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Police station construction activities getting underway

The ceremonial groundbreaking for the Town's new police station took place January 29.

In her remarks at the groundbreaking ceremony, Mayor Linda Colbert said: "We need this police station for so many reasons. It will be more equitable to female officers, more environmentally friendly, and it will be safer and more secure and community-friendly."

The current building is being abated and made ready for demolition, and soon residents will begin to notice construction activities. Over the coming weeks, residents can expect to see and sometimes hear:

- trucks and construction equipment being moved onto the site
- preparation for sediment and erosion containment around the property perimeter

- clearing of existing structures and trees on the property
- clearing of debris, likely in March.

Stormwater management strategies will be put in place early, and surveyors will monitor the site regularly.

"Within a few weeks," says Police Chief Jim Morris, "it will begin to look like a regular construction site.

We want residents to know exactly what is happening from week to week, and we'll publish updates on the construction webpage as well as in the Vienna Police Highlights weekly. If residents are curious about what they are seeing or hearing, we're going to make that information available."



Residents may subscribe to weekly Police Highlights at viennava.gov/alerts. Any questions regarding the police station construction project may be emailed to policeconstruction@viennava.gov.

photos by Adam Kincaid



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Code Create Vienna

Zoning Code update process takes a look at nonresidential districts

In presentations made to the Planning Commission and Town Council February 3 and 4, as part of the CODE CREATE VIENNA zoning code update process, Sean Suder with ZoneCo proposed that many of the Town’s commercial- and industrial-zoned areas be categorized by districts, rather than by zones. A mechanism for creating unique, geographically based areas throughout Town, districts can be tailored to an area’s character and desired development pattern, and when code changes are made in a district to address evolving conditions, they don’t have unanticipated impacts in other districts or areas of Town.

The goals of these districts are to support existing businesses and attract additional commercial activities, make for a more walkable Vienna, and keep commercial and residential zones appropriately separate from one another. In his presentation, Suder noted that the Town’s upcoming market analysis and economic development study, to be conducted over the next six months by Streetsense, will inform the commercial uses that are viable for each of the districts and zones.

An interactive map comparing existing zones and proposed districts is available at codecreatevienna.com. Here’s a brief description of each of the districts proposed by ZoneCo:

- **Avenue Center District** This district is currently proposed to stretch along Maple Avenue from Courthouse Road SW and Lawyers Road NW to Beulah Road. Taking principles from the Church Street Vision, more pedestrian-oriented development would be encouraged. Buildings in this district might be taller than in other parts of Town, and multi-unit residential uses could be permitted by right on upper floors.
- **Avenue East Gateway District** This district is proposed to continue along Maple Avenue from the Avenue Center District boundary at Beulah Road to East Street. Some characteristics for this district include proposed greater front and rear setbacks, more focus on the form of buildings, and a mix of commercial

uses, including the possible by-right addition of daycare centers and assisted living facilities.

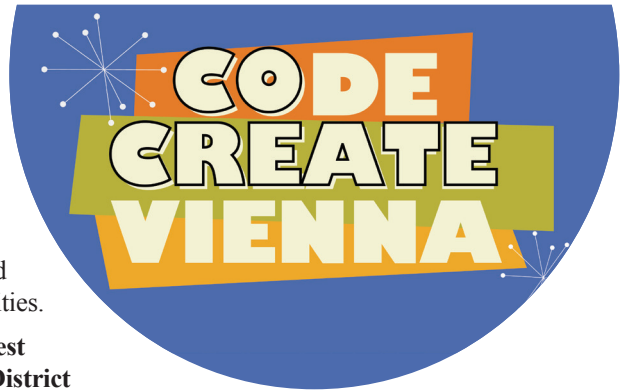
• **Avenue West Gateway District**

This district is longer than its eastern counterpart, stretching along Maple Avenue from the Avenue Center boundary at Courthouse and Lawyers to the western Town boundary at James Madison Drive. It is proposed to have similar characteristics to the East Gateway, however, having a separate district allows for flexibility if it is determined that this area has unique needs based on the market study.

- **Church Street District** This district is to be more pedestrian-oriented with walkable-scale design. The proposed standards are already outlined in the Church Street Vision.
- **Mill District** Currently zoned as the Town’s industrial area, it is proposed to continue as such. This district would encourage built forms that better interact with the W&OD Trail and add greater buffers between new development and residential areas.
- **Corporate Park District** This district represents the area where Navy Federal Credit Union is located. Recommendations are to update the standards and perhaps add desirable permitted uses such as data centers.

