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Survey says: Vienna a great place to live

Vienna residents rate safety, events, services, and engagement highly

Results from the Town of Vienna's participation in the National Citizen Survey, conducted in October, are in. The conclusion? Overall, Town of Vienna residents really dig where they live.

Responding residents rated Vienna as excellent or good as a place to raise children (98%), as a place to live (96%), and for quality of life (94%). All of these rankings put Vienna above national benchmark comparisons. Nine in 10 Vienna residents would recommend living in the community to someone who asked.

The National Citizen Survey, which is conducted by the National Research Center (NRC) in partnership with the International City/County Management Association, captures residents' opinions within three pillars of community (community characteristics, governance, and participation) across eight facets of community (safety, mobility, natural environment, built environment, economy, recreation and wellness, education and enrichment, and community engagement).

The survey was randomly mailed to 1,600 Town of Vienna addresses in October; with about 3% of mailings returned by the post office, surveys were received at 1,559 Vienna households. With 695 completed surveys returned, Vienna's response rate was 45%, which, according to the NRC, is one of the highest response rates generated by a community taking the National Citizen Survey over the past decade. Typical response rates for this survey are in the 20th percentile. The margin of error for Vienna's survey is about 4%.

Trends and comparisons to the national benchmark

Across 126 categories measured by Vienna's version of the National Citizen Survey, the Town was rated higher by its residents than national comparison communities in 65 categories, similar in 57, and lower in four. Lower ratings,

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Vienna Community Center

engaging business tips • networking • inspiring speaker • food & beverages

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compared to the benchmark, were for traffic flow, ease of travel by car, affordable quality housing, and number of residents who work in Vienna. The Town scored in the top 20 among benchmark communities in 30 areas; in 10 of those instances, Vienna broke into the top 10. (See page 4.)

National benchmarks provide context for Vienna's ratings. "Taking the pulse of the community has little meaning without knowing what pulse rate is too high and what is too low," says the NRC. The National Citizen Survey benchmark includes 605 communities across the nation and represents more than 30 million Americans. The benchmark for each category depends on the number of communities that include that particular question on their surveys.

Compared to earlier Vienna citizen surveys, conducted in 2014 and 2016 by ETC Institute, ratings remained generally stable. In 42 comparison areas, 35 had similar ratings in 2018; four showed a decrease (travel by public transportation, traffic flow, overall direction, and street repair); and three demonstrated an increase (paths and walking trails, opportunities to participate in community matters, and traffic signal timing).

Vienna's story

The NRC drew four conclusions about the Town of Vienna based on survey results:

- Vienna is a great place to live, and residents enjoy a strong sense of safety.
- Vienna's economy is both a valued asset and a challenge.
- Alternative transportation is a highlight of the community.
- Residents appreciate recreation, wellness, and enrichment offerings in the community.

Resident ratings for safety-related services were exceptional, exceeding all national benchmarks. Residents reported feeling safe overall as well as in their neighborhoods and in the downtown/commercial area.

Residents characterized the economy as an important measure of quality of life and identified it, as well as mobility and built environment, as a focus area for the next two years. Survey participants awarded top marks to the overall economic health of Vienna and evaluated vibrancy of the downtown/commercial area,

economic development, employment, and shopping opportunities at levels higher than comparison communities. When asked about Town priorities over the next 3-5 years, approximately 8 in 10 felt that employing economic development strategies to bring additional visitors and revenue to Vienna and improving Town policies and practices to be more business-friendly should be high or medium priorities.

Vienna residents indicated that they use public transit or walk or bike instead of driving at rates higher than in other communities. Residents appreciate street cleaning, snow removal, and leaf pick-up services, with these ratings outshining comparison communities. However, public parking, ease of travel by car, and traffic flow were rated less positively, with the latter two areas falling below national benchmarks.

Vienna residents exhibit above-average rates of participation within their community, especially in the areas of education and enrichment, recreation and wellness, and community engagement. They also appreciate social events, opportunities to participate in community matters, and the openness and accepting nature of the community. In addition, residents praised public information services, indicating that they find the *Vienna Voice* newsletter, Town website, and email/text alerts valuable.



