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Vote! Town Council election is May 4

Four candidates, three of whom are incumbents, are running for three open Town Council positions. Statements provided by the candidates begin on page 2 of this newsletter.

In-person voting will take place from 6 am-7 pm Election Day, which is Tuesday, May 4, at the Vienna Community Center. Only Virginia registered voters who live within the Town limits are eligible to vote in the election.

Early voting is available in person and via mail.

Eligible Town of Vienna voters may cast an early in-person ballot from 8 am-4:30 pm Monday-Friday, through April 29, at the Fairfax County Office of Elections. Early voting also will be available on Saturday, April 24 and May 1, from 9 am-5 pm at the Fairfax County Government Center, 1200 Government Center Parkway.

Registered voters with a Virginia motor vehicle record may apply for

an absentee/by-mail ballot online at elections.virginia.gov/ or may pick up an application at Town Hall. Completed applications may be mailed, faxed, or delivered in person to the county elections office or sent as an attachment via email to absenteeballot@fairfaxcounty.gov. Regardless of submission method, applications must be received by 5 pm April 23. All mailed ballots must be received in the Office of Elections by noon Friday, May 7.

Town residents with a Virginia motor vehicle record must register to vote by 11:59 pm April 12 in order to participate in the 2021 Town election. Voter registration is available online at elections.virginia.gov or applications may be picked up at Town Hall.

Look for election results the evening of May 4 at viennava.gov and on the Town's social media platforms as well as in the June issue of *Vienna Voice*. 🗳️



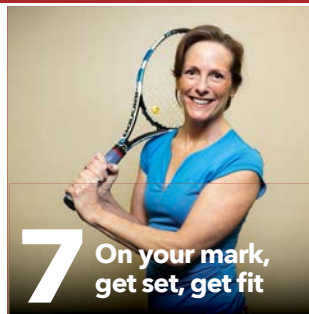
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NEVCA, VBA to host virtual candidate forum

To ensure that voters can hear from candidates and have an opportunity to have questions answered, the North East Vienna Citizens Association (NEVCA) and