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Make more favorite memories at ViVa! Vienna! May 26-28

What's your favorite ViVa! Vienna! memory? Get ready to make some new favorite memories with family and friends when Vienna celebrates its annual three-day festival Saturday, May 26, through Monday, May 28, in the heart of historic Vienna along Church Street.

The festival, hosted for 33 years by the Rotary Club of Vienna, features carnival rides, yummy food, live entertainment across three stages, and more than 300 arts and craft and other vendors. The event, says Rotarian Cristin Etheredge “celebrates a spirit of community in our small town in the big city.”

“I like seeing people so happy and enjoying themselves,” adds Etheredge, who handles publicity for the festival and volunteers about 24 hours onsite over the three-day weekend. “I love watching the joy of the people at the festival, seeing their laughter and smiles and the joy they’re sharing with their family and friends – and knowing that I played a small part in that is amazing.”

The festival begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 26, with a focus that day on the 30 carnival rides and approximately 30 food vendors as well as entertainment on the Town Green. Sunday and Monday, the vendors join the festival, representing a variety of artisans, community and historic organizations, and



photo by Adam Kincaid

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Vienna garners top billing on several 'best of...' lists

The Town of Vienna finds itself near the top of several of this spring's “best of” lists.

- LendEDU ranks Vienna as one of the top 50 places in the United States to start a small business. Vienna holds the #42 spot in the ranking based on cost of general expenses, disposable income available to residents, and population during standard business hours.
- SmartAsset says that Vienna is one of the 10 best places to retire in Virginia. The Town came in at #7 based on taxes (income and sales), number of doctors' offices, and opportunities for recreation and social life.
- WalletHub.com ranks Vienna among the top 1% of cities with the highest credit scores. The median credit score in Vienna is 763, putting the Town in the 99th percentile relative to all other cities. 📉



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Mayor @ Your Service to be served Vienna, Austria style

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

Jasmin Al-Kattib and Richard Kromp are two video documentarians from Vienna – Vienna, Austria, that is. Their experience of visiting nine "Viennas" littered throughout the United States – including yours truly - are featured in their documentary *American Vienna*, which will be screened at the community center at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, as part of the Mayor @ Your Service forum.

The filmmakers visited Viennas around the country in 2014, starting in Maine

and then working their way to New York, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Illinois, Missouri, Alabama, and Georgia. Their 94-minute project explores these small, often drastically different, towns.

Vienna (Virginia) resident Jana Johnston caught the documentary at a film festival in Ocean City, Maryland, a couple of months ago and thought it would be great to show the film locally. She reached out to Al-Kattib as one Vienna-ite to another to secure permission to screen the film here.

In Johnston's review of the documentary, she praises Kromp's cinematography and applauds the film's storytelling as "charming and captivating." She adds: "They meet the sometimes-eccentric town folk who are humbly surprised to be in front of a camera and happily provide enlightenment into the heart of their town."

"I'm really excited to share this documentary with our community," says Mayor Laurie DiRocco. "It will be fun to see a visual dialogue between a bunch of Viennas, especially since they are located in different areas of the country. I hope that everyone comes out to the show and engages in the Q & A – it's always fun to go to the movies and chat about what you just saw afterward."

The Town of Vienna's *American Vienna* vignette includes an interview with local historian Mike Berger inside the Freeman Store where he shares a brief history of the Town and some of its character. It also includes scenes from the Town's July 4 celebration. ↴



Fresh spot to get your produce

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

The Vienna Farmers Market, hosted by the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna, will have a new home this season. The market, open from 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays, May 5-November 3, is moving to the Vienna Community Center parking lot.

"We needed more visibility and more traffic – foot and otherwise – to support our vendors and enhance this community event," says Optimist Club member Michele Wright. "The Town and NOVA Parks listened to us and worked with us to make the market a success for the club and Town alike."

"In addition to more visibility, the Optimists were looking for a location with easy access to and from the W&OD Trail," says Parks and Recreation Director Leslie Herman. "They wanted to support a more walkable community and expect with the move that more residents will walk to the market."

Both entrances to the community center will be open as usual, and parking for those attending classes or accessing the W&OD Trail will still be available. ↴



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sponsors. A highlight of the festival on Monday is the Memorial Day Tribute on the Town Green main stage at 1 p.m.; Vienna resident and retired Marine Damien Marsh will be the guest speaker this year.