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Community priorities

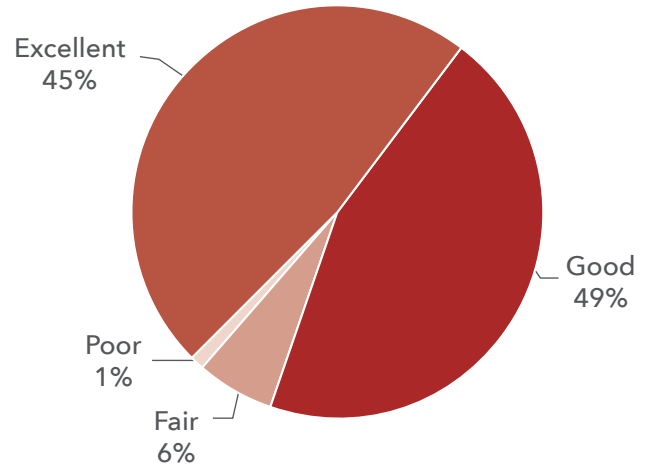
When asked which of the provided topics should be Town priorities over the next 3-5 years, residents rated increasing and improving public green spaces as the top priority, with 46% saying it should be a high priority and 45% identifying it as a medium priority. Here's how residents rated other areas as high and medium priorities:

Provide public parking opportunities in commercial districts	88%
Improve Town policies, practices to be more business-friendly	83%
Employ economic development strategies to enhance commercial areas and increase visitors and revenue	81%
Enhance public art throughout the community	57%
Build a community swimming pool	46%
Add a splash pad at Town Green or other location	43%

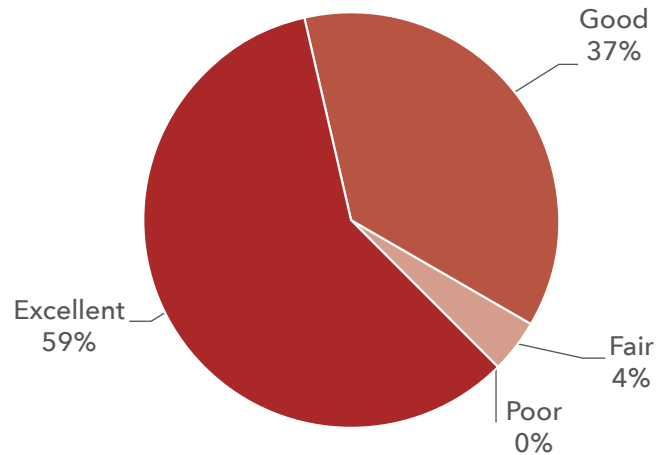
When asked to agree or disagree with several statements related to Maple Avenue, 9 in 10 agreed that power lines should be buried underground. Eight in 10 agreed that buildings should be designed to create a sense of place and not be taller than four stories and that sidewalks should be widened to accommodate landscaping and outdoor seating. Almost two-thirds of respondents agreed that Maple Avenue should have more retail stores and restaurants and that new development should include both commercial and residential uses; about 2 in 10 strongly disagreed with these statements.

Full survey results and reports related to Vienna's 2018 National Citizen Survey are available online at viennava.gov/2018citizensurvey.

Overall Quality of Life



Place to Live



Residents rate Vienna among 20 best communities in 30 categories

Residents' ratings put Vienna among the top 20 communities in the National Citizen Survey (NCS) benchmark in 30 categories, 10 of those times Vienna broke into the top 10. The NCS benchmark represents 605 communities of varying population sizes across the country and more than 30 million Americans. For each question/category, Vienna was compared to other participating communities who asked a similar question.

