Place SW. Lane closures will be in effect, and westbound traffic will need to utilize the detour along Ware Street and Tapawingo Road.

The \$1.6 million project will be completed by A&M Concrete Corporation of Sterling and funded through a VDOT revenue-sharing grant and the Town’s capital improvement funds. Depending on weather conditions, the project is expected to be finished by the end of June.

The Town will email project updates to interested residents. To sign up for these emails, send a request to Emily Goodman at emily.goodman@viennava.gov.

Trout, anyone?

It’s no “haddock” to sign up and go fishing in Vienna this spring – in fact, it’s quite easy.

For \$5 per person, you can cast a line Saturday, April 21, at Vienna’s 5th annual Family Fishing Rodeo at Wolftrap Creek. Time slots are available throughout the morning: 8, 8:30, 9, 9:30, 10, 10:30, and 11 a.m.

Tickets may be purchased online at viennava.gov/webtrac or in person at the community center. Pre-registration is required, and there is a limit of six tickets per household. In addition, all participants over the age of 16 must possess a fishing license, available through the Virginia Department of Gaming and Inland Fisheries.



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Freeman exhibits focus on women’s rights and the Great War

As the Freeman Store and Museum prepares to open its doors March 1 for the 2018 season, it also is opening two new exhibits with a focus on war and women’s rights.

In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, Historic Vienna, Inc.’s 2018 main exhibit, located on the second floor, is entitled *Home Front – The Great War and Vienna*. The exhibit features information, images, models, and artifacts, including uniforms, equipment, and documents, from “the war to end all wars.” The exhibit also will include a diorama of the fearsome trenches that were ubiquitous on World War I battlefields as well as a graphic display of awards and decorations.

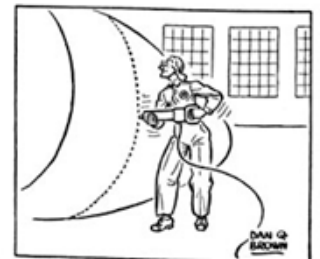
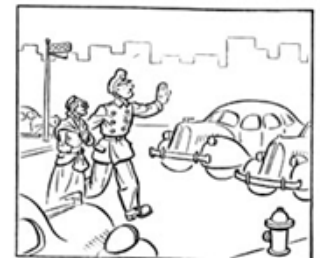
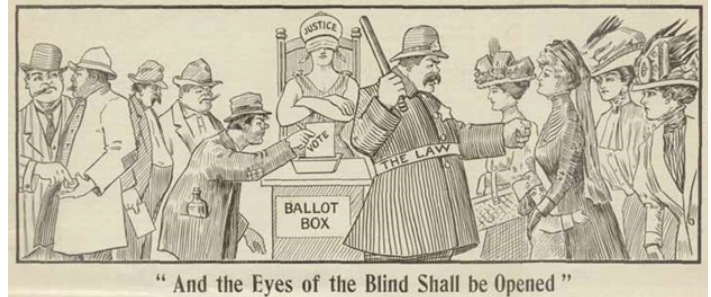
Leigh Kitcher, one of the HVI curators, is most excited about inclusion in the exhibit of her grandfather’s passport, which identifies him as an ambulance driver. Artifacts from period ambulances as well as a stirring photo of ambulances unloading wounded soldiers in Paris underscore the costs of war.

“It’s really neat that we were able gather and can share with the community real 100-year-old stuff that was actually there on the battlefields and in the ambulances of World War I,” says HVI President Anne Stuntz.

“Vienna didn’t have an awful lot to do with the war,” notes another HVI curator, Mike Berger. “Seventy-three men with a Vienna address fought in the war,” which the United States did not enter until 1917.

However, the names of two Vienna soldiers who lost their lives in World War I will ring familiar to those living in the community today. The exhibit tells how George Dyer and Clarence Gunnell, for whom the local American Legion Post is named, lost their lives.

The hallway exhibit downstairs in the Freeman House will focus this year on *The Women’s Rights Movement through Cartoons*. The exhibit features more than 50 political cartoons and other images collected from newspapers, postcards, and other publications from the 1850s onward.



A humorous look at women’s rights These two cartoons, from 1910 (top) and 1943, are part of *The Women’s Rights Movement through Cartoons* exhibit at the Freeman Store and Museum.

