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## Flowers, gardens, music & more blossom at annual Walk on the Hill

For the 44th year, residents of the Windover Heights Historic District will open their yards and gardens in a welcome to spring for the public to enjoy. The annual Walk on the Hill, perhaps Vienna's loveliest event, will take place from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, April 29. This event is rain or shine; no rain date will be scheduled.

"This is an opportunity to share the ambience of this unique part of Town," says Councilmember Carey Sienicki, who helps organize the event. "The long-time success of this event is truly a community effort and a wonderful start to the spring." She notes that the event is an annual favorite of Town residents as well as out-of-town visitors.

In addition to strolling through lovely gardens, participants can enjoy musical performances throughout the afternoon, take in the Ayr Hill Garden Club's *Bringing Nature to Your Home* small standard flower show (at 307 Windover Avenue), view native plant areas (at Salisbury Springs and Green Hedges School), take an architectural and historical tour, and nibble on cookies and other refreshments (at 277 Windover Avenue).

In addition, the Community Enhancement Commission's Green Expo will offer displays and information about achieving a greener lifestyle, including details about the 2018 Solarize NOVA program. And Vienna Arts Society artists will set up easels throughout the area as they work to capture the district's natural beauty on canvas.



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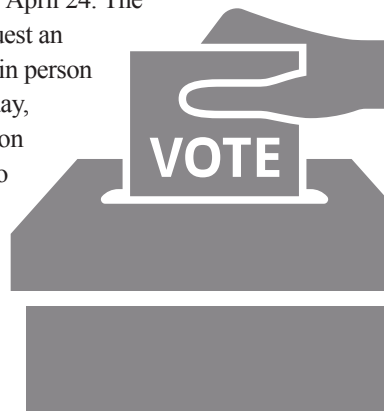
## Council incumbents on May 1 ballot

Mayor Laurie DiRocco and three incumbent Councilmembers are seeking re-election in the Town's May 1 elections. In addition to the mayor, the candidates running for re-election to two-year terms on Town Council are Linda Colbert, Pasha Majdi, and Douglas Noble. No other candidates submitted qualifications for this election. Information provided by the candidates begins on page 4.

Voting in Town elections has moved back to the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street SE. Town of Vienna residents who are registered to vote may cast their ballots in the community center auditorium from 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Voters will cast four ballots, one for mayor and three for each open Council position.

Photo identification is required to vote in Virginia. To register to vote and for more information about acceptable identification and other election-related information, visit [elections.virginia.gov](http://elections.virginia.gov). The deadline to register to vote or to update an existing registration for this election is April 9.

The deadline to request that an absentee ballot be mailed to you is 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 24. The deadline to request an absentee ballot in person is 5 p.m. Saturday, April 28. Election information also is available at [fairfaxcounty.gov/elections](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/elections).



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## Vienna is home to world pasty champ

Since early March, a foodie frenzy has consumed a small 1,330-square foot Church Street shop. Ever since bringing home the grand prize from the World Pasty Championships in Cornwall, England, Vienna's Pure Pasty has been overwhelmed by customers who are "tearing their hair out" to sample the winning nontraditional pasty, made with barbecue chicken, sweet potato, zucchini, red pepper, sweet corn, and pineapple.

Pure Pasty owner Mike Burgess, who hails from a small English town south of Manchester and immigrated to the United States in 2009, explains that a traditional pasty is a foldover meat pie, "something halfway between an empanada and a calzone." Traditionally, a pasty is made with beef, potato, rutabaga, and onion, though Pure Pasty substitutes carrots for the rutabaga because it can't access enough fresh rutabaga in the States year round.

Leaving behind a career as an IT manager for a UK bank, Burgess has built Pure Pasty's reputation around providing nontraditional fusion flavors. "We do all kinds of weird and wonderful varieties," he says, including chicken curry, Moroccan lamb, chicken cordon bleu, and a monthly veggie variety.

Pure Pasty's winning entry in the 2018 world championships caused quite a backlash in the British press. According to a March 6 *Washington Post* article, Britain's *Daily Telegraph* called pineapple "among the most controversial and divisive ingredients chefs can add."

"I love the pineapple, and I love the controversy," says Burgess. "I love challenging people's conceptions about food. We do all kinds of wonderful things with our pasties. I'm not ashamed of that at all."

Burgess goes on to say that he tried to explain to the British press that there's "hardly any pineapple at all" in the world champion pasty. The acidic fruit, he says, is used only "to excite the explosion of spicy barbecue sauce."



Photo by Adam Kincaid

As Burgess and his team awaited announcement of the winning pasties in Cornwall the first weekend of March, he says that he was pretty sure that they hadn't won since they had not received a notification phone call. Standing in wet shoes in a cold rain, Burgess says he was ready to leave, get a beer, and regroup for next year, when it was announced that Pure Pasty had won the top prize. He remembers thinking initially "that company name sounds a lot like ours."