Category	% positive	Ranking	# in benchmark
Services provided by the federal government	57%	2	247
Town-sponsored events	91%	3	273
Sewer services	90%	4	315
Yard waste pick-up	90%	4	264
Garbage collection	91%	6	350
Sense of community	83%	6	306
Fire services	98%	8	382
Neighborliness of Vienna	78%	8	244
Recreation centers or facilities	90%	8	273
Fairfax County ambulance/EMS	99%	9	343
Opportunities to participate in social events & activities	82%	11	259
Recreation programs or classes	87%	12	320
Drinking water	90%	13	309
Opportunities to participate in community matters	82%	13	270
Public information services	84%	13	282
Attended Town-sponsored event	75%	14	242
Openness & acceptance toward people of diverse backgrounds	79%	14	288
Vienna as a place to raise children	98%	15	374
Overall economic health of Vienna	90%	16	255
Crime prevention	87%	17	357
Emergency preparedness	76%	17	273
Opportunities to participate in religious/spiritual activities	87%	17	201
Economy will have positive impact on income	45%	18	254
Fire prevention and education	92%	18	279
Snow removal	83%	18	282
Recycling	87%	19	350
Contacted Vienna for help or information	61%	20	317
Health services	84%	20	217
Storm drainage	79%	20	346
Your neighborhood as a place to live	94%	20	307

In four areas, residents' ratings scored lower than benchmark communities.

Category	% positive	Ranking	# in benchmark
Ease of travel by car	42%	271	299
Traffic flow on major streets	18%	321	335
Availability of affordable quality housing	20%	251	297
Work inside boundaries of Vienna	30%	172	241



Maple Avenue survey results reveal citizens' preferences

Results from the Maple Avenue Commercial (MAC) visual preference survey that was available this past fall indicate that citizens prefer wider pedestrian corridors and buildings that appear to be individually constructed over time.

“While there were a number of take-aways from the survey, two really stand out,” says Planning and Zoning Director Cindy Petkac. “It’s clear that residents desire wider, less encumbered sidewalks, though they still appreciate street trees and landscaping and want to be buffered from traffic on Maple Avenue. They also prefer that buildings at least appear to be individual structures built over a period of time and with varying rooflines, that they not be one monolithic structure.”

Planning staff will now take the survey results and, working with the Board of Architectural Review, develop visual design guidelines for builders wishing to redevelop Maple Avenue properties under the voluntary MAC zoning ordinance, which provides for mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly projects. The Town’s MAC zoning ordinance is temporarily suspended until at least June as the Town develops visual design guidelines and works through the Planning Commission and Town Council to amend aspects of the zoning ordinance.

While the Town is prohibited by its charter from prescribing any one style of architecture, the guidelines can visually articulate the styles and standards preferred by the community, including preferences related to materials, massing, setbacks, building form, site design, and streetscape.

The Town will invite additional community input this spring after guidelines are drafted and Town Council, the Planning Commission, and Board of Architectural Review members have an opportunity to weigh in at work sessions that are anticipated to be held in February.



“The goal,” says Petkac, “is to give developers an idea of what the community prefers via the guidelines and then provide clear minimal expectations through amendments to existing standards.”

Once the visual guidelines are complete and citizens have had an opportunity to provide input, planning and zoning staff will work with the Planning Commission and Town Council to make amendments to the MAC zoning ordinance, which applies to a 1.5-mile stretch of Vienna’s main commercial corridor from East Street to the western Town limit.

The Town received 1,400 survey responses, with 1,064 verified as from Town residents or business/property owners.

“That’s a phenomenal response rate,” Petkac notes. “We’re really grateful to those who took the time to rate their favorability of a collection of photos representing communities around the country.”

Survey results are available at viennava.gov/macsurveyresults.

In addition to rating 41 images, survey-takers had the option of providing additional comments at the end of the survey. Of the 1,064 verified responses, 397 included comments.

“Many of the comments were very thoughtful and helpful,” says Planning and Zoning Deputy Director Mike D’Orazio. “They went directly to the purpose of the survey and were very specific about concerns and things to think about as we craft design guidelines.”