The cartoons focus on the right to vote as well as other women’s rights for which Elizabeth Cady Stanton fought, including rights related to parental custody, property, employment and income, divorce, economic health of the family, and birth control.

“We tried to include cartoons that made a statement about what people were really thinking about at the time,” says Kitcher.

Annual exhibits related to the women’s rights movement will continue at the Freeman House through 2020, which will mark the 100th anniversary of adoption of the Constitutional amendment allowing women to vote.

All are invited to an opening reception from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, March 4. The exhibits will be accessible when the Freeman Store is open from 12-4 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday.

World War I postcards, pins, and notecards will be available for purchase at the store. The pins feature a poppy, a reminder of the great human cost of war and a universal symbol of military remembrance, or an image of Uncle Sam from the iconic “I Want You” poster by James Montgomery Flagg.



Vienna has an updated appetite for restaurants

Retail businesses have experienced a lot of changes over the past 50 years, not the least of which are e-commerce and America's increased appetite for dining out. So how does the Town of Vienna adapt to the market and revitalize its retail space? One option is enticing more restaurants to set up shop in Town.

Late last year Town Council approved changes to the Town Code that likely will make Vienna even more palatable to restaurants. For example, the seating requirement of a 1971 code that mandated that restaurants in freestanding buildings have at least 125 seats was dropped. Also, restaurants can now set up, by right, in any area zoned for commercial use.

"Ultimately," says Deputy Planning Director Hyojung Garland, "these changes make it easier for restaurants to locate in the Town of Vienna. Now that we've updated our code, we're excited to see what new restaurants may be interested in coming to Town."

Stay hungry, my friends. 🍴



Master plan encourages Town, residents to put one foot in front of the other

The Town of Vienna's newly adopted Pedestrian Master Plan encourages residents and Town officials to continually put one foot in front of the other in efforts to create an integrated network of pedestrian routes and earn national recognition as a walk-friendly community. The master plan, a vision document that provides recommendations to Town officials, was crafted by the Pedestrian Advisory Committee and adopted by Town Council at its January 8 meeting.

The Pedestrian Master Plan puts forward five goals and offers 13 action recommendations related to facilities, governing and operations, and education, enforcement, and encouragement.

A top priority on the wish list is to have sidewalks on both sides of as many Town streets as possible. Consensus goals include refurbishing existing sidewalks when new home construction occurs in an area, improving streetlight synchronization and

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photo by Adam Kincaid

Walking the walk Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) members have developed a pedestrian master plan for the community. PAC members include, from left in photo, Angela Sorrell, Donna Smith, Julie Hays, Sandra Allen, and Jessica Plowgian as well as Catherine Hardman and Jonathan Rak, who are not in the photo.

Phone scam spoofs Town's numbers

Last month, the Town of Vienna became aware that its phone numbers and caller ID were being spoofed by telemarketers attempting to sell products and services (often health insurance) under false pretenses. The Town received several calls from residents about this phone scam. The Town of Vienna DOES NOT contact residents in order to sell any kind of goods or services.

If you receive one of these calls, where the Town of Vienna's name and a Town number display on your caller ID, please let the Town know by calling 703-255-5725 or emailing ITHelp@viennava.gov. This information is being submitted, along with formal complaints, to the FCC as it is illegal to falsely use an individual's/organization's ID in order to sell products or services under false pretenses. Here's the information needed by the Town:

- name of resident contacted
- phone number of resident
- spoofed number that appears on caller ID as well as name shown by caller ID
- date and time of the call
- details about what the telemarketer was trying to sell or asked resident to do. 📞



Clean sweep of Town streets indicates spring is on the way

After a chilly winter on planet Hoth – and Northern Virginia, too – the Public Works Department will put the cold weather in the rearview mirror by sweeping clean Vienna's wind-blown streets.

Street sweeping gets rid of salt, silt, sand, and other forms of debris that have accumulated on Vienna's streets over the winter. Think of street sweeping as an early bit of spring cleaning that adds a sparkle to Vienna neighborhoods, but also reduces runoff and helps prevent waste from entering the Chesapeake Bay.