Admission to ViVa! Vienna! is free. Rides require a specific number of tickets, which varies from ride to ride; tickets are \$1 each or \$20 for a sheet of 24, or \$35 for an all-day wristband.

Parking in the historic area is very limited; ViVa! Vienna! parking signs will be posted where businesses have agreed to allow festival parking. Please don't park in residents' yards or block driveways. Consider avoiding the hassle of looking for a coveted parking space and take advantage of the ample parking and free shuttle available at the Vienna Metro station and Madison High School.

Over the course of the three-day festival, approximately 1,100 volunteer hours will be logged. According to Independent Sector, the estimated value of an hour of volunteer time is \$24.14, making the value of volunteer time at ViVa! Vienna! worth \$26,554. In addition, all funds raised by the festival are donated by the Rotary Club of Vienna to local community organizations and global nonprofits.

"I love the fact that 100% of proceeds from ViVa Vienna go out to 70-plus local charities and make an impact for these organizations," says 2018 festival chair AJ Oskuie. "So, we're having a great time and doing some good at the same time."

Helping community members make memories all while supporting charitable organizations definitely makes ViVa! Vienna! a win-win and a must-do over Memorial Day weekend.

Want more? Find information about other fun May community events on page 7. 📄



ViVa! memories

In the spirit of making memories at this year's festival, several Town Councilmembers and the chair of this year's ViVa! Vienna! share their favorite ViVa! memories.

"When my children were younger, I loved going on the glider ride with them! It is the ride where you lay down with your arms out and feel like you are flying. My whole family loved that ride!"

– Mayor Laurie DiRocco

"As a member of a military family, I personally always cherish the annual Memorial Day ceremony to honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. ViVa! Vienna! gets it right every year by taking a moment out of the busy and fun weekend to offer a patriotic pause . . . by remembering our fallen armed forces members."

– Councilmember Carey Sienicki

"About 10 years ago, my then 12-year-old son and 8-year-old daughter graduated from using ride tickets to ride wristbands. The ride wristbands at ViVa! Vienna! give you unlimited daily rides. My wife and I spent a good portion of the day in the hot sun watching the kids . . . go on multiple rides and having a wonderful time."

– Councilmember Howard Springsteen

"As a lifelong Vienna resident, I spent much of my youth attending ViVa! Vienna! This carried on through adulthood and then I got the pleasure of seeing the other side of ViVa! Vienna! As a member of the Rotary Club of Vienna, I get the unique privilege of viewing all of the hard work that we put in to pull off such a magnificent event. I love watching the children have a great time enjoying the rides and the overall fun that this event provides for the Town."

– AJ Oskuie, 2018 ViVa! Vienna! chair

Vote in May 1 Town elections

Mayor Laurie DiRocco and three incumbent Town Councilmembers – Linda Colbert, Pasha Majdi, and Doug Noble – are running for re-election May 1. While no other candidates, other than the incumbents, are on the ballot, residents are encouraged to exercise their right to vote.

Voting will take place from 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street SE. Bring photo identification. 📄

Kudos to Vienna's 2017 top cop - and other superlative staffers

American Legion Post 180 recognized the Town of Vienna's Police Officer of the Year for 2017 at an April 4 ceremony. Although a relatively new officer, having joined the Vienna Police Department in January 2015, Ara Post was recognized for her positive attitude, upbeat disposition, and dedication to the mission as well as her extraordinary efforts in getting drunk drivers off the road. Post is a breath alcohol technician, peer support specialist, and bike team member with the Vienna Police Department.

Another Vienna officer, Master Police Officer Michael Finelli, was awarded a "Meritorious Action Award" by the Loudon

County Sheriff's Office in February for work he did while on temporary assignment with the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force.

On April 18, the Rotary Club of Vienna presented Dispatcher Amy Milliman and Finance Operations Manager Gwen Riddle with the M. Jane Seeman Service Above Self Award. Milliman was recognized for her work on special projects such as the Cops & Kids Fun Run, Rape Aggression Defense program, and child safety seat program. Riddle received the award in recognition for her work with Scouts and the Marshall Road PTA. 📌



Staff standouts In photos above, from left, Town staff members Gwen Riddle (second from left), Ara Post, and Amy Milliman receive kudos and recognition.