Some respondents expressed a desire that the survey had included photos of buildings less than three or four stories. However, the Town’s current zoning ordinance allows for three-story construction on Maple Avenue “by right” and a key component of the MAC is the provision for four-story, mixed-use development. 📌



Ups and downs This photo of Keane, New Hampshire, downtown storefronts with varying roof heights was the most preferred building image in the recent MAC visual preference survey.

Record rain impacts Town projects

The Washington D.C. metropolitan area’s record-setting 67 inches of rain in 2018 not only caused picnics to be cancelled and commutes to be grim, the record rainfall also impacted Town of Vienna operational and construction projects. Several Town construction projects took longer than expected, the mural installation at the back of the Vienna Shopping Center was put off for several months, and some Town maintenance projects, such as lane restriping and pavement sealing, were deferred because of wet weather conditions.

“Weather affects every kind of construction,” says Town Civil Engineer Luis Blandon, who has supervised many of the Town’s roadway and other construction projects. “We check the weather report every week and do our best to plot out on which days we are going to be excavating for road, curb and gutter, and sidewalk because if we start to dig and pour concrete while it rains, it ruins everything. It can be a tricky back and forth.”

Of course, the rain also impacted the more than 100 private construction projects undertaken throughout Town last year. Inspector Emily Goodman noted an extreme uptick in calls and emails related to erosion and sediment control issues. Fairfax County reported that it received more than twice as many complaints about erosion and sediment control problems at construction sites in the first 10 months of 2018 than were received in all of 2017.

Goodman inspects all construction sites in Town to ensure that they are complying with Virginia Department of Environmental Control regulations. If you have concerns about sediment issues, contact Goodman at emily.goodman@viennava.gov or 703-255-6384.

Also, due to last year’s plethora of plants’ drink of choice, the Town’s tree leaves did not fall on their normal schedule. The well-nourished leaves clung to their host trees longer than usual and, as a result, citizens were raking and the Town was collecting leaves right to the very end of the year.

Last year’s area rainfall total broke a record that had weathered 129 years. The previous record for the D.C. metro area was set in 1889, one year before the Town of Vienna was incorporated. Hopefully, we can all put our umbrellas away for a little while, and 2019 doesn’t bring any such new records. ☔



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Vienna is for (art) lovers Valentine's Day bash

Do you love to art? Do you love great music and local bands? Do you love to have fun? If you answered yes, yes, and oh yes!, then you're going to LOVE the Valentine's Day fundraiser event being hosted by Movers and Shakers for Vienna Arts at Jammin Java February 14. Mary Lou and the Drug Store Lovers, Fat Chance, and Mudlark are donating their talent for the evening. Bring someone you love!

Proceeds from the concert will be used to purchase lamppost banners for Maple Avenue. The banners will feature the Town of Vienna logo and messaging as well as a seasonal or event design.

Doors open for the Jammin Java event at 6 p.m.; the show begins at 7. The event is for all ages; a full dinner and drink menu as well as door prizes will be available. Tickets are \$50/person general admission and \$75 for premier plus, which provides seating in a raised area with great views and reserved seats and tables. Tickets may be purchased at jamminjava.com.

Movers and Shakers for Vienna Arts is a community organization that promotes and supports public, visual, literary, and performing arts through awareness, participation, education, fundraising, and advocacy. Membership is open to businesses, residents, and nonprofit organizations. Visit MoversShakersVienna.org for more information. 📌

Supervisor Hudgins hosts two meetings



Fairfax County Supervisor Cathy Hudgins will host a Town Hall meeting about the county's fiscal year 2020 proposed budget from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, March 2, at the Frying Pan Farm Park Visitor Center, 2739 West Ox Road in Herndon. County Executive Bryan Hill and other county staff will present the FY2020 proposed budget, and Fairfax County Public Schools staff will address the school system's budget proposal and plans. A question-and-answer opportunity will follow presentations. For more information, call the Hunter Mill District Office at 703-478-0283.