Street sweeping will begin March 19. To help ensure that streets can be cleaned as well as possible, the Town asks residents to refrain from parking on streets during a section's

first scheduled sweeping time. Residents also are asked to place any debris, trash, sticks, yard waste, and receptacles on top of the curb leaving the street open. Check the map at viennava.gov/sweeping to see approximately when your area will be cleaned.

“No Parking” signs will be placed in sections of Town about a week prior to the scheduled sweeping. Sweeping will continue periodically throughout the spring and summer, but residents may park their vehicles as usual after the first pass through Town is complete.

Questions? Call the Public Works Department at 703-255-6380. 📞

Protecting local vegetation helps preserve Chesapeake Bay watershed

by Water Quality Engineer Christine Horner

Throughout the Town of Vienna there are more than five miles of streams and wetlands protected under the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act. The Bay Act requires that the Town institute land-use regulations in order to protect the quality of the Chesapeake Bay watershed. This requirement is achieved using resource management areas (RMAs) and resource protection areas (RPAs) to limit land use in these environmentally sensitive areas.

RPAs are delineated around designated wetlands as well as a 100-foot buffer area adjacent to and along both sides of a perennial stream. It's important to know that these protected areas may include private, residential properties. These areas are to remain free of any construction and landscape maintenance activities, including mowing or clearing.

This restriction allows trees and shrubs to create a natural protective buffer for a stream. Natural vegetative buffers protect water quality by reducing the amount of pollution and sediment that enters a stream. Vegetation also slows and filters runoff water, holds soil in place, and provides an improved stream ecosystem. Due to the sensitive nature of RPAs, homeowners must contact the Town prior to removing any trees or vegetation in a buffer area.

RMAs have been designated in areas that may contribute to significant water quality degradation through polluted runoff. These areas include flood plains and intermittent streams as well as lands with sensitive soil conditions, such as hydric or highly erodible soils and soils with high water tables.

To find out if your property is in or near an RPA or RMA, visit viennava.gov/stormwater; click on the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas link near the bottom of the page for a map. For more information regarding RPAs or RMAs, contact

Water Quality Engineer Christine Horner at 703-319-8630 or christine.horner@viennava.gov. 📞



RECYCLE MORE

Recycle waste oil, car
batteries, antifreeze
& electronics at

Quarterly Recycling Day

8am-2 pm, March 3
Northside Prop. Yard

No fly zone: Travel tips for reducing your carbon footprint

by *Sammy Thompson, Community Enhancement Commission*

It's about that time of year when spring break or summer vacation plans are being made. You may have seen commercials lately suggesting jetting off to exotic and beautiful locations.

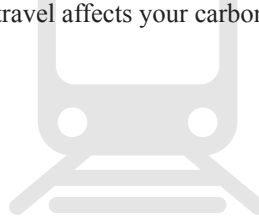
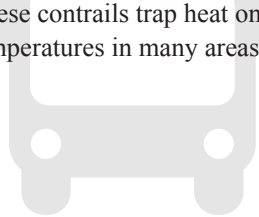
Air travel can sometimes seem like a perfect option for a weekend getaway or a summer vacation with the family. Despite its allure, though, air travel has one unwelcomed consequence: Air travel is, by far, the most environmentally harmful mode of transportation because of its large carbon footprint.

According to the David Suzuki Foundation, when burned, jet fuel releases a variety of harmful substances such as soot and nitrous oxides. In addition, planes leave long trails of water vapor called contrails in the sky while flying at high altitudes. These contrails trap heat on Earth's surface causing increased temperatures in many areas throughout the United States.

What can you do? Simply decreasing your air travel can have a large impact. While stopping air travel altogether is not an option for many, flying even a little less can have a positive effect on the environment.

As you plan your vacation, consider that the East Coast boasts a treasure trove of vacation spots. From the pristine beaches of South Carolina to the lush forests of the Adirondacks, there are plenty of options for you and your family within driving distance. In addition, there are many options for staycations near Vienna.

Next time you plan a trip, instead of heading to the airport, hop in your car, or better yet, a bus or train, to enjoy a fun trip that leaves a smaller carbon footprint! A carbon footprint tracker, such as the one at carbonfootprint.com/calculator.aspx, can show how travel affects your carbon footprint.