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Summer on the Green, music to your ears

You don't have to go to Baton Rouge to hear blues, Spanish Harlem for jazz, or Boston for Irish folk. Nope, it's all right here in small-town America at Vienna's Summer on the Green concert series, co-sponsored by the Rotary Club of Vienna.

At 6:30 p.m. every Friday night June 1 through August 17 and on September 21, too, area residents can catch a new and diverse musical act at the Town Green or at Chillin' on Church. A handful of additional performances, including a new Kids on the Green series at 10 a.m. Tuesdays (see story in next month's newsletter,) are scheduled other days of the week.

The 2018 series kicks off with a performance by the U.S. Navy Band Country Current. Bring blankets and chairs, but please leave Fido and any other pets at home. The concerts are free and open to the public. ♻️

top & right photos by Adam Kincaid



2018 Summer on the Green Schedule of Performers

All concerts are at 6:30 p.m.

- June 1 U.S. Navy Band: Country Current
- June 8 Vienna Idol Finale
(Rain date is June 9)
- June 13 Rocknocerous
(sponsored by Vienna Moms, Inc.)
- June 15 Chillin' on Church with
The Rockits
- June 22 Wayne Tympanick Trio
- June 29 Shenandoah Run
- July 6 The Earls of Kent
- July 13 Mary Lou & the
Drugstore Lovers
- July 20 Chillin' on Church with Mudlark
- July 22 Vienna Community Band
- July 27 Sarah Bennett Swanner
- August 3 Nowhere Men
- August 10 Richard Walton Group
- August 17 Chillin' on Church with
Fat Chance

Recycle smarter: Think before you throw

If unclean or non-recyclable items get tossed out along with good recyclables, it can defeat sustainability efforts and the purpose of the re-usable industry. As an organization that collects more than 1,100 tons of recycling each year, the Town of Vienna asks residents to think before they throw.

Across the nation, indeed around the globe, localities are working to accommodate new, stricter standards in recycling. This includes working within other nations' new directives. For example, in an effort aimed at eliminating "dirty recycling," China has implemented stricter standards for importing recyclables and banned some products.

To help keep your recycling clean, consider these tips:

- all recyclable items should be rinsed and free of any food residue before being placed in the bin
- Styrofoam, diapers, syringes, and light bulbs belong in the trash can, not the recycle bin
- plastic bags can be recycled at local grocery stores
- never put rechargeable batteries in the trash or recycling bin.

Remember, #ThinkBeforeYouThrow! ♻️

Save money & H₂O with rain barrel workshops

by Water Quality Engineer Christine Horner

As homeowners begin to prepare their gardens for the spring season, it's a great time to take advantage of Fairfax County's rain barrel workshops. Rain barrels can be placed under downspouts to capture runoff from roofs. These workshops teach participants how to assemble, install, and maintain rain barrels. Workshops are offered throughout the spring and early summer to Fairfax County citizens (including Town of Vienna residents). A limited number of pre-made rain barrels are available for purchase as well.

Rain barrels are a great way to save money and water. Use the collected rain, rather than municipal tap H₂O, to water plants. Your plants will love the untreated, naturally soft water, and homeowners will enjoy the reduced water bill. By decreasing the volume of runoff, rain barrels also help prevent erosion and pollution from entering local streams and, ultimately, the Chesapeake Bay.

Spring build-your-own workshops will be held Saturday, May 12 and 19. The workshop cost per barrel is \$55. Please consider that most vehicles can fit only two rain barrels. To sign up and for additional information, visit fairfaxcounty.gov/soil-water-conservation/rain-barrel. ☺

Know the rules, keep your signs

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

Each year Vienna's Planning and Zoning Department, which is responsible for enforcing the Town's zoning code, removes nearly 2,000 illegal signs from Town rights-of-way. The highest number of illegally placed signs are found along Maple Avenue and Nutley Street.

Town code establishes signage standards that regulate how big signs can be and where they may be placed, which is essentially on private property. In addition, flashing neon signs and large fin flags are not permitted in Vienna.

Businesses who intend to install signage should consult with planning and zoning staff members to make sure that their signs, even temporary ones, are in line with code. More information about signage in Vienna is available at viennava.gov/signage. If you have additional questions, call 703-255-6341. ☺

Local talent shines at Vienna Idol

Vienna Idol is entering its seventh year of highlighting Northern Virginia's young musical talent and bringing solidarity to community through support of a great cause.