Burgess credits the victory to his Pure Pasty team. "Everything we do is a team effort," he says. "and it's great to see the team getting recognized for that."

If you're anxious to try the 2018 world champion pasty, there's no need to travel nearly 3,500 miles to Cornwall. You just need to stop in at Pure Pasty on Church Street – and perhaps be prepared to be patient as other area foodies gather to chomp on the champ and other fusion and traditional pasties. 🍷

## Vienna celebrates volunteers at April 17 reception

If you want to feel good about the community in which you live, the annual Mayor's Volunteer Reception is a can't-miss event. This year's event is at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center Street S.

The nominees this year are an impressive lot, representing a variety of community organizations. The volunteers to be recognized have protected trees and wildlife; chauffeured school children, worked with teens, and taught seniors how to navigate their smart phones and tablets; taken photos, written grants, and planned 5Ks; raised funds and wrangled sponsors; and raised awareness about mental health and domestic abuse.

The event is free and open to the community. Come out and help the Town say "thank you" to a few of its amazing volunteers. We promise, you'll go home feeling good about where you live. 🍷

## Q&As: Public Parking Condominium Proposal

Town Council will soon consider a proposal to purchase a floor of a proposed private four-story building on Mill Street for public parking. A public hearing on this proposal was held February 26. Town staff have put together answers to many of the questions that were raised. Visit [viennava.gov/parkingfaq](http://viennava.gov/parkingfaq) for more information. 🍷



### Walk from page 1

To ensure pedestrian safety during the event, many roads in the Windover Heights district will be closed to vehicular traffic that afternoon. Parking is available at Green Hedges School, 415 Windover Avenue NW.

The Green Hedges School Jazz Ensemble will perform at 2 p.m. and the Vienna Community Band will perform at 3 p.m. at 288 Windover Avenue. Hickory Grove Band will play throughout the afternoon at the Marcey Log Cabin, 223 Walnut Lane.

Walk on the Hill is co-sponsored by Windover Heights Historic District residents, Historic Vienna Inc., and the Town of Vienna.

For information about more great community events this month, see page 8. 📌



## Calling on talented teens

The spotlight will be on aspiring young artists in the greater Vienna area when Club Phoenix presents an April Showers Talent Showcase from 7-10 p.m. Friday evenings throughout April. The showcase is designed to prepare teens to perform in front of their peers, generate a buzz for their talent, and gear up for the May 19 Teens on the Green event.

Themes for showcase performances are:

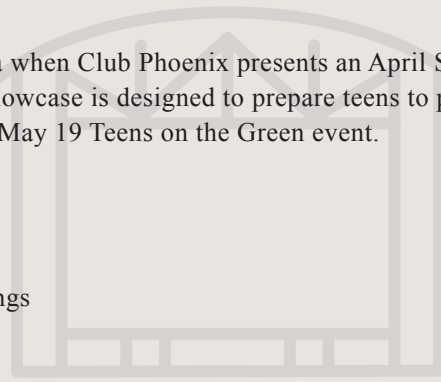
**April 6:** Decades Night – bands featuring music from the 1970s-1990s

**April 13:** EMO music

**April 20:** Visual arts with an exhibition of prints, sculptures, and paintings

**April 27:** Open mic and acoustic show

To sign up, call 703-255-5736. 📌



## Meet the candidates asking for your vote - again

**Editor's note:** Mayor Laurie DiRocco and three current Councilmembers are seeking re-election May 1. Below is information provided by each of the candidates. Voting in Town of Vienna elections will take place from 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, at the Vienna Community Center.



### **Mayor Laurie DiRocco**

Thank you for the privilege of serving as Mayor of the Town of Vienna for the last four years. Citizens regularly ask me:

“How is everything in the Town?” The simple answer is that the Town is doing very well.

Vienna recently had its AAA bond rating reapproved and strives to provide high-quality services at the lowest possible cost. We continue to repave roads, install sidewalks, upgrade water and sewer lines, and improve facilities. These investments in infrastructure will provide long-term benefits for residents.

With the community center renovation, the Town certified its first LEED silver building, added native plants, and commissioned its first piece of public art. Council continues to focus on improving the Town’s transportation network by adding bike routes and improving signalization along Maple Avenue. Vienna’s businesses are intricate to the success of our community so Council is looking for parking opportunities along Church Street and in commercial areas. Future key initiatives include thoughtful redevelopment along Maple Avenue, traffic-calming alternatives in neighborhoods, additional public art, and incorporating sustainability into Town projects and services.

I believe people make the community so I am grateful for the many volunteers who give their time and energy in serving our Town. Vienna is fortunate to have active businesses as well as service, school, sports, and historic organizations that help make the Town a special place to live and work. Vienna is unique in Northern

Virginia, and its strong sense of history and community is created by citizens’ desire for a caring and welcoming place to call home.