In addition to the districts described above, three non-residential zones are proposed. Two zones, the parks and recreation zone and parks and conservation zone, will remain unchanged in name and locations; the only minor changes proposed relate to lot width requirements in those zones.

The third zone is proposed as the Neighborhood Transitional Zone, which would combine properties currently zoned as Transitional located between Maple Avenue commercial zones and residential zones along with two commercially zoned properties that are surrounded by residential, a mixed-use property



Districts vs zones The map on the left shows existing zoning scattered along Maple Avenue; the map on the right demonstrates a proposed district of one combined geographic area.

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Builders, businesses invited to participate in dog-gone good marketing, community education opportunity

Vienna businesses and builders are being asked to put themselves in the doghouse – sort of – for a good cause and to help educate the community about the concept of pocket neighborhoods or cottage courts.

Cottage courts, which are small groupings of single-unit homes clustered around a common open community area, have been suggested as a potential residential option through the CODE CREATE VIENNA zoning code update process. The planning and zoning department is working to create a scaled 3-D model exhibit of cottage court housing at the Town Green in time for the May 11 On Deck with Mercury event, which will take place on site at the Town Green.

The Town is asking builders and businesses to sponsor dog houses for this scaled model exhibit. Sponsors may build – or have someone else build – the doghouses to specifications provided by the Town. The doghouses may include business logos and other unique flourishes.

If interested in this unique opportunity to advertise your business (on the doghouse itself and/or with a placard that the Town will place near each dog house), contact codecreate@viennava.gov. The doghouses may be auctioned later as a community fundraiser. 🐾



Town Council elections coming May 4

The Town of Vienna will hold elections for three Town Council posts on May 4. The positions open are those currently held by Nisha Patel, Steve Potter, and Howard Springsteen; all three incumbents have announced that they plan to seek re-election.

Town of Vienna residents who are registered to vote in Vienna and have been a Virginia resident for at least one year may run for Town Council. The filing deadline with the Fairfax County Office of Elections is 7 pm March 2. More information is available at elections.virginia.gov/candidatepac-info/index.html.

Town Council includes six councilmembers elected at large and the mayor. Terms are for two years. Elections are held each year; three Council positions are on the ballot in odd-numbered years, and the other three and mayor’s position are on the ballot in even-numbered years.

In-person voting will take place from 6 am-7 pm at the Vienna Community Center May 4. More information about absentee voting will be available in the April issue of *Vienna Voice* as will candidate statements. Eligible voters must live in the Town of Vienna corporate limits (not just have a



Vienna mailing address), be 18 or older on election day, and be a U.S. citizen and registered voter. 🗳️

Vienna Theatre Company presents

Dear Elizabeth

book by Sarah Ruhl • directed by Jessie Roberts

A Play in Letters from Elizabeth Bishop to Robert Lowell and Back Again

Based on more than 400 letters and 30 years of correspondence between two of the 20th century’s most brilliant poets

Virtual performances available

7:30 pm March 26 and 27, April 2 and 3
2 pm March 28 and April 3

Visit viennatheatrecompany.org for attendance details

Town invites community organizations, businesses to be part of celebration

'Amazing' celebration of Liberty Amendments Month being planned

Planning for the Town of Vienna's inaugural Liberty Amendments Month celebration is underway – and community organizations, businesses, and individuals are being encouraged to help shape the four weeks of festivities.

A celebration of the 13th, 14th, 15th, and 19th amendments, which extended rights to those who had previously been excluded from full participation, and our nation's endeavor to continually strive toward "a more perfect union," Liberty Amendments Month is the brainchild of Town Manager Mercury Payton, who during this past summer of discourse and strife, sought a way to bring us together and to find common ground. "We all can celebrate these amendments that ensure rights and liberties for each of us," he says.

Liberty Amendments Day has been recognized as an official Town holiday on July 19, and Liberty Amendments Month, to be celebrated June 19-July 19, has been recognized by the Virginia General Assembly, which unanimously supported efforts to create the commemorative month.

"I am so proud that the Town of Vienna is leading the way in initiating this holiday and monthlong commemoration of these fundamental rights that we all cherish," says Mayor Linda Colbert. "I am especially proud that Town Manager Mercury Payton came up with the idea and has worked hard to see it become a reality. Liberty Amendments Day will be a unifying holiday, and its monthlong celebration will serve to bring us together."