Auditions for the competition are already underway, so if you think you've got the right stuff to wow a crowd with your musical talent, register to compete by visiting viennaidol.org. Auditions are held at Caffè Amouri and Whole Foods, leading to semifinalist performances at ViVa! Vienna! on Sunday, May 27, and the final competition on Friday, June 8, at the Town Green.

Entertainment aside, the rising star contest and concert series aims to bring awareness to sudden unexpected death in epilepsy (SUDEP) through the Khristin Kyllö Memorial Fund. ☺



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Put more fun on your to-do list this month

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

In addition to other community events highlighted throughout this newsletter, be sure to consider these May opportunities:

Corral the kids to spin into spring



On May 5, Vienna police officers and other bike enthusiasts will present a training program to help kids spin into spring safely. At the Vienna Bike Rodeo, kids, ages pre-school through sixth grade, can touch up

their cycling safety skills from 9 a.m.-noon in the parking lot of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department.

The Bike Rodeo is sponsored by the Vienna police and parks and recreation departments as well as the Safe Routes to School program. It is designed to help children develop bike safety skills under the guidance of veteran cyclists and to encourage them to take advantage of the Town's bike-ability. Children must have a helmet in order to participate. No registration is required, but please call 703-255-7842 in case of inclement weather for cancelation information.

Check out big 'toys' at Public Works Day Open House

No doubt about it, the Vienna Public Works Department has some pretty impressive vehicles and pieces of equipment, or as their known on Public Works Day, oversized toys. Area children – and their parents, too, of course – are invited to enjoy all



sorts of crafts, toys, games, and life-sized trucks to “play” with during the annual Public Works Day open house from 2-6 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at the Northside Property Yard.

The makeshift theme park brings together equipment and staff members from public works, police, parks and recreation, and the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. A few light refreshments will be available, and prizes may be won at various games.

Teens on the Green

For one afternoon each spring, teens run the Town — or at least its entertainment.

Performances by Club Phoenix Live members, Madison High School's jazz band, Adrenaline Dance, School of Rock, Velocity Dance, and more will rock the Town Green stage from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, May 19, as teens take over the Town Green.

For more information about Vienna's little Woodstock, call 703-255-6360.

Better wellness and safety for mature adults

A variety of organizations will share tips related to finances, physical and mental health, and public safety – all especially for senior adults – at a Wellness & Safety Expo from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 20, at the Vienna Community Center. Hosted by Vienna's parks and recreation and police departments, the afternoon offers a little crash course in healthier, safer living for mature adults. Snacks will be provided by Cava and Fresh Market. For more information, call 703-255-7801. ↴



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Put the sun to work for you

There are many good reasons to consider solar power for your home or business. Perhaps one of the most compelling is that time is running short on the federal government's 30% tax credit for solar investments; the credit is expected to sunset in 2019.

Come learn more about utilizing the sun to power your home at a Solarize NOVA informational meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 3, at Town Hall. This year's selected, pre-vetted vendors will be on hand to answer questions and provide additional information. ↴

A community case study for going native with landscaping

by Maureen Alonso, Community Enhancement Commission

New landscape plantings were installed at the Vienna Community Center last fall. This spring and summer, visitors to the site will really notice these colorful new plantings as they begin to flourish. The Morton and Spapperi Family Foundation funded the plantings and coordinated volunteers for the effort. I recently spoke with Julie Spapperi in order to learn more about the new plantings.

MA: How did your foundation become involved in the community center plantings?

JS: The Morton and Spapperi Foundation became interested in contributing to the community center plantings because we had learned that funding for the landscape portion of the renovation project had been severely reduced. . . . We saw this as an opportunity to make an impact with habitat restoration and native plantings in our own community.

MA: Why native plantings?

JS: Because they are hardy, long-lived, and require less water, fertilizer, and maintenance to thrive. Most importantly, native plantings support beneficial habitat including pollinators, such as butterflies, birds, and insects, all of which are necessary for plant pollination.

MA: What should we expect the new plantings to look like?

JS: As plantings continue to establish and flourish, community center visitors will observe flowering for more than eight months of the year. The extended bloom time is essential to provide a pollen source for wildlife for as many months as possible. It's important to understand that native plants provide the "right" pollen source for our local pollinators; this is why including natives in the landscape is so important.