If you ever have any questions, ideas, or concerns about the Town, please come see me during my afternoon office hours, join me on my Friday morning walks, or contact me at 703-255-6310 and [ldirocco@viennava.gov](mailto:ldirocco@viennava.gov). I welcome your input and appreciate your support.



### **Councilmember Linda Colbert**

Thank you for electing me to Town Council these past four years. I have enjoyed working with citizens, fellow

Councilmembers, commissioners, and Town staff. In the past two years, we have accomplished a considerable amount.

The community center renovations made the building more functional, attractive, efficient, and environmentally friendly. The new field house is used by youth and adults. The auditorium has been updated including a new sound system. The entire building was utilized when Madison High School’s Ethics Day returned to the community center last spring. Greeting people at the entrance is Vienna’s first piece of public art honoring our late Mayor Jane Seeman and all Vienna volunteers. I support our new Vienna Public Art Commission and look forward to having more public art around Town.

The roundabout at Locust and Park has improved both traffic flow and safety at the intersection. The synchronized traffic lights on Maple Avenue have reduced stops and delays. Solutions like these are key to improving traffic issues in Vienna.

The Town has a AAA bond rating and was just given an award by the Government Finance Officers Association. We will be working on the Town’s budget in the upcoming weeks, and I support a balanced budget that serves the citizens’ needs.

Vienna has consistently been highly rated in Virginia and the nation. Last fall, Vienna was named the Most Successful Town by Zippia. Regardless of our awards, the citizens know our Town’s exceptionalism. The challenge is to change with the times while keeping the spirit of Vienna the same. Living here my whole life, I know the value of the old, but understand the need for positive change. I am committed to serving our Town and its residents and would be honored to serve you once again.



### **Councilmember Pasha Majdi**

Vienna is my hometown. I played VYS and VYI as a kid at Louise Archer Elementary, and now I’m raising my kids here. I grew

up in small-town Vienna, and I promise you that I’ll do everything I can to keep Vienna’s small-town charm.

The next two years will be the most important period in Town history since the I-66 expansion in 1980. With multiple applications pending for redevelopment on Maple Avenue, our main street is poised for major change. The next two years will determine what Vienna looks like for the next 30 years. We need to get this right.

We must be proactive to keep our small-town feel. With heavy traffic problems, parking problems, and vacancies on Maple, we need smart redevelopment. Change is coming, and we need to influence what’s coming to keep our small-town charm. I



promise you that I will always listen to you, I will be diligent, and I won't bow to political pressure.

Residential redevelopment has its own concerns. Two years ago, I called on Town residents to devise solutions for residential construction problems, and we developed a new tracking system for code violations, the *Help, Vienna* app and webpage. This year, I ask for your help in tackling the "McMansion" issue. While I'm not against new, custom homes, more housing diversity is good for the Town. Please call me at 703-851-4360 or email me at [pasha.majdi@viennava.gov](mailto:pasha.majdi@viennava.gov) with your thoughts.

It has been an honor serving on Town Council. Thank you for your support.



**Councilmember Douglas Noble**

The last two years on Town Council have gone quickly. I have endeavored to provide

strong engagement with our community, businesses, and staff to shape the issues before us – what is not only the best value, but the best choices for our Town. It has been a privilege to serve Vienna on Town Council, previously as a planning commissioner and chair of the Maple Avenue Vision Steering Committee. I am running for re-election to be an effective steward not only for what the Town is today, but for what the community aspires to be while maintaining our distinct independent small town.

I have a record of successfully advocating for issues important to our community, such as:

- revisions to the Maple Avenue Commercial Zone code
- consideration of public parking development to support local businesses along Church Street
- improvements to walkability, traffic safety, and prevention of cut-through traffic from the upcoming VDOT I-66 project
- accountability and completion of work to open the community center

- creation of a work plan prioritizing a comprehensive update of the zoning code
- collaboration with neighborhoods and staff to improve subdivision development.

Through prudent fiscal management, the Town has not raised the real estate tax rate and continues to maintain an exemplary AAA bond rating.

Looking forward, we are creating the Town's strategic plan and our shared vision for the next 10 to 20 years as well as looking to improve public engagement. Further, we are facing the challenge of deteriorating water and sewer infrastructure and the ongoing issue of traffic congestion, both topics where my 25+ years of professional experience in transportation engineering, urban planning, and public administration will help in making informed decisions.

Thank you for your support and consideration of my candidacy for re-election to Town Council. For more information, visit [douglasenoble.net](http://douglasenoble.net). 📞

## Vienna's budget presentation proves exceptional - for the 24th time

For the 24th consecutive year, the Town of Vienna received the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. The award recognizes the Town's 2017-18 budget.