In Vienna, Liberty Amendments Month will kick off June 19 with an educational event that will offer thoughtful reflection on the liberties assured by these four amendments to the U.S. Constitution. The celebration will culminate with a multicultural festival featuring food, drinks, crafts, and entertainment from around the world on July 17.

In between those dates is where community organizations can step in. Each week between June 19 and July 19, one of the four liberty amendments will be celebrated with contests, entertainment,



photo by Adam Kincaid

A lot to celebrate Town Manager Mercury Payton and guests discussed planning for Liberty Amendment Month celebrations during the February On Deck with Mercury event. You can view the program via the Town of Vienna's YouTube channel.

lectures, performances, classes, themed restaurant specials, art exhibits, films, shows, walks, and more. It's up to the community!

"There's lots to celebrate here," says Councilmember Chuck Anderson. "This is going to be a people's event just as the Constitution is the people's document. Let your imagination go wild."

Groups interested in creating a celebration event, should submit an application available at viennava.gov/liberty by April 1. (Please note that planners should keep in mind that covid restrictions and social-distancing guidelines may still be in place in June and July.) Organizations may also join ongoing planning meetings being held at 5 pm the fourth Tuesday of each month; contact lily.widman@viennava.gov for a Zoom link to the meetings.

The vision for Liberty Amendments month states: "Within the United States Constitution, there is a mechanism in place to amend the Constitution, which provides a way for our imperfect union to become a more perfect union. . . . Liberty Amendments Month celebrates these four amendments to our Constitution that provide a common opportunity for all to help shape our nation and benefit from our diverse heritage. Together, we are amazing."

It's going to be an amazing celebration. You're encouraged to be part of it! 🎉

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at Tapawingo Road and Glyndon Street and the Cedar Park Shopping Center. As the name implies, properties in this zone would provide a context-sensitive transition between higher-intensity commercial uses and surrounding single-family neighborhoods.

Town Council and Planning Commission members provided feedback related to the proposed districts. Among the topics they commented on were building height standards, shared parking, and district boundaries. Throughout February, planning staff worked to engage with residents and offer them an opportunity to provide feedback as well. Town Council and the Planning Commission will hold a joint work session in late March to review feedback and take further steps; check the calendar at viennava.gov for the specific date.

Information about zoning code update proposals, feedback, timelines, and next steps is available at codecreatevienna.com. 🎉



Town offers socially distanced and virtual March fun

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

Round 'em up at annual Family Fishing Rodeo



photo by Adam Kincaid

You'll fall hook, line, and sinker for the opportunity to enjoy this annual event while practicing safe social-distancing. The annual Vienna Family Fishing Rodeo, will take place from 8:30-11:30 am Saturday, March 20, at Wolftrap Creek in Wildwood Park, which is

located in the 700 block of Follin Lane SE. The creek will be stocked with trout, and participants will be assigned a specific time to come fish.

Tickets are \$5 per person and may be purchased at viennava.gov/webtrac. Limit six tickets per family.

Please note: All participants over the age of 16 must possess a fishing license available at dwr.virginia.gov/licenses.

Please bring a fishing rod, bucket, plastic bag, and ice as well as a mask, which is required. Also please note that participants are required to bring their own fishing poles this year and to submit a covid-19 waiver form, which will be available onsite as well as at viennava.gov/webtrac.

Volunteers will provide instructions, stream education, and fish-cleaning demonstrations.

Share your best photos with the community



The 2021 Vienna Photo Show goes up at the Vienna Community Center March 20 through April 17. The exhibit will be open 8 am-9 pm Monday-Friday and 8 am-6 pm Saturday. Note: The Vienna Community Center closes 12-1 pm daily for cleaning.

Applications to the annual photo show will be accepted 3-8 pm Thursday, March 18, and 9:30 am-4 pm Friday, March 19. The entrance fee is \$5. Drop-off and pick-up times will be staged in 10-minute sessions to allow for social distancing and to keep the

number of people in the Vienna Community Center at one time to a minimum. All participants are asked to wear a face covering and practice social distancing at all times when in the community center.

Due to space limitations, only 62 photographers will be accepted into the competition. Each photographer will be limited to one photo for display.

Ribbons will be awarded in seven categories: animals, architecture, nature, pictorial, photojournalism, portraiture, and scenic.