MA: Should visitors look to the community center plantings to seek inspiration for their own gardens?

JS: Sure, native plants are easily grown; they are well adapted to our local climate in that they tolerate the high heat and humidity of summer and periods of drought. Native plants are well adapted to local soil, which is typically heavy clay; expensive soil amendments are not needed when planting with natives. There are native plants for sun and shade as well as plants that do well in wet soils and rain gardens. Visitors can access a QR code on new signage at the community center that provides a list of the new plantings; the signage is scheduled for installation in May.

MA: What tips do you have for homeowners wanting to make positive impacts for pollinators in their home gardens?

JS:

- Stop using chemicals of all kinds in your lawn and garden. This includes weed killer in fertilizers as well as sprays to kill mosquitos. Chemicals kill beneficial insects.
- Start small if needed, make a commitment to plant one to three new native plants per year in your garden.
- When replacing trees in your yard, be sure to plant natives such as oak, maple, tulip poplar, black gum, hickory, redbud, and dogwood, to name a few. Plant native shrubs as well to support pollinators – there are many to choose from.

For a list of native plants, trees, and shrubs as well as information on local native plant sales and so much more, visit vnps.org/. The Town of Vienna's Community Enhancement Commission will host a native plant sale Saturday, September 22, at the Vienna Community Center. 📍

Bloom with a new skill - or book - from the library

Adult programs at the Patrick Henry Library in May cover a wide range of interests. Check out:

- Indian cooking with Monica Bhide at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 8
- Knitting for All at 1 p.m. Monday, May 14
- A Breezy Guide to American Literature with local teacher Helen Mondloch at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17.

Sprechen sie Deutsch? Or would you like to? The library is hosting a new German Conversation Group from 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, May 8 and 22.

Among the many story times in May is the Goodnight, Sleep Tight bedtime program from 7-7:30 p.m. Monday, May 7. BYO pajamas.

And there's much more: Four book discussion groups, after-school board games for teens May 11 and 25, and STEAM story time for preschoolers at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 16. 📍



A round of applause for community do-gooders

At the April 17 Mayor’s Volunteer Reception, the Town of Vienna offered a communal pat on the back to a few of the folks who so humbly do so much good throughout the community. The community volunteers recognized included:

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| Diane Abel | Kevin Krisko |
| Maureen Alonso | Cindy Latimer |
| Bailey Bane | Andy Lau |
| Fiona Barshow | Paul Layer |
| Woody Bentley | Sareena Miley |
| Wanpen Boonma | Morton and Spapperi Family Foundation |
| Frank Boyko | Victoria Noyes |
| Christina Caplan | Miguel Ordenez |
| Krista Chichester | Sharon Pott |
| Desiree DiMauro | Caroline Psarakis |
| Bill Dorn | Bob Robinson |
| Jean Ellen | Julie Rubley |
| Jim Forsberg and Elaine Braverman | Lydia Russo |
| Russell Furbush | Emily Schofield |
| Gerry Hamilton | Shepherd’s Center of Oakton-Vienna |
| Lara Hammock | Mark Stahl |
| Vicky Hodges | Suzanne Zollan |
| Shaheen Khurana | |



Thank you, community volunteers Bill Dorn was among the community volunteers who were recognized at Mayor Laurie DiRocco’s April 17 reception.

Mayor’s Awards were presented to Shirley Martin and Maud Robinson for lifetime contributions to the community.

Vienna Vintner was the winner of the 2018 Carole Wolfand Award, which is presented by the Town Business Liaison Committee to a business that has exemplified community spirit and service. 🍷

Airbnb: What's its place in Vienna?

Airbnb can be a fantastic option for quick stays, vacations, a night out, events, etc. – but not usually in the Town of Vienna.

By definition, Airbnb falls under the category of “transient lodging,” which acts like a business such as a hotel or bed and breakfast operation – rather than as a permanent residence. And, Town code decrees that transient lodging is not allowed in single-family residential zones, unless occupants stay a minimum of 30 days.

When conforming with that 30-day minimum stay requirement, homeowners may rent their house to a single family, it doesn’t matter how many people are in that family, as long as the owners themselves are not present. Owners also may rent to

up to four unrelated individuals, when the owner is not present. If owners are present and rent individual rooms, they may rent to up to two unrelated individuals.