On Wednesday, March 6, from 4-6 p.m., Supervisor Hudgins will host her next First Wednesday session at the Patrick Henry Library. Residents are invited to meet, share concerns and issues, or simply talk one-on-one with Hudgins. Walk-ins are welcome, but you may schedule an appointment, if you prefer, by calling 703-438-0283. 📌

Candidate qualifying deadline for Town Council is March 5

In order to be on the ballot for the May 7 Vienna Town Council elections, candidates must meet certain qualifications and file required forms with the Fairfax County Office of Elections by 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 5. Forms and additional candidate information are available on the Virginia Department of Elections website, elections.virginia.gov/candidatepac-info/becoming-a-candidate/index.html.

Vienna Town Council candidates must be a Virginia resident for at least one year immediately preceding the election, a Town of Vienna resident, and registered to vote in the Town.

Voters in Town elections must be a Town of Vienna resident, at least 18 years of age by election day, and a U.S. citizen. Voting will take place from 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, at the Vienna Community Center.

Voter information is available at both elections.virginia.gov and fairfaxcounty.gov/elections. 📌

Two Town programs assist furloughed federal workers

As the federal government shutdown became the longest in U.S. history, the Town of Vienna undertook two programs to assist furloughed federal employees.

Using funds available through attrition, the Town hired 10 furloughed workers, most of whom are Town residents, on a part-time, temporary basis in mid-January. The temporary employees were hired for up to four weeks and assigned to tasks in communications, information technology, parks and recreation, police, and public works.

In addition, the Town will extend the payment due date and waive fees for water bills due January 31 for furloughed federal employees. Town of Vienna water customers who wish to apply for the payment extension must show proof of federal employment (via a badge or pay stub) at the finance counter at Town Hall from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

"News outlets report that approximately 78% of federal employees live paycheck to paycheck, and many of those are hourly workers," Human Resources Director Maggie Kain says. "If the Town can contribute just a bit to the cause of helping our neighbors, why not do it?" 📌

Parks & Rec Sampler

Celebrate the Year of the Pig

Adults 55 and older are invited to a February 12 luncheon celebration of the Lunar New Year, hosted by the Town of Vienna and Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna. Chicken stir fry, rice, spring rolls, and dessert will be served at the luncheon, which takes place from 12-2 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. Senior members of the Fairfax Chinese Dance Troupe and Vienna's Tai Chi Chuan program will perform.

Tickets are \$15 per person, and prepayment is due February 8. To register, call the Shepherd's Center at 703-281-0538.

Give theatre a try-out

Auditions for the Vienna Theatre Company's spring production of David Lindsay-Abaire's *Ripcord* will take place at 7:30 p.m. February 11 and 12 at the Vienna Community Center. Callbacks by invitation are at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, February 14.

Ripcord is a vastly entertaining story of two women thrown together by a cosmic force possessed of a wicked sense of humor. Jessie Roberts will direct the spring production, which will be staged weekends April 19-May 5. For more information, visit viennatheatrecompany.org/audition.

Free mulch

Special driveway delivery

The Town began making leaf mulch deliveries to residences around mid-January. While supplies last (and they frequently don't), mulch may be ordered from the Town for free and with free delivery through February 28. To order home delivery, for which the minimum amount is one full load, call 703-255-6388 or submit a request online at viennava.gov/mulch. Residents may self-pickup any amount of mulch through March 31 at 442 Beulah Road NE. 📍

Recycling reminders

Results from the 2018 National Citizen Survey indicate that 96% of Town residents recycle at home. Keep it up, Vienna! In addition, 87% of survey respondents rated the Town's curbside recycling services positively, placing Vienna among the top 20 communities in the National Citizen Survey benchmark of comparison communities across the country.