The GFOA award highlights the Town's commitment to creating an effective budgeting document. Vienna is among more than 1,600 communities nationwide who participate in the Budget Awards Program. Each budget recognized by the award

demonstrates excellence in a number of criteria, including as a model policy document, financial plan, operations guide, and communications device.

Finance Director Marion Serfass takes pride in the Town's high standards: "We have worked to create a culture of excellence and professionalism here in the Town," says Serfass, "and our financial reporting should be at the forefront of that mentality. We strive to hit this mark every year. Excellence has become an expectation." 📞

## Pour over April programming options at Patrick Henry Library

**M**ore than 10 preschool programs will be offered at the Patrick Henry Library this month, including Mayor's Storytime with Laurie DiRocco at 10:30 a.m. April 14 and WoofNPaws from 4-5 p.m. April 9 and 19.

Ann Todd, author of OSS *Operation Black Mail*, will share information about the book's heroine Betty McIntosh, who served in the Office of Strategic Services fighting on the psychological front lines of World War II, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 5.

In celebration of National Poetry Month, a local poets panel will present readings at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 10.

Nongkran Daks, owner of Thai Basil in Chantilly, will offer Thai cooking tips from her cookbook at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 23.

Several book clubs will meet throughout the month at the Vienna library branch as well. 📞

## Explore Vienna via community bicycle rides

Spring is here, the weather is warming up, and it's a perfect time to get out on your bicycle. Beginning this month, the mayor and Town of Vienna Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) will host a series of community rides, exploring different areas of Town while demonstrating that getting around Vienna by bike is easy, safe, healthy, and fun.

These casual rides will be approximately three to four miles in length and should take no more than an hour. Most of the ride will be on low-volume streets, but will also explore several off-road park trails within Town.

Rides are currently scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Friday mornings:

- April 13 – when Mayor Laurie DiRocco will turn in her walking shoes in favor of bike pedals (the usual Mayor's Walk for that Friday will be the Mayor's Bicycle Ride instead)
- April 27
- May 18 – which also is National "Bike to Work Day."

All rides will begin and end at the community center. Riders will meet at the community center at 9:15 a.m. to prepare for the 9:30 departure. Bring your bike, a water bottle, and your bike helmet. No registration is necessary, but helmets are absolutely required. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

"If there's enough interest, the Bicycle Advisory Committee will explore adding weekend and evening rides," says Beth Eachus, chair of the Bicycle Advisory Committee. "We wanted to start with easy rides suitable for all levels of bicyclists."

BAC Vice Chair Charlie Strunk adds: "In 2016, the Town of Vienna was recognized by the League of American Bicyclists as a Bicycle Friendly Community. We want our residents to experience firsthand how bike-friendly Vienna is. Community rides are a fun way to do this." 🚲

## A cleaner, greener, healthier commute

Join more than 20,000 bicyclists from throughout the metro Washington, D.C. area as they commute by bike to work Friday, May 18, as part of National Bike to Work Day. More than 100 pit stops, including one located at the Town Green and W&OD Trail, are sprinkled throughout the metro area. Be one of the first 20,000 to register and get a free Bike to Work t-shirt, which you must pick up at the pit stop at which you register. To register and for more information about this free event, log on at [biketoworkmetrodc.org](http://biketoworkmetrodc.org).



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## 'Blithe Spirit' summoned for community center performances

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

**W**hen *Blithe Spirit* opens April 20, it will have been 1,092 days since the Vienna Theatre Company (VTC) staged a full-scale production at the Vienna Community Center. After almost three years and completion of the community center renovation and expansion project, the wait is now over as VTC produces Noel Coward's 1941 comedy with Director Rosemary Hartman, a VTC veteran, at the helm.

Ironically, Hartman was also director for the last performance to take place at the community center pre-construction, which was a 2015 rendition of the 2011 drama *Other Desert Cities*. "It's kind of funny coming back full circle," says Hartman. "Everything is where it's supposed to be, being back home, except with a few neat upgrades."

One of those new "neat upgrades," which will be used in every full-scale production going forward, is the light/sound booth installed in the back of the auditorium.

"It's nice not having to have a table with our crew right in the middle of the floor," says Hartman. "Now, we can put our stage manager, light operator, and sound operator in the booth. They can coordinate via ear piece with our assistant stage manager, who runs the show backstage, to make for an even smoother show."

Indeed, the company is thrilled to be back in its regular space and to have that space truly designated as "theirs." Organizations and groups utilizing the expanded community center find that they have a little more elbow room.

"Yes, we did always have our shows in the auditorium," recalls Hartman, "but on occasion we would have to rehearse in one of



the rooms upstairs. We couldn't always get as much out of it as we would have had we consistently rehearsed in our performance space. We are grateful for the new design and room that allows us to flourish in our little dedicated world."