There's no business like home business

by Deepa Chakrapani, Town Business Liaison Committee

Did you know that there are more than 400 home-based businesses registered in the Town of Vienna? In 2017, 44 of 127 newly registered businesses were home-based. Following is a short primer for operating a home-based business in the Town of Vienna.

A home-based business is any commercial enterprise that is run out of a private residence. (In addition, independent contractors, anyone who receives a 1099 tax form or files a Schedule C with the IRS, is considered a home-based business.) Home-based businesses in Vienna must obtain a one-time Home Occupation Permit (\$75 fee) and an annual business license. The business license fee is based on the business's gross revenue with a minimum fee of \$30.

Home-based businesses must not occupy more than 25% of the residence and cannot employ any person other than immediate family members living in the home. In Vienna, home-based businesses make lip balm, offer handyman services, and provide a range of professional consulting services, including bookkeeping, leadership training, and website development, to

name a few. Some types of businesses are not allowed to operate from a residence, including boarding houses, tourist homes, and massage therapists. The principal office of a real estate business also cannot be located in a home.

Home-based businesses are not allowed to have signage. Clients may visit the business by appointment only. In addition to Town of Vienna regulations, some businesses, such as home-based daycare centers or businesses selling goods at a farmers market, are subject to additional Fairfax County regulations.

Town staff in the planning and finance departments are happy to answer questions about home-based businesses. Start with Business License Officer Liz King at lking@viennava.gov or 703-255-6321. 📞

Town Council Actions

The following items represent recent Town Council actions, but do not constitute official meeting minutes. The most recent approved Town Council minutes, agendas, and meeting videos are available online at viennava.gov.

January 29

- Approved a bond ordinance authorizing issuance of general obligation public improvement bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$15 million for projects identified in the 2018 Capital Improvement Plan as well as potential proposed property acquisitions.
- Approved an additional \$30,000 in FY18 spending with Ferguson for water and sewer repair parts.
- Increased the proposed expenditure for a general maintenance vehicle by \$1,962 – to add LED-strip lighting in compartments and under grab handles – for a total cost of \$29,380.

- Approved staff-recommended changes to the VDOT Urban Street Maintenance Inventory.
- Awarded a contract for \$36,956 to WRA for Route 123 and Route 243 traffic signal upgrades (phase 1).
- Set a public hearing regarding a proposed public parking floor on Mill Street NW for February 26.
- Adopted an ordinance relocating the polling location for Town elections to the reopened Vienna Community Center.

February 5

- Approved bond reduction for completed improvements at 409 Beulah Road NE to a surety amount of \$3,968.42.

Appointed to serve

At its February 5 meeting, Council re-appointed the following individuals to serve on Town boards and commissions:

- Beth Eachus – Transportation Safety Commission and Bicycle Advisory Committee
- David Miller – Planning Commission

HAPPENINGS around town

Beautiful floral postcards presented in gift-ready tins, new graphic towels, and handcrafted U.S.-made wind chimes and garden sculptures are a few of the new gift items awaiting you when the **Freeman Store reopens** March 1. A wide variety of Virginia-themed gifts are available, too. Check out what's new in books and cards or stop in for some candy. The Freeman Store is open 12-4 pm Wednesday-Sunday.

Local historian **Jim Lewis** will present a program about **Charles Russell Lowell Jr.**, one of the Union cavalry's finest battlefield commanders during the Civil War, at 1 pm March 1 in the Program Building at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road. This program is part of the **Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna's Adventures in Learning Program**. For more information, call 703-281-0538.

The **Freeman Store Book Cellar reopens** March 1 with a 50% off special on philosophy, religious, sociology, and metaphysical books. The store is open 12-4 pm Wednesday-Sunday. Volunteers are welcome to help unpack and sort books as well as search for more valuable books to highlight. Used book donations are always welcome with the exception of textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, and romance novels. Children's books are particularly popular. Deliver boxes or paper bags of books to the store at anytime. Donations and purchases fund Historic Vienna projects.

The **Little Library** on the Freeman Store grounds will be open from 1-4 pm Sunday, March 4. **Historic Vienna, Inc.** generally opens the library the first Sunday of each month (March-December), though it will be closed Easter Sunday, April 1. If interested in volunteering, contact Margaret Dellinger at vamember@aol.com or call the Freeman Store at 703-938-5187.