The collection of Town code language related to lodging restrictions, note planning staff members, is designed to maintain safety as well as the ambiance of a small-town neighborhood. Residents report that it can be somewhat off-putting, says Zoning Enforcement Officer Clarence Goodson, if a house on the block has a different car in the driveway or different faces coming in and out on a regular basis.

If homeowners wish to rent their house, Town code says go for it – just so long as it is for 30 days or more. For more information, call the Planning and Zoning Department at 703-255-6341. 🍷

101
years ago...

Town of Vienna officials considered changing the Town’s name during World War I, according to the *Home Front – The Great War and Vienna* exhibit currently on display at the Freeman Store and Museum.

According to the May 2, 1917 issue of the *Alexandria Gazette*: “So surely did the matter weigh on the mind of Charles E. Babcock, member of Vienna’s Town Council, that he asked the Governor if he couldn’t change the name of the town by executive order. Attorney-General Pollard, however, has advised Governor Stuart that he has no such authority. The Legislature chartered the town as Vienna, at the request of its citizens, and only the Legislature can rebaptize it.

“Fairfax County’s cup of bitterness, however, is shared by fifteen other American towns which are listed in the Postal Guide as Vienna. Perhaps the disgrace is not so overt as in the case of the twenty-five towns and cities that go by the name of Berlin, nor so deep as that of the twenty towns that struggle along under the name of Hamburg.”

HAPPENINGS around town

"The Home Front and the Great War" will be the program topic at the **annual meeting of Historic Vienna, Inc.** at 7:30 pm April 30 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 Vienna area supported the war effort.

Vienna (Host) Lions Club will hold a **fundraiser** from 11 am-9 pm May 1 at Foster's Grille. Simply put your receipt in the Lions box, and Foster's will donate 20% of your purchase to Lions' youth, sight, hearing, and community programs. For more information, call Tom Comi at 703-281-4575 or visit [facebook.com/viennahostlionsclub](https://www.facebook.com/viennahostlionsclub).

Local BMW, Mercedes-Benz, and Porsche clubs are hosting the **Deutsche Marque Concours d'Elegance**, an automotive party featuring fine German collector vintage and modern cars, beginning at 9 am Sunday, May 6, at Nottoway Park, 9601 Courthouse Road. (The rain date is Sunday, May 20.) Participating vehicles will be judged based on their condition, appearance, and cleanliness; judging will begin at 10:30 am and end around 3 pm. The show, which also includes food trucks and car-related vendors, is open to the public, and admission is free. For more information, contact John McWilliams at drmcwilliams@excite.com.

The award-winning **Vienna Jammers** will perform a mix of cover songs, original pieces, and traditional music at the **Big Jam Concert** at 4 pm Sunday, May 6, at James Madison High School. Vienna Jammers is an auditioned percussion ensemble made up of children ages 7-18 and led by Grammy Music Educator Award semi-finalist and Vienna Elementary School music teacher David Lee Reynolds, Jr. Get tickets at [viennajammers.org](https://www.viennajammers.org).

Artist Amy Shawley will lead a **Golden Paints Mixed Media lecture and demonstration** at 7:30 pm May 10 at the Vienna Arts Center, 115 Pleasant Street NW. Participants will learn about Golden acrylic paints, mediums, and QoR watercolors as well as how to layer color, create water media effects, paint on fabrics, and how to use acrylics for printmaking. For more information, visit [ViennaArtsSociety.org](https://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org) or call 703-319-3971.

The **Ayr Hill Garden Club** will host a **plant sale** with a special focus on plants native to Virginia from 9 am-1 pm Saturday, May 12, next to the Freeman Store and Museum, 131 Church Street NE. Plants available include those that thrive in sun or shade, are deer resistant, and tolerate drought. Native plants attract beneficial birds and insects to your garden. Proceeds help the Ayr Hill Garden Club maintain five Vienna gardens.

Green Hedges School will hold an **open house** for prospective students at 9 am 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](https://www.greenhedges.org). Contact Katherine Vazquez with questions at 703-938-8323, ext. 228, or kvazquez@greenhedges.org.