As for the production of *Blithe Spirit*, Hartman hints at its supernatural appeal. "The show is an enjoyable farce comedy for all ages," she says, "with a dose of ghostly things, a bit of fun, and supernatural elements. Oh, and the audience can look forward to some neat special effects!"

*Blithe Spirit* performances are at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 20, 21, 27, 28, May 4, and 5, as well as at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 29, and May 6. Tickets are \$14 and may be purchased online at [viennava.gov/webtrac](http://viennava.gov/webtrac) or in person at the community center.

Any remaining tickets will be available for purchase at the door. 📌

## Vienna tops Fairfax's best neighborhoods list

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

**P**eople want to live in Northern Virginia – and with good reason.

In its March 2018 issue, *Northern Virginia Magazine* listed 24 NOVA neighborhoods that realtors say are the most sought-after places to live. Vienna took top honors among East Fairfax locations.

Like many of the localities that made the list, schools play a paramount factor in why people flock to Vienna. But it's Vienna's walkability and access to retail in a pedestrian-friendly infrastructure that separate it from the rest.

In the article, Weichert Realtors, located in the center of Town on Maple Avenue, noted a paradigm shift in what people prioritize when looking for a home – it used to be bigger lots and bigger houses, favoring neighborhoods in McLean or Oakton, but now people are willing to sacrifice a little room for a more walkable community.

Although safety is not explicitly mentioned in the *Northern Virginia Magazine* article, it is a priority for residents and goes hand-in-hand with a school-focused atmosphere. In another ranking, the National Council for Home Safety and Security, recently ranked Vienna #2, just behind Blacksburg, on its 2018 Safest Cities in Virginia list. 📌



## Spring into a Vienna community event

**W**hether you're a foodie, helper, or plant enthusiast, there are a bevy of activities to help you dust off winter this month in Vienna. Check out these April events and programs.

### Town Cleanup Day – April 7

Help give the Town a spring spruce-up. Town Cleanup Day offers a great opportunity to gain service hours, meet friends in the community, and help undertake projects that improve the Town's overall appeal. Both Boys and Girl Scout troops are encouraged to participate. Interested helpers should call 703-255-6336 to register. Meet at the Town Green at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 7, to get your clean on.

### Native Plant Sale – April 21

The Community Enhancement Commission calls all plant enthusiasts to check out a large selection of native plants for sale from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 21, in the parking lot of the Vienna Community Center.

All plants are raised and sold by the Hill House Garden Nursery, which specializes in high-quality native plants. Plants include flowering perennials, native shrubs, and small trees. These plants attract birds, bees, and butterflies, all of which are beneficial to the home landscape. Cash, checks, and credit cards will be accepted.

### Arbor Day – April 27

Join Mayor Laurie DiRocco, Town staff, and Cub Scout Pack 1116 for a ceremonial red bud tree planting to commemorate Arbor Day 2018 at 5 p.m. Friday, April 27, at the W&OD trailhead located on Park Street across from the community center.

### Spring Garden Mini Fair – April 28

Nature lovers can stop by the Learning and Display Garden, located adjacent to the Vienna Elementary School playground, from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 28, to spend an enjoyable and informative morning with other gardeners.

Participate in a plant swap and give-away or at 10 a.m. enjoy a talk and demo about Thomas Jefferson's Garden. At 11 a.m., learn how to build fences and other structures for critter and winter protection.

Attendees are encouraged to ask the pros for advice about how to properly care for their own gardens. For more information, check the display case by the entrance to the garden as well as the garden itself. If you have any plants to swap or give away, bring them along!

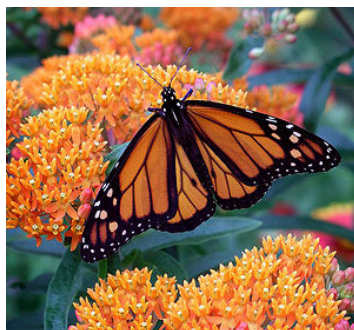
### Taste of Vienna – April 28

It's a foodie's delight when the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department hosts the 7th annual Taste of Vienna from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, April 28, in the fire station's parking lot at 400 Center Street S.

The event will feature many excellent Vienna area restaurants and includes a variety of free performances. Proceeds from this event benefit the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. For more information, visit [tasteofvienna.com](http://tasteofvienna.com). 🍷



Several photos by Adam







## Solar continues to be a bright choice

by Susan Stillman, Community Enhancement Commission

**S**olar pricing has dropped precipitously over recent years, making 2018 a bright time to harness the sun to generate your own household or business power and save money.

The 2018 Solarize program, a partnership between the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, Local Energy Alliance Program, and the Town of Vienna as well as other localities, makes it easy to purchase solar by providing vetted contractors and pre-negotiated contract terms and prices for photovoltaic panels. Offered April 2-May 30, the 2018 Solarize program provides great prices for solar systems through the power of group purchasing.