Visit viennava.gov/photo for additional instructions and details.

Wave 'hello' along the Vienna bunny trail

The Vienna Easter bunny will hop his way from the Vienna Community Center through all quadrants of Town (not every street) beginning at 10 am Saturday, March 27. The route will be published on the Town's social media accounts at 10 am Thursday, March 25, and the bunny's location will be live tracked, courtesy of the Vienna Wireless Society. Residents are invited to set up chairs and blankets at socially safe distances along the route and wave hello to the Easter bunny.

DIY Easter baskets

Set up your own flashlight Easter egg hunt at home with a happy, hoppy box full of seasonal fun. Boxes are now on sale for \$10 each and include:

- 20 candy-filled eggs
- two wooden eggs for decorating
- four mini glitter glue pens
- two mini flashlights
- activity packets.

Box purchases are limited to two per household and must be purchased online via viennava.gov/webtrac. Detailed emails with pick-up times and locations will be sent in March. Call the Vienna Community Center at 703-255-6360 for more information. 📞



MEET THE MAYOR

Mayor Linda Colbert offers several opportunities for residents to meet with her each month, both in her office and out and about in the community.

- **Meet the Mayor:** The first Friday of each month, the mayor sets up “office” in various locations in the community and invites residents to come meet her. **From 9-10:30 am Friday, March 5, she’ll be available at the gazebo outside the Vienna Community Center.** If it’s too chilly, she’ll be available inside the community center.
- **Business Walk-About:** The mayor and Economic Development Manager Natalie Monkou visit various businesses on the second Friday of each month.
- **Mayor’s Walk:** Join Colbert for a chat and stroll through Town the third Friday of each month. Meet at 9:30 am in front of Town Hall.
- **Office Hours:** Feel free to drop in for open office hours 9-11 am Tuesdays and Thursdays, during which time the mayor will do her best to be available. Or make an appointment to meet with the mayor on Wednesdays; email mclark@viennava.gov or call 703-255-6304 to schedule an appointment.

Topic on deck for March: Open Discussion - Bring or Zoom in with Your Questions

Town Manager Mercury Payton and Mayor Linda Colbert will answer residents questions. A Zoom link will be provided at viennava.gov/publicparticipation the week of March 8.

On Deck with Mercury is a monthly community forum hosted by Town Manager Mercury Payton. The program provides an opportunity for Town residents to learn about recent projects and accomplishments of the Town, receive a preview of upcoming initiatives, and ask questions and have an open discussion. On Deck with Mercury is recorded for later broadcast on the Town’s cable access channel, channel 27 on Cox and 38 on Verizon Fios, as well as the TownofViennaVA channel on YouTube.



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years ago...

In response to citizen concerns about increasing traffic and speeding problems in residential neighborhoods, the Town of Vienna created a special traffic enforcement unit within the police department. Ofc. Tom Sherwood, a 14-year veteran of the department, was the unit’s first assigned officer as of February 1, 1986, according to the March Town newsletter of that year.

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Send community news and high-resolution photographs to lynne.coan@viennava.gov. All material provided is subject to editorial review and revision and will be used as space allows.
Deadline for the April issue is March 10.



Spring program unlocks keys to successful business launch, growth

Let's face it, starting a new business, even in the best of times, can be frustrating, overwhelming, and a little bit scary. And this is not the best of times.

Not to fear, the Town of Vienna's Economic Development Office, Fairfax County Public Library, and Vienna Business Association are teaming together to make taking the entrepreneurial leap a bit less scary. These business-friendly organizations are offering a free eight-session new/small business boot camp this spring for entrepreneurs and existing small business owners.

The eight virtual sessions, held over a four-week period beginning April 12, will cover creating a business plan, financing, finding a prime location, marketing, hiring and managing employees, and successfully launching a new business. The sessions, held from 6-7:30 pm Mondays and Wednesdays, will be presented by a variety of business-savvy professionals from across the region.

The program is designed for entrepreneurs and small business owners in Fairfax County. Participants are expected to attend all eight sessions. Sign up will be available beginning in mid-March; find more information at viennava.gov. Did we already mention that the program is FREE?

The program will allow participants to engage in small groups and to network with one another.