The community is invited to join the **Vienna Woman's Club** for a special evening when it awards a \$2,000 scholarship to a graduating Vienna area high school senior as well as educational grants to the four elementary schools located in Town, at 7 pm Wednesday, May 16, at the Vienna Community Center. Mayor Laurie DiRocco will be the keynote speaker, and a reception will immediately follow.

The **North East Vienna Citizens Association (NEVCA)** will hold a **general membership meeting** at 7:30 pm Thursday, May 17, at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street SE. Cindy Petkac, the Town of Vienna's director of planning and zoning, will be the featured speaker and will discuss topical issues of interest and upcoming planning efforts. This meeting is open to everyone; please plan to attend and answer questions. Annual election of NEVCA officers will be held, and door prizes, courtesy of Great Harvest Bread Company, will be awarded.

Give the gift of life at a May 18 **INOVA blood drive** at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street SE. Sign up for an appointment, from 10:30 am-3 pm, via bit.ly/2vatjZt.

Sip on tea and chat about *The Language of Flowers* at the **Freeman Store & Museum's traditional English teas** from 3-5 pm Friday, May 18, and Saturday, May 19. Enjoy scones, tea sandwiches, assorted sweets, and a bottomless cup of tea. Tickets are \$30 per person. Space is very limited; make reservations by calling 703-938-5187.

Harmonia School of Music & Art will present **Legally Blonde Jr.** as its spring main stage production. Show times are 7 pm Friday, May 18; 3:30 and 7 pm Saturday, May 19; and 3:30 pm Sunday, May 20. Tickets are \$12 each and go on sale beginning April 30. For more information, visit [harmoniaschool.org](https://www.harmoniaschool.org) or call 703-938-7301.

Enjoy an **evening of fun music** from classic, old Hollywood to modern, international cinema when the **Vienna Choral Society** presents *The Red Carpet* at 7:30 pm Saturday, May 19, at Vienna Baptist Church. Children from the Louise Archer Elementary School Choir also will be part of the performance. Tickets and additional information are available at [viennachoralsociety.org](https://www.viennachoralsociety.org).

Enjoy a Sunday breakfast buffet from 8 am-noon May 20 at **American Legion Post 180**, 330 Center Street N. Among items on the menu are omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, sausage, and biscuits and gravy. Breakfast is \$10 for adults, \$4 for children 12 and under. For more information, call 703-938-6580.

The **Vienna Community Band** will perform at ViVa! Vienna! at 3 pm Saturday, May 26, on the Vienna Town Green.

Join **Historic Vienna Inc.** members in creating a **World War I vegetable garden** on the Freeman Store grounds. If you'd like to help cultivate and care for the garden, call 703-938-5187.

Trees, Trees, and Beyond, a **Vienna Arts Society exhibit**, will be on display through May at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court. The exhibit is open 10 am-7:30 pm.

Hobbies and collectibles books are half price during the month of May at the **Used Book Cellar** at the Freeman Store, which is open 12-4 pm Wednesday-Sunday. Book donations are always welcome, but encyclopedias, magazines, romance novels, and textbooks are not accepted. Proceeds from book sales support Historic Vienna, Inc. programs and activities.

Happenings Around Town notices are printed as a community service, and items are included as space allows. Submissions may be edited. Listings do not constitute an endorsement of content nor necessarily reflect any policy or position of the Town of Vienna, Town Council, or employees.

First Baptist Church of Vienna, through the Southeast Diabetes Faith Initiative, is offering a **diabetes prevention program** with classes beginning this month. These free classes will help participants make modest lifestyle changes, by offering tips on eating healthier, being more physically active, and reducing stress. To enroll or for more information, call Robin Williams at 703-679-8641 or visit [balmingilead.org](https://www.balmingilead.org).