Vienna (Host) Lions Club will hold a **fundraiser** from 11 am-9 pm March 7 at Foster's Grille. Simply put your receipt in the Lions box, and Foster's will donate 20% of your purchase to Lions' youth, sight, hearing, and community programs. For more information, call Tom Comi at 703-281-4575 or visit [facebook.com/viennahostlionsclub](https://www.facebook.com/viennahostlionsclub).

Jeff Johnson, president of the Loudoun County Photo Club, will speak about bird photography at the **Vienna Photographic Society** meeting at 7:30 pm Wednesday, March 7, in room 101 at Thoreau Middle School. Johnson, tour assistant with RoadRunner Photography Tours, was twice selected as the Loudoun club's photographer of the year and received Photo of the Year recognition in 2016. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, visit vpsva.org.

The **Stage Coach Theater Company** will present a murder mystery play at noon Monday, March 12, in DeSales Hall at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 8601 Wolftrap Road. The play is part of the **Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna's Lunch 'N Life series**. The \$30/person ticket includes lunch and the theatrical performance. Prepayment is required by March 7. To register, call 703-281-0538. View the event flyer at scov.org/files/lnl_flier_2018_02.jpg.

Two Green Spring Gardens master gardeners will present "**Gardening with Pollinators**" at the **Ayr Hill Garden Club** meeting at 7 pm March 8 at the Patrick Henry Library. Suggestions about which plants attract and help maintain pollinators will be shared.

The **Vienna Choral Society** will present "an evening of music where everyone belongs" with its performance of **In All Voices: Jubilate Deo!** at 7:30 pm Saturday, March 10, at Vienna Baptist Church. Tickets and information are available at viennachoralsociety.org.

The **Town of Vienna Community Band** will present its **spring concert** at 7 pm Sunday, March 11, at the Vienna Community Center. The band continues to recruit enthusiastic new musicians in all sections, especially for clarinets, bassoons, oboes, and tubas. If interested, attend any 6:15 pm rehearsal on Sundays at the Vienna Community Center. For more information, visit viennacommunityband.org.

Vietnam War veteran and author **Dr. Robert Leggett** will discuss his book **The U.S. Coast Guard Academy Class of 1963 Goes to War** at the March 15 Chapter 227 meeting of the Vietnam Veterans of America at 7:30 pm at Amphora Restaurant, 377 Maple Avenue W. The Coast Guard played a major role in the successful Operation Market Time, which intercepted enemy supply efforts in the sea and rivers of South Vietnam. Admission is free. For more information, call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or visit vva227.org.

Jackie Saunders will host an all-day **floral workshop** from 10 am-4 pm Friday, March 16, at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant Street. Register at ViennaArtsSociety.org; the fee is \$125. For more information, call 703-319-3971.

In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, **Historic Vienna, Inc.** invites all interested gardeners to help sow the seeds of victory by participating in a **Vienna victory garden**. A planning meeting is scheduled for 10 am March 17 at the Freeman Store. To volunteer or if you have questions, contact Nancy Moats at smoats5555@aol.com.

Enjoy omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy and more at the monthly **American Legion Post 180 breakfast buffet** from 8 am-noon Sunday, March 18. The buffet is \$9 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. For more information, call 703-938-6580.

Both sides of the political spectrum will be laughing when **The Capitol Steps** present songs from *Orange is the New Barack*, at 4 pm Sunday, March 18, in the auditorium at James Madison High School. Proceeds benefit the **James Madison Crew Boosters**. Advance tickets are \$30 for adults and \$25 for students and adults 65 and up. Advance tickets may be purchased online at MadisonCapitolSteps2018.brownpapertickets.com or by emailing MadisonCrewFundraising@gmail.com. Day-of ticket prices at the door are \$40 and \$35, respectively.

The Home Front and the Great War will be the program topic at the annual meeting of **Historic Vienna, Inc.** at 7:30 pm March 20 at Town Hall. Presented by Mike Berger and Jon Vrana, the program will offer a glimpse into World War I in Europe and how the hometown Vienna area supported the war effort.