The Community Enhancement Commission will host a Solarize informational meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 3, in Town Council Chambers. At the meeting, interested homeowners and business owners can discuss solar installation with this year's selected Solarize vendors.

Don't forget, the federal government currently offers a 30% solar investment tax credit, which will sunset in a couple



of years. Also, Virginia residents can "net meter" excess energy generated by their solar systems, receiving a credit at the full retail rate; homeowners and businesses can then use that credit during times when the sun isn't shining.

To get a peek at how your home or business would fare with solar installation, check out the award-winning [novasolarmap.com](http://novasolarmap.com). When you type in your address, this tool analyzes your roof, its orientation, and shading and calculates how much solar power could be generated. Generating your own energy is a hedge against future increases in the cost of electricity provided by utility companies.

A Windover Heights family who has taken the solar plunge will be available to speak with those considering solar at the Green Expo, which will be held 2-5 p.m. Sunday, April 29, in conjunction with Walk on the Hill. Councilmember Carey Sienicki and her husband, David, purchased a 9-kilowatt system for their all-electric home in 2015. For the Sienickis, it was essential that the system pay for itself in 10 years or less. At Green Expo, they'll share their experience and data and answer your questions.

In the meantime, if you're ready to sign up for a free solar assessment or just want more details, visit [solarizenova.org](http://solarizenova.org). ↴

## Water taste a little funny? Spring flush on tap

by Water Quality Engineer Christine Horner

**E**very spring the Department of Public Works opens the floodgates on Town fire hydrants in order to clean out chloramines, which previously acted as disinfectant in the county's water supply. This process began in late March and will continue through mid-June.

While this annual flush is occurring, chloramines are replaced with a different type of free chlorine. As a result, you may notice a chlorine taste and odor in your drinking water during the switch. If you are especially sensitive to the taste and odor of chlorine, try keeping an open container of drinking water in your refrigerator. This will allow the chlorine to dissipate, thus reducing the chlorine taste. Remember – drinking water has a shelf life! Change out the water in your refrigerated container weekly.

If you have questions about this program, call the Department of Public Works at 703-255-6380. ↴

## Pledge to be a more attentive driver

The National Safety Council has designated April as Distracted Driver Awareness Month. Motor vehicle fatalities have crept up 6% since 2015, largely, it is believed, due to distractions such as cell phones and in-vehicle infotainment systems.

For information and tips related to eliminating preventable deaths due to distracted driving, visit: [nsc.org/learn/NSC-Initiatives/Pages/distracted-driving-awareness-month.aspx](http://nsc.org/learn/NSC-Initiatives/Pages/distracted-driving-awareness-month.aspx). ↴

## Celebrating small businesses

by Deepa Chakrapani, Town Business Liaison Committee

**N**ationwide more than half of Americans either own or work for a small business, and these businesses create about two out of every three new jobs in the U.S. each year.

Each year since 1963, the President of the United States declares a week to celebrate and recognize the 28 million small businesses that drive our nation's economy. The Small Business Association (SBA) sponsors and coordinates this event. As part of this celebration, the SBA highlights the impact of selected outstanding entrepreneurs, small business owners, and community members from all 50 states and U.S. territories.

In conjunction with National Small Business Week, the Town of Vienna will issue a proclamation also declaring April 29-May 5 as Small Business Week in Vienna. The Town Business Liaison Committee encourages residents to explore and consider using the large number of small businesses that operate locally. Look for specials and spread the word!

Business owners may be interested in telling their stories via social media or partnering with other small businesses to increase traffic or they may wish to explore learning opportunities, free workshops, webinars, and seminars offered by the SBA in Washington D.C. More details can be found at [sba.gov/nsbw/](http://sba.gov/nsbw/).

What is your favorite small business in Vienna? Tell them – and let the rest of the community know what you like about it, too – via social media using #DiscoverViennaVA. Let's all support our local gems with our voices and our dollars! 📌

### Vienna businesses with staying power

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

30 YEARS

**Hair Design Studio**

20 YEARS

**Donna Cloud**

**The Gypsy's Garden**

**The Tasty Palate**

15 YEARS

**Hope C. Sherman**

10 YEARS

**Amlar**

**Mid-Atlantic Settlement Services**

**Mike's Carpet Design Studio**

5 YEARS

**Dnash Demo Kitchen & Design**

**Faneuil**

**JRS Enterprises**

**Paisano's**

**Source 23**

**UJB**



### 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](http://viennava.gov).

#### February 13

- Accepted Morgan Stanley and Co.'s bid for the Town's 2018 general obligation bonds in the amount of \$7.9 million with an interest rate of 2.45% and a \$1.3 million premium.