"The whole idea is to build capacity for entrepreneurship and small business growth in the county," says Economic Development Manager Natalie Monkou. "The program will make the process of opening a new business understandable and will provide an opportunity for current business owners to innovate, re-create themselves, and continue to grow their business." 📌



Photo by Adam Kincaid

Businesses report pandemic impact via survey responses

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

The Town's Office of Economic Development launched the Hear Your Voice business survey late last year to garner feedback from businesses and property owners regarding challenges, successes, and advice related to the coronavirus pandemic.

"In the timespan between the first survey we did in April last year and this additional survey in November," says Economic Development Manager Natalie Monkou, "it had become clear that the health pandemic was not a short-term problem and was not going to dissipate any time soon. By November, businesses had had to adjust their operations to different phases and different ways of doing business, so we wanted to better understand what was going on behind the scenes and how we could also adjust and assist them more directly."

The survey was designed to measure how much loss a business owner had incurred and what strategies had been most effective. A total of 78 businesses completed the survey.

"About half of the businesses that responded reported that they had experienced difficulty in making rent or mortgage payments," says Monkou, adding that about 40% of respondents reported a loss of 30% or more from March to November. "They took measures to decrease operating costs, created new ways for clients to purchase products or services through contactless measures, and made sure that their business abided by health guidelines if and when they had to meet customers in person.



photo by Adam Kincaid

"Many businesses took proactive measures," she adds, "including utilizing online platforms and tools to communicate creatively with clients or adding a new service or revenue stream to their business."

The Town will utilize the survey feedback to inform its programming and economic development planning over the next year. 📌

Historic Vienna Inc. reopens Freeman Store, 1960s exhibit

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

As it was for most of us, 2020 was, well, a historic year for Historic Vienna, Inc. (HVI). Amidst the coronavirus pandemic that forced the organization to close the Freeman Store and Museum for much of the year and cancel many of its events, HVI managed to pivot and offer pop-up sales in the Used Book Cellar and online in the store, virtual holiday teas, and tours and shopping by appointment. Now with safety precautions outlined and digital tools in place to take many of its events virtual, HVI is set to fully reopen the Freeman Store and its *Vienna in the 1960s* and final *Women's Rights* exhibits.

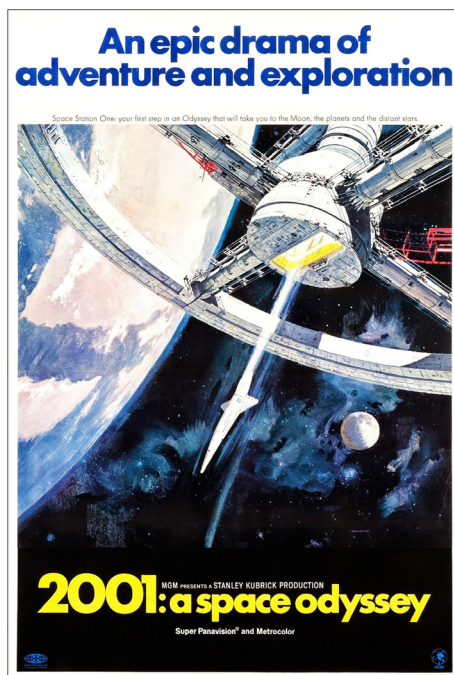
“We did our best to keep our finger on the pulse of what was going on last year,” says HVI President Anne Stuntz. “We feel that we managed to work out a good system after we learned how much the community wants to be involved with us, whether it was participating in a virtual tea, requesting to have a tour of the Freeman Store exhibits, or even calling to ask to shop.”

The virtual holiday-themed teas were enormously popular this past November and December with tea boxes-to-go, which included scones, sandwiches, jams, and, of course, tea, shared by participants over Zoom. HVI is planning another themed tea box set and virtual gathering for St. Patrick's Day. Find details at historicviennainc.org.

“We are so thankful for our volunteers who really stepped up over the past year and adjusted to show people that we still have activities, some familiar and some new,” says Stuntz. “It took their creativity to make it all happen.”

Another popular encore presentation comes in the form of the reopening of the *Vienna in the 1960s* exhibit. Through the exhibit, the music, mini-skirts, political unrest, and hippies of that era are featured as is the rapid residential and commercial growth that took place in Vienna over that decade.

From 2-4 pm Sunday, March 14, HVI will host a virtual grand reopening of the exhibit, sharing videos and slides following a brief business meeting and presentation of the Heritage Preservation Award. The Zoom link for the virtual reopening is available at historicviennainc.org.