Photographer Brian Zwitt, whose passion for capturing the elegance and majesty of unique landscapes, wildlife, and flora have taken him all over the United States, will critique a **Vienna Photographic Society competition** at 7:30 pm Wednesday, March 21, in room 101 at Thoreau Middle School. The competition/critique themes are night photography and animals in motion. For more information, visit vpsva.org.



Photo by Jeff Johnson



The **Vienna Woman's Club** will award a **\$2,000 scholarship** to a Vienna high school senior living in the 22180, 22181, or 22182 zip codes. Qualified applicants must have a 2.5 GPA and a burning desire to further their education. Applications, which are due April 11, are available through participating high school career centers, by calling Jo-Lynn Westlund at 703-698-1237, or online at viennawomeansclub.org.

The **Vienna Choral Society** is offering an **arts management internship** for high school juniors or seniors, a hands-on experience for a self-starter who wants to get their feet wet in the fast-paced

world of performing arts. Internships run from mid-August-December or early January to mid-June. Interns learn how to help manage, market, and produce a live arts event; conduct market research and fundraising; and coordinate regular and dress rehearsals. Send a cover letter and resumé by April 15 to info@viennachoralsociety.org; put "internship inquiry" in the subject line and indicate which internship period (fall, spring, or whole season) is of interest.

First 100 Weeks, an exhibit of paintings by **Deborah Schneider** is on display through April 7 at the Village Green Shopping Center, 513 Maple Avenue W. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

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revamping road crossings, and connecting all Town parks within an integrated pedestrian system to greatly limit the need for vehicular travel.

"It took more than two years of research, edits, teamwork, and collaboration," says PAC member Catherine Hardman, "but we finally developed the foundation for pedestrian safety. We're looking forward to implementation of Pedestrian Master Plan elements and creating an even more walkable Vienna community."

The plan's vision extends beyond Vienna's corporate limits. The Pedestrian Master Plan calls on all parties involved in the infrastructure process to consider establishing pedestrian connections to nearby areas, such as Tysons or the Mosaic/Merrifield area. ↻

Open for business

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

Butterfly Wonders
online sales
1012 Aponi Road SE
571-455-8061

Pennino Public Affairs
consultant
101 Niblick Drive SE
301-758-1255

Vienna Endodontics
dentist
307 Maple Avenue W
703-938-5920



Vienna businesses with staying power

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

50 YEARS
Vienna Tiny Tots Village

35 YEARS
North American Office Products

30 YEARS
Amphora Bakery
H. Thomas Lenz, Jr. DDS, PC

25 YEARS
Flourish Quilts
Weichert Realtors

20 YEARS
Norm's Beer and Wine

10 YEARS
Diamond Spa
GLH Consulting Services
McDonald's Cedar Lane

5 YEARS
Aditi Spice Depot
Amma Vegetarian Kitchen
Blue Ocean Partners
Cocoa Vienna



**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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March TOWN CALENDAR

3 Quarterly Recycling Day (Northside Prop. Yard) • 8 am - 2 pm

5 Town Council Work Session • 7:30 pm

6 Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 pm

8 Town Business Liaison Committee • 7 pm

12 Town Council Meeting • 8 pm

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

14 Planning Commission • 8 pm

15 Board of Architectural Review • 8 pm

17 Town Council Budget Work Session • 9 am

19 Town Council Budget Work Session • 7:30 pm

20 Public Art Commission • 7 pm

21 Board of Zoning Appeals/Public Hearing • 8 pm

22 Community Enhancement Commission • 7:30 pm

23 Flashlight Egg Hunt (Glyndon Park) • 7:30 pm

24 Old-Fashioned Egg Roll (Freeman Store) • 10:30 am

26 Town Council Meeting • 8 pm

27 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee • 7 pm

27 Transportation Safety Commission • 8 pm

28 Planning Commission • 8 pm

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years ago...

Just as it is today, growth in the Tysons area was a hot topic 10 years ago. According to the March 2008 newsletter, the McLean Citizens Association hosted a community forum entitled “Tysons’ Future: Gridlock or Smart Growth?” that month at which community leaders and residents discussed options then being considered to foster Tysons’ economic vitality.