#### February 26

- Held a public hearing on a proposal to purchase one story of a proposed private development at 223-241 Mill Street NE as a public parking condominium.
- Approved payment of \$3,846.56 to ZM3/Mark Stahl Homes for installation of the *Taking Flight* sculpture.
- Approved \$35,000 in additional FY18 spending with Broad Run for disposal of construction and demolition debris.

- Approved \$23,000 in additional FY18 spending with Chantilly Crushed Stone for crushed stone, gravel, and sand.
- Approved \$75,000 in additional FY18 spending with HD supply for water meters.
- Approved purchase of a tandem-axle leaf machine from Old Dominion Brush Company for \$31,643.90.
- Approved \$18,000 in additional FY18 spending with American Recycling.
- Approved \$17,000 in increased funding for an engineering services contract with Urban, LTD for design of drainage and roadway improvements at Ninovan and Talahi roads.

#### March 12

- Deferred to a future meeting discussion of the proposed purchase of a floor for public parking in a proposed Mill Street private project.
- Approved a memorandum of understanding with the Morton and Spapperi Family Foundation for installation of a water conservation project on land adjacent to the Vienna Community Center.
- Approved changes to the Town's defined-benefit pension plans for civilian and sworn law enforcement employees.

- Set a public hearing on renewal of a franchise agreement and ordinance with Washington Gas for April 9.
- Set a public hearing on transferring collection of vehicle license registration fees to Fairfax County for April 23.
- Set a public hearing on the Town's FY2018-19 proposed operating budget for April 9.
- Set a public hearing on the Town's proposed FY2018-19 water and sewer rates for April 9.
- Set a public hearing on the FY2018-19 proposed real estate tax rate for April 23.

### Appointed to serve

At its February 26 meeting, Town Council re-appointed **Silvia Taylor** to a two-year term on Historic Vienna, Inc. Council also designated **Vice Mayor Linda Colbert** as the Town's trustee on the Movers and Shakers committee, a community organization focused on fundraising for public art.



# HAPPENINGS around town

**Vienna (Host) Lions Club** will hold a **fundraiser** from 11 am-9 pm April 3 at Foster's Grille. Simply put your receipt in the Lions box, and Foster's will donate 20% of your purchase to Lions' youth, sight, hearing, and community programs. For more information, call Tom Comi at 703-281-4575 or visit [facebook.com/viennahostlionsclub](https://www.facebook.com/viennahostlionsclub).

**The Vienna Arts Society** will host an exhibit entitled **Bon Appetit** through May 6 at the Vienna Arts Center, 115 Pleasant Street NW. Members of the public are invited to enjoy light refreshments and meet the artists at a reception from 7:30-9:30 pm Thursday, April 12. Watercolor artist Cathy Williams will present a demonstration during the reception. For more information, visit [ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://ViennaArtsSociety.org).

The second annual **For Our Troops Sake PTSD Awareness Walk** will take place from 11:30 am-12:30 pm Saturday, April 14. The walk begins at the Vienna Community Center and follows the W&OD trail to the caboose. All funds raised will be donated to the Wounded Warrior Project's Combat Stress Recovery Division. For more information, contact Quinn Mallonee at [uvacavalierwahoo@yahoo.com](mailto:uvacavalierwahoo@yahoo.com).

**American Legion Post 180** will serve up a **breakfast buffet**, including omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, sausage, and biscuits and gravy, from 8 am-noon Sunday, April 15. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and younger. Post 180 is located at 330 Center Street N. For more information, call 703-938-6580.

In recognition of **Autism Acceptance Month**, four experts in the field will lead a **panel conversation** about effective ways to support adults and children with autism, strategies for creating positive experiences for children with spectrum diagnoses, and advocacy and disability rights at 4 pm Sunday, April 15, at Emmaus United Church of Christ, 900 Maple Avenue E. Speakers include Rose Sutton, a member of the Autistic Society of Northern Virginia; Kris Guin, advisor with the Autism Society of America; Kristy Schulenberg, a trained special education teacher at F.B. Meekins Cooperative Preschool; and Samantha Crane, director of public policy at the Autistic Self Advocacy Network. For more information, call 703-938-1555.

**Green Hedges School** will hold an **open house** for prospective students at 9 am Wednesday, April 18, and Tuesday, May 15. Tours will be offered, and a faculty panel will share what makes Green Hedges a special, safe, and unique learning environment. Kids are welcome to attend. To register or for more information, visit [greenhedges.org](http://greenhedges.org). Contact Katherine Vazquez with questions at 703-938-8323, ext. 228, or [kvazquez@greenhedges.org](mailto:kvazquez@greenhedges.org).

**BJ Elliott Prior** will share information about her days as a stewardess on Freedom Bird, commercial flights that transported troops to and from Vietnam, at the next meeting of the **Vietnam Veterans of America**, Chapter 227, at 7:30 pm April 19 at Amphora Restaurant, 377 Maple Avenue W. Admission is free and the meeting/presentation is open to the public. For more information, call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or visit [vva227.org](http://vva227.org).