HVI also is reopening the Freeman Store and Museum from 12-3 pm Fridays and Saturdays in March.

“We have indicators of where to line up for social distancing,” Stuntz says, “and volunteers will keep track of numbers of attendees, keeping doors and windows open. Of course, we have hand sanitizer in every room, and plexiglass between the counter and customers.”

“The most people we’ll allow anywhere upstairs at any one time is five. If there is a line, then we ask guests to keep their visits shorter,” says Stuntz.

Utilizing CARES Act funds, the Town has made safety upgrades related to the pandemic in the historic building.

“We upgraded the bathrooms to have no-touch functionality,” notes Stuntz. “The Town even installed an ion adapter that kills the virus through the HVAC system. The upstairs windows were refitted so that they

could be opened [many had been painted shut], and every room has an air purifier in it.”





Town offers free tree evaluations, tips for working with tree companies

by Town Arborist Gary Lawrence

Do you have a tree in your yard that appears to be splitting? Or one that didn't seem to leaf out or flower fully this past summer? Perhaps construction next door is creeping ever closer to trees on your property. Or maybe those frequent solicitations from various "tree professionals" pressuring you to remove those "deadly trees" on your lot are making you think: What if pruning, removal, pest/disease control, or root fertilization is necessary?

The Town of Vienna has no jurisdiction over privately owned trees and as such, homeowners are responsible for their own trees' maintenance and well-being. However, the Town of Vienna offers tree evaluations as a free service to Town residents. We know that maintaining a safe and healthy tree canopy can be a costly endeavor, and we don't want residents to pay for services that they don't really need, or worse, might actually create health and safety issues for their trees.

Evaluations consist of:

- trunk base/root crown sounding – this technique can detect unseen interior decay and hollows
- visual inspection of the entire tree
- in-depth discussion on the health, species, age, and any necessary mitigation requirements for each tree being evaluated.

A typical evaluation takes 30-60 minutes, depending on the number of trees to be inspected. As part of the evaluation, I will discuss what to look for and what to avoid when hiring a contractor. I can also discuss the findings and recommendations of commercial arborists/tree maintenance companies that have left you with an extensive to-do list and daunting bottom line.

When it is time to hire a contractor, please remember a few rules of thumb:

- Most reputable companies have an arborist on staff. It is important that an ISA-certified arborist perform the evaluation and generate an estimate. (ISA stands for International Society of Arboriculture.)
- Most companies offer free quotes. Do not pay for one.
- It's okay to ask for proof that the company is insured.
- Never – ever – let a contractor "spike" your trees. Climbers use spikes, or spurs, on their boots to ease ascension into the tree. This method should only be used when the tree is dead and/or coming down as these spurs



puncture the vascular system of trees and are a great way to spread disease from one host to another. If the company is leaving the tree behind, it must leave its spurs behind too – as in, in the truck.

Town of Vienna tree evaluations are scheduled between 9 am and 1 pm Tuesday-Friday. To schedule an evaluation, call 703-255-6309 or send an email to glawrence@viennava.gov.

As town arborist, I look forward to meeting you and your trees. As a native son of Vienna and a 22-year Town of Vienna employee, I am proud of the emphasis the Town and its residents place on providing for and protecting our abundant tree canopy. 🌳

Fairfax County developing local climate action plan

by Bob Robinson, Conservation and Sustainability Commission

Did you know that 68% of Fairfax County residents believe that individual citizens should do more to address climate change? This is important because, while climate change is a global problem, its impacts are local, notably in the form of stronger storms related to climate shifts.

Climate change occurs when greenhouse gases build up in our atmosphere and trap heat that might otherwise escape. In Fairfax County more than 95% of greenhouse gas emissions comes from private sources – like home energy use, business operations, and cars and trucks on our roads.

As a nation we have delayed actively addressing the existential threat of climate

change for far too long, and time is running short to avert the worst of climate change consequences. The good news is that no action is too small to make a difference. From switching to LED light bulbs, choosing to drive a hybrid or electric vehicle, or weatherizing a home or business, we all can participate in climate action in multiple ways. There is no guarantee that our individual actions will alter our climate-change experience in the short-term, but inaction is not an option if we want to see positive change in the long-term.

To this end, Fairfax County is developing its first-ever Community-wide Energy and Climate Action Plan, or CECAP. The Fairfax County CECAP is unique in that it is

being developed by the community, for the community, with input from organizational, business, and civic leaders as well as individual residents.