Here's a reminder of what can and cannot be included in residential recycling, per Fairfax County guidelines:

Do include:

- mixed paper, magazines, junk mail, newspapers
- flattened cardboard
- glass bottles and jars (changes in the recycling industry related to glass are underway, but Vienna continues to accept glass with recyclable materials)
- metal food and beverage cans
- cartons (for milk or juice, for example) – remove caps and straws
- plastic food and beverage bottles, jugs, and tubs

Do not include:

- household hazardous waste
- used electronics
- takeout containers
- plastic bags
- diapers
- pizza boxes
- Styrofoam, clamshell, or clear plastic containers
- packaging peanuts

Quarterly Recycling Day is March 2

In addition to providing curbside recycling services, the Town hosts a Quarterly Recycling Day at which used motor oil, antifreeze, batteries, and electronics are accepted. The Town's next Quarterly Recycling Day is from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, March 2, at the Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill Street NE. Paint, other hazardous materials, and CRT-type computers or TVs (those with large backsides) will not be accepted. 📍



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Town hires Downey & Scott as police facility project manager

At its January 7 meeting, Town Council approved a contract with Warrenton-based Downey & Scott, LLC to provide project management services for design, construction, and post-construction of a new police facility. The contract price for project management services is not to exceed \$318,950.

The Town currently is working with Dewberry to design the new police facility, on which construction is expected to begin in 2020.

Over the past five years, Downey & Scott, which has 34 years' experience in construction management, has provided services for more than 500 projects in Virginia, including police and public safety facilities and schools.

"I'm pleased to work with an experienced firm like Downey & Scott," says Vienna Police Chief Jim Morris, "to help ensure that each phase of our construction project, as much as possible, runs smoothly and meets established deadlines."

Updates about the police department construction project will be posted regularly to the "Police Department Renovation" webpage, located under the Police Department section, at viennava.gov.

Be a good (snow) neighbor

The Town's first 2019 snowfall ushered in about 8 inches of the fluffy white stuff in mid-January and offered an opportunity to remind residents of some shoveling etiquette that can help out the Town as well as your neighbors.

Town snowplows make multiple passes throughout Vienna during a snow event. The initial focus is on primary roads, then secondary roads, followed by neighborhood streets. Just because a plow has been down your road once, doesn't necessarily mean that the job is done. In the same way, the Town suggests that you plan to **shovel your driveway and sidewalk more than once**. This will allow you smoother access to your driveway (if necessary) during a snow event and it's easier on your body to shovel a couple of inches at a time rather than 6-8 inches of snow all at once.

Please **pile snow onto grassy areas to the side of your driveway, not back in the street**. If snow is thrown back in the street after plowing is completed, it can cause some of those hazardous icy conditions that the plowing is trying to negate.

Town plow drivers try to be careful, but inevitably a few driveways, especially on cul de sacs, will get plowed back in after shoveling. If this happens to you, please accept the Town's apologies and **reshovel your driveway entrance**.

The Town requests that corner-property owners **shovel sidewalks both to the front and side of the property** to allow schoolchildren, dog walkers, and other pedestrians safer travel. And consider being "neighbor of the year" and **check with elderly or disabled neighbors who may need some shoveling assistance**.

Money may not grow on trees, but your donation can help plant a tree

by Bob Robinson, Community Enhancement Commission

One of the defining characteristics of Vienna is the presence of so many stately trees located throughout Town. Achieving Tree City USA certification, through the National Arbor Day Foundation, for the past 17 years is a testament to our Town's devotion to its trees.

Yes, Viennans love their trees. In fact, few events generate more consternation among Town residents than the sight of mature native trees coming down as part of the new home construction process. The Town and its arborists work very hard to protect our treescape during this process, but Virginia law imposes very real limits on what can be done in this regard.

However, there are steps that we all can take to add new trees to our community. In addition to planting native trees, like oaks, maples, river birches, and dogwoods, on our own properties, residents and businesses can help the Town plant more native trees in public spaces through donations to the Heritage Dedication Program.

To fully fund a tree installation, residents and businesses can make a \$200 donation; for an additional \$250, a plaque identifying the donor will be installed at the tree-planting site. However, all donations to the program, regardless of the amount, are added to the fund until the amount needed to add a tree is reached.