**The Vienna Elementary School PTA 5K Race and 1-Mile Fun Run** takes off on Sunday, April 22. The 1-mile fun run starts at 8:10 am and the 5K at 8:35 am at the elementary school. Register at [ves5run.racewire.com](http://ves5run.racewire.com). Awards will be presented by age group, and pre- and post-race festivities are scheduled.

Travel back to 1905 Russia with the tenacious milkman Tevey, his energetic family, and the rest of the Anatevka village when **James Madison High School** stages the classic musical **Fiddler on the Roof** later this month. Performances will be at 7:30 pm April 26-28 with an additional matinee at 2:30 pm on April 28. Tickets are \$10 online at [madisondrama.com](http://madisondrama.com) and available beginning April 2. Tickets also are available at the door for \$15 each.

**Friends of Patrick Henry Library** will host a **spring book sale**, featuring thousands of top-quality used books, CDs, and DVDs, Saturday and Sunday, April 28 and 29, at the library located at 101 Maple Avenue E. Sale hours on Saturday are 10 am-4 pm. A special sale, at which buyers can fill a big shopping bag for only \$5, will take place from 10 am-2 pm Sunday. All proceeds benefit the library. Questions? Email [sharonbohlman@msn.com](mailto:sharonbohlman@msn.com) or call 703-568-0104.

**The Town of Vienna Community Band's next concert** will be at Walk on the Hill at 3 pm Sunday, April 29, at 288 Windover Avenue. The band continues to seek enthusiastic new musicians in all sections, and particularly for clarinets, bassoons, oboes, and tubas. If interested, attend any upcoming rehearsal at 6:15 pm Sundays at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street SE. For more information, visit [viennacommunityband.org](http://viennacommunityband.org).

The **Vienna Choral Society** is accepting **internship applications** from high school juniors and seniors for the upcoming season. This is a hands-on experience for a self-starter to learn about the fast-paced world of performing arts. 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. More information is available at [viennachoralsociety.org/education/internship-2018-19/](http://viennachoralsociety.org/education/internship-2018-19/).

Books related to religion are on sale for 50% off this month at the **Freeman Store Book Cellar**. 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 **Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna** is **recruiting drivers** to assist older adults who no longer drive with getting to medical appointments and running errands to the grocery store, pharmacy, or bank, for example.

Volunteers drive based on their own schedule and availability.

To share your talents and time and to reap the rewards of service, call 703-281-0538 or email [volunteer@scov.org](mailto:volunteer@scov.org).

**Epiphany Preschool**, an outreach of Epiphany United Methodist Church, is now **registering students** for the 2018-19 school year. To schedule a tour or for more information, call 703-938-2391 or email [epiphanypreschool@vacoxmail.com](mailto:epiphanypreschool@vacoxmail.com).

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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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# April TOWN CALENDAR

**3** Public Arts Commission Work Session • 7 pm  
**3** Solarize Informational Meeting • 7:30 pm  
**3** Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 pm  
**7** Town Cleanup Day • 9 am-noon  
**9** Town Council Meeting • 8 pm  
**11** Historic Vienna, Inc. (Freeman Store) • 7:30 pm  
**11** Planning Commission • 8 pm  
**12** Town Business Liaison Committee • 7 pm  
**16** Town Council Budget Work Session • 7:30 pm  
**17** Mayor's Volunteer Reception (VFD) • 7:30 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: Blithe Spirit (VCC) • 8 pm

**21** Family Fishing Rodeo (tickets required) • 8 am-noon  
**21** CEC Native Plant Sale (VCC) • 8 am-1 pm  
**21** Vienna Theatre Company: Blithe Spirit (VCC) • 8 pm  
**23** Town Council Meeting • 8 pm  
**24** Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee • 7 pm  
**24** Transportation Safety Commission • 8 pm  
**25** Planning Commission • 8 pm  
**26** Community Enhancement Commission • 7:30 pm  
**27** Arbor Day Planting (VCC) • 5 pm  
**27** Vienna Theatre Company: Blithe Spirit (VCC) • 8 pm  
**28** Spring Garden Mini Fair (Comm. Garden) • 9 am-noon  
**28** Taste of Vienna (VFD) • 11 am - 8 pm  
**28** Vienna Theatre Company: Blithe Spirit (VCC) • 8 pm  
**29** Vienna Theatre Company: Blithe Spirit (VCC) • 2 pm  
**29** Walk on the Hill & Green Expo • 2-5 pm

**30**  
years ago...

The definitive history book on Vienna, *This Was Vienna, Virginia* by local historians Mayo and Connie Stuntz, was published 30 years ago. According to the April 1988 Town of Vienna newsletter, the 384-page book covers the area from the time of Native Americans through the Civil War to 1879. The book is still available for purchase today at the Freeman Store.

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.