The CECAP will outline greenhouse gas reduction goals for the community and will include recommended strategies and actions that community members can take on a voluntary basis to help achieve the goals. To find more information about ways that you can help in this effort or to keep abreast of ongoing activities, visit the Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination website, fairfaxcounty.gov/environment-energy-coordination/news. 🌳

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.

February 1

- Held a public hearing on proposed text amendments to add family day home provisions to sections 18-4, 18-13, and 18-210 of Chapter 18 of the Town Code. Following the public hearing, Council approved Planning Commission-recommended text amendments and further directed the town clerk to advertise a notice of intent to adopt the ordinance changes.
- Held a public hearing on proposed text amendments to the Town's sidewalk ordinance, section 17-67.2 of Chapter 17 of the Town Code.

Following the public hearing, Council approved Planning Commission-recommended text amendments related to sidewalks for single-lot development with an additional amendment. The additional amendment allows the public works director to waive, in exceptional circumstances and in consultation with the town attorney and town manager, the requirement for construction of such new sidewalk and permit deposit of designated funds for such construction in accordance with sections 17-65 and 17-65.1. Council further directed the town clerk to advertise a notice of intent to adopt the ordinance changes.

- Held a public hearing on proposed text amendments to temporary sign regulations in Article 19 of Chapter 18 of the Town Code, sections 18-175, 18-177, 18-178, and 18-185.

Following the public hearing, Council approved the text amendments as presented. Council further directed the town clerk to advertise a notice of intent to adopt the ordinance changes.

- Approved expenditure of \$3,000 to Robinson, Farmer Cox Associates for additional procedures required to audit federal CARES Act funds as part to the Town's fiscal year 2020 audit.
- Approved \$41,000 in spending with VAPFS, LLC-Hire Strategy for specialized temporary finance department services.
- Approved expenditure of \$36,505 with Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions for environmental professional services to ensure fiscal year 2021 MS4 compliance.



Vienna businesses with staying power

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

40 YEARS

American Restaurants

30 YEARS

Bradley and Sevilla

20 YEARS

Turner Financial Group

15 YEARS

**Associate Counseling Center
Bazin's on Church
Church Street Pilates
Imedia Collaborative
Vienna Primary and Preventative Medicine**

10 YEARS

**Caballero Painting Contractors
Harmonia School of Music and Art
Icon Design & Construction
Pure Construction**

5 YEARS

**EVgo
Kiln and Co.**



Open for business

Town of Vienna business licenses were issued in January to:

China Village

restaurant
335 Maple Avenue E
703-223-5060

Robert J. Caputo

contractor
435 Nelson Drive NE
703-281-4299

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years ago...

The March 2016 *Vienna Voice* described what it took for the Town to clear Vienna's 65 miles of roads following a January winter storm that dumped about 30 inches of snow on the region: 600 tons of salt, 200 tons of sand, 2,000 gallons of salt brine, 1,000 gallons of magnesium chloride as well as 10 two-ton dump trucks, four one-ton trucks, two flex trucks, and two crews of public works employees working around the clock.



HAPPENINGS around town

The **Vienna Arts Society** will present its first annual **Jeff Gorrell Memorial Award** to a local high school senior at the Regional High School Scholastic Art Awards Ceremony and Exhibition at 7 pm Wednesday, March 3. This virtual event will feature award-winning young artists and their outstanding artwork. Details and a link to access the ceremony is available at ViennaArtsSociety.org.

Historic Vienna Inc.'s Oral History Committee invites residents to share their story and participate in its **covid project**. The committee is working to document how Vienna residents, businesses, churches, and organizations have been impacted by and coped with the covid-19 pandemic. More details can be found under "Covid Stories" at historicviennainc.org.

Art instructor **Catherine Hillis** will demonstrate how she produces a harmonious painting and makes color work in any medium, including watercolor, acrylic, or oil, from 10:30 am-noon Thursday, March 11. Find more information about Hillis and a Zoom link to the event at ViennaArtsSociety.org. The **Vienna Arts Society** presents free virtual artist demonstrations the second Thursday of each month.

Historic Vienna Inc. (HVI) will host a **virtual exhibit reopening and membership meeting** from 2-4 pm Sunday, March 14. HVI will present videos and slides from the *Vienna in the 1960s* exhibit, which has been held over from last year. The exhibit program will follow a brief business meeting and award presentation to former Town of Vienna Public Information Officer Marie Kisner. Find the Zoom link at historicviennainc.org.