Since 2014, donations to the fund have resulted in tree installations in Northside, Glyndon, and Sara Mercer parks as well as at the Little Library near the Freeman Store and Museum, Town Green, Vienna Community Center, and several street rights-of-way. To make a donation or to learn more about the program, residents may contact Recreation Program Supervisor Amy-Jo Hendrix at 703-255-6360.



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 7

- Approved Vienna's participation in the spring 2019 Solarize NOVA program and authorized staff and the Community Enhancement Commission to move forward with program implementation.
- Authorized the Town Clerk to advertise a notice of intent to adopt on January 28 a name change for the Community Enhancement Commission to Conservation and Sustainability Commission as well as changes to the commission's code provisions.
- Approved \$15,000 in additional FY19 spending with Ross Tree Expert Company for tree maintenance and removal.
- Awarded the project management contract for pre-construction, construction, and post-construction of the new police facility to Downey & Scott, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$318,950.
- Approved \$45,000 in additional FY19 spending with Broad Run Recycling, LLC for construction and demolition debris disposal.
- Adopted a resolution to endorse submission of a proposed project for consideration for FY20 I-66 Commuter Choice funding, which would provide funds for the purchase and installation of Capital Bikeshare stations.
- Approved expenditure of \$79,994.06 with Kimley-Horn for a Maple Avenue Corridor Multimodal Transportation and Land Use Study.
- Adopted a resolution in support of Town staff's submission of a request for \$120,000 from the Fairfax County Economic Development Support Fund to update the Town's zoning and subdivision ordinances.
- Adopted a resolution in support of Town staff's submission of a request for \$50,000 from the Fairfax County Economic Development Support Fund for an economic development strategy and marketing study.
- Approved extension of lease with T-Mobile Northeast, LLC for installation of equipment on and around the Town's water tank at 411-412 Tapawingo Road SW.

Appointed to serve

At its January 7 meeting, Town Council appointed **Sean Casey** to a two-year term on the Community Enhancement Commission.

Vienna businesses with staying power

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

30 YEARS

NOVA Dental Care

25 YEARS

Cameo Coins & Collectibles

IGS Diamonds

McKinney Financial Planning & Management

20 YEARS

Mediclean Services

10 YEARS

Ghaffari Orthodontics

Hadeed Carpet Cleaning

5 YEARS

BR Judis Consulting

Washington Equity



Open for business

A Town of Vienna business license was issued in December to:

PMK Joint Venture

IT service

601 Mckinley Street NE

703-209-6620



30
years ago...

The February 1989 newsletter issued a call for “old photos and memorabilia” in anticipation of celebration of the Town’s centennial celebration the following year. The article also noted a significant milestone from the Town’s history: Election of the first woman to Town Council in 1907. Clara Staats Barringer served multiple terms intermittently through 1924.



HAPPENINGS around town

The 1950s are remembered for Elvis Presley, *Singin' in the Rain*, hula hoops, hot rods, sock hops, and the introduction of Barbie dolls. The decade also is known for the Korean War, hydrogen bombs, and Brown v. Board of Education. The **Freeman Store's 2019 museum exhibit** will explore both the innocence and harsh realities of the 1950s, with an emphasis on life in Vienna during the decade. The exhibit, which opens March 1, will feature photographs, maps, artifacts, and reproductions. If you have artifacts that you're willing to loan or stories you're willing to share about Vienna in the '50s, contact jvrana@gmail.com and note "Vienna - 50s" in the email subject.

Vienna (Host) Lions Club will hold a fundraiser from 11 am-9 pm February 5 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).

School-age vocalists and instrumentalists are invited to perform a piece of no more than eight minutes at the 56th annual **James A. Bland Contest** February 16. Sponsored by the **Vienna (Host) Lions Club**, the competition begins at 1 pm at Vienna Assembly of God Church, 100 Ayr Hill Avenue. Information and an application are available from Susan Stiles, sandcs89@yahoo.com or 703-409-7083. The deadline for applications is Monday, February 11. Cash prizes will be awarded to first-

and second-place winners, and the first-place finisher will move up to the next level of competition.