Town Council Actions

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

April 9

- Conducted a public hearing on the proposed FY2018-19 budget and directed the Town Clerk to advertise a Notice of Intent to Adopt the FY2018-19 budget at the May 7 Council meeting, following Council's consideration of the real estate tax rate.
- Held a public hearing on FY2018-19 water and sewer rates and directed the Town Clerk to advertise a Notice of Intent to Adopt water and sewer rates and public works fees for fiscal year 2018-19 at its May 7 meeting.
- Held a public hearing on renewal of a franchise agreement with Washington Gas.
- Conducted a public hearing regarding the transfer of management of vehicle license registration fees to Fairfax County.
- Approved the 2018 Solarize NOVA program.
- Approved \$13,888 in additional spending and \$101,362.09 in total fiscal year spending with Virginia Public Works Equipment Company.
- Approved expenditure of \$25,848.32 for purchasing and reprogramming mobile radios.
- Awarded IFB18-13 to Midlantic Marking for traffic markings as needed and approved \$36,487.69 in FY18 spending.
- Approved the Transportation Safety Commission's recommendations for traffic-calming measures along Tapawingo and Kingsley roads.
- Approved a wall waiver at 135 Center Street S. Instead of a 200-foot wall, the developer will be allowed to build a 45-foot masonry wall and substitute additional evergreen trees to provide screening and noise abatement.

- Set a public hearing for May 7 for rezoning of 245 Maple Avenue W and 101, 107, and 115 Pleasant Street NW for the proposed Vienna Market.
- Postponed until a future date consideration of approval of final plat of 713 Kingsley Road SW and 911 Myers Circle SW.
- Approved termination of a Maple Avenue Design Guidelines contract with Lardner/Klein Landscape Architects.

Appointed to serve

The following individuals were reappointed to serve on the designated boards by Town Council at its April 9 meeting:

- Freya Fisher – Historic Vienna, Inc.
- Susan Stillman – Community Enhancement Commission

Open for business

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



Booth Financial Consulting
consultant
113 James Drive SW
703-862-1107

Jennifer Boamah
aesthetician
125 Pleasant Street SW
703-589-5786

Ray's Auto Body
automotive repairs
324 Dominion Road NE
703-938-2112

Vienna Kabob
restaurant
409 Maple Avenue W
571-999-2112

Vienna Vintner
wine store
320 Maple Avenue E
703-242-9463

Vienna businesses with staying power

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

55 YEARS

Ray's Auto Body

(Same business, but new owners and thus the new business license noted above.)

30 YEARS

Alfa Valet

25 YEARS

Flourish Quilts

Weichert Realtors

20 YEARS

Scorpio's Charcoal Grill

15 YEARS

Chuck of All Trades Handyman

Hair Pair

Leslie's Swimming Pool Supplies

10 YEARS

Home Exteriors Energy Consultants

MinuteClinic Diagnostic of Virginia

Vienna Pet Spaw

5 YEARS

Elevation Burger

Lillique Medspa

Mission Sync

Prestige Lawn and Landscapes

Sounds Hearing Centers

Urban Mattress



**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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May TOWN CALENDAR

1	Town Election Day (Voting at VCC) • 6 am - 7 pm
2	Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 pm
3	Solarize NOVA Informational Meeting • 7:30 pm
4	Vienna Theatre Company: Blithe Spirit (VCC) • 8 pm
5	Vienna Farmers Market Opens (VCC) • 8 am - noon
5	Bike Rodeo (WVFD) • 9 am - noon
7	Town Council Meeting • 8 pm
8	Mayor @ Your Service: 'American Vienna' (VCC) • 7:30 pm
9	Historic Vienna, Inc. (Freeman Store) • 7:30 pm
9	Planning Commission • 8 pm
10	Public Works Open House (Northside) • 2 - 6 pm
10	Town Business Liaison Committee • 7 pm
12	Vienna Farmers Market (VCC) • 8 am - noon
12	Ayr Hill Garden Club Plant Sale (Freeman Store) • 9 am - noon
14	Town Council Work Session • 7:30 pm
15	Public Art Commission • 7 pm

17	Board of Architectural Review • 8 pm
18	National Bike to Work Day
19	Vienna Farmers Market (VCC) • 8 am - noon
19	Teens on the Green (Town Green) • 11 am - 3 pm
20	Mature Adult Wellness & Safety Expo (VCC) • 1 - 4 pm
21	Town Council Meeting • 8 pm
22	Board of Zoning Appeals/Public Hearing • 8 pm
23	Planning Commission • 8 pm
24	Community Enhancement Commission • 7:30 pm
26	Vienna Farmers Market (VCC) • 8 am - noon
26	ViVa! Vienna! (Town Green/Church St.) • 10 am - 10 pm
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28	Holiday: Town Hall Closed (Regular refuse collection)
28	ViVa! Vienna! (Town Green/Church St.) • 10 am - 6 pm
29	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee • 7 pm
29	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.