The **Freeman Store and Used Book Cellar** will be open from noon-3 pm Fridays and Saturdays in March. Five visitors at a time will be allowed in the store, which is following safety procedures listed at historicviennainc.org. To schedule an appointment to shop on another day, email historicviennava@gmail.com. Used book donations, in bags or boxes, may be dropped off on the porch at 131 Church Street NE, year-round. Visit the store's social media accounts for information about Freeman Store online pop-up and Used Book Cellar sales.

The **Vienna Community Band** looks forward to playing as a full band at some point this year. In preparation for full band concerts, the band will perform as small ensembles at the Vienna Farmers Market the first three Saturdays of May, June, and July. The band continues to

recruit new musicians, especially those who play flute, clarinet, bassoon, oboe, tuba, or euphonium. For more information, visit viennacommunityband.org.

Ephiphany Preschool, at 1014 Country Club Drive, is currently registering students for upcoming camps as well as the 2021-22 school year. Spring camp will be offered the week of March 29 and summer camp from June 7-25. To schedule an appointment, call 703-938-2391 or email ephiphanypreschool@vacoxmail.com.

The **Harmonia School of Music & Art** is providing in-person and online **music lessons and recitals**. Ongoing registration for the school year as well as early registration for summer camps is open. Through March, the registration fee will be waived. Find more information at hamoniaschool.org or call 703-938-7301.

Happenings Around Town notices are printed as a community service, and items are included as space allows. Submit information by the 10th of the month preceding publication. 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.

Go green for the Vienna team

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

The Conservation and Sustainability Commission (CSC) "challenges" local businesses and nonprofits to adopt or enhance green practices so that they may earn enough points through the CSC's Sustainability Challenge to self-certify as "sustainable" and enjoy the admiration and appreciation of customers and residents.

The Vienna Sustainability Challenge, now in its fourth year (sans 2020 due to the coronavirus), provides a checklist of green actions or practices through which businesses and nonprofits may tally points.

Sustainable actions fall within energy, water, procurement, transportation, and waste reduction categories. Strategies include simple actions such as cleaning with green products or using stormwater to water plants as well as deeper commitments like installing EPA WaterSense toilets in bathrooms, instituting telework policies, or establishing waste reduction goals.



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Find a complete list of suggested green actions and an application at viennava.gov/sustainabilitychallenge. Points are awarded for sustainable actions employed throughout the calendar year.

Submit applications by April 20 to the attention of the Conservation and

Sustainability Commission at Town Hall, 127 Center Street S. Challenge winners will be announced in May to coincide with Business Appreciation Month.

Contact CSC Vice Chair Desiree Di Mauro at desiree@d2t2.org with any questions. 📞

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Vienna Police

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703-255-5730 TDD
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703-255-5730 TDD
Community Center
703-255-6360 voice

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120 Cherry St. SE
Vienna, VA 22180
Vienna Town Hall
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March TOWN CALENDAR

1	Town Council Meeting • 8 pm
2	Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 pm
5	Meet the Mayor (Gazebo near the community center) • 9-10:30 am
5	Code Create Vienna Lunch and Learn (via Zoom) • 12 pm
8	Town Council Conference Session • 7:30 pm
9	On Deck with Mercury (VCC) • 6-8 pm
10	Planning Commission • 7:30 pm
11	Town Business Liaison Committee • 7 pm
13	Town Council Budget Conference Session • 9 am
15	Town Council Budget Conference Session • 7:30 pm
16	Public Art Commission • 7 pm
17	Board of Zoning Appeals/Public Hearing • 7 pm

18	Board of Architectural Review • 7:30 pm
19	Mayor's Walk • 9:30 am
19	Code Create Vienna Lunch and Learn (via Zoom) • 12 pm
20	Fishing Rodeo (Wildwood Park) • 8:30-11:30 am
20	Vienna Photo Show Exhibit Opens • 8 am
22	Town Council Meeting • 8 pm
24	Planning Commission • 7:30 pm
25	Conservation and Sustainability Commission • 7:30 pm
27	Easter Bunny Trail Drive-By • 10 am
30	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee • 7 pm
30	Transportation Safety Commission • 8 pm
31	Joint Conference/Work Session: Town Council and Planning 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.