Enjoy omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy, and more when **Vienna American Legion Post 180** serves up its **breakfast buffet** from 8 am-noon Sunday, February 17, at 330 Center Street N. Breakfast is \$10 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. For more information, call 703-938-6580.

Longtime educators and Historic Vienna, Inc. board members **Sylvia Taylor** and **Gloria Runyon** will present **African-American Historic Presence and Contributions in Vienna and the Surrounding Area** at 2 pm Saturday, February 2, at the Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue. This free event is open to the public and sponsored by the Vienna area branch of the American Association of University Women and Patrick Henry Library.

Garden tools will be the hot topic at the February 19 meeting of the **Five Hills Garden Club** at 10 am at Vienna Presbyterian Church. Members will bring their favorite tools, and a vendor will highlight the latest and greatest "high tech" tools. The public is invited to attend.

The next monthly meeting of the **Ayr Hill Garden Club** at 12:45 pm February 25 is going to be, well, wild. **Tony Bulmer** will provide a presentation on **Native Wildlife Adventures** that features native reptiles and amphibians. Bulmer is a senior naturalist with the Fairfax

County Park Authority, a Reptiles Alive educator, and Virginia Wildlife Rescue Hotline representative. The presentation will include some live specimens as well as information about how to interact safely with these animals, which are so beneficial to gardens and the environment. The meeting will be at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road. The session is free and open to the public. For more info, email emilielarson@rcn.com.

The **Northern Virginia Senior Softball (NVSS)** spring season opens April 9. The league will hold a conditioning program in February and March to help players get into better softball-playing shape. Placement on one of 27 teams in three various skill-level leagues is by skills assessment, not try-outs. Everyone bats, and 11 play defense. NVSS is a not-for-profit senior sports and fitness organization of about 550 men and women who play slow-pitch softball on Fairfax County fields Tuesday and Thursday mornings April-July and in October and November. For more information, visit nvss.org or call Dave Scheele at 703-663-7881.

The **Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna** hosts a **support group for caregivers of adult family members with dementia** the first and third Thursdays of each month. The free, facilitated meetings are from 10-11:30 am in the Program Building at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road. For more information, contact facilitator Jack Tarr at jtarr5@verizon.net or visit scov.org.

The **Used Book Cellar** at the Freeman Store accepts used book donations anytime. If no one is at the store to accept books, they may be left, bagged or boxed, on the store porch. The store - and Used Book Cellar - will reopen March 1. Questions? Call 703-938-5187.

The current exhibit at the **Vienna Arts Society Arts Center**, 243 Church Street, is **About Face**. The exhibit is free and open to the public. The arts center is open 10 am-4 pm Tuesday-Saturday. For more information, visit ViennaArtsSociety.org.

The **Town of Vienna Community Band** will offer a **spring concert** at 7 pm Sunday, March 10, at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street SE. The band continues to welcome enthusiastic new musicians in all sections. If interested, attend any 6:15 pm rehearsal Sundays at the community center. For more information, visit viennacommunityband.org.

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1	Vienna Theatre Company: Peter Pan (VCC) • 8 pm
2	Vienna Theatre Company: Peter Pan (VCC) • 8 pm
3	Vienna Theatre Company: Peter Pan (VCC) • 2 pm
4	Town Council Meeting • 8 pm
5	Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 pm
11	Town Council Work Session • 7:30 pm
13	Planning Commission • 8 pm
14	Town Business Liaison Committee • 7 pm
18	Holiday: Town Offices Closed; Regular Refuse Collection

19	Public Art Commission • 7 pm
20	Board of Zoning Appeals/Public Hearing • 8 pm
21	Board of Architectural Review • 8 pm
25	Town Council Meeting • 8 pm
26	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee • 8 pm
26	Transportation Safety Commission • 8 pm
27	Planning Commission • 8 pm
28	Community Enhancement Commission • 7:30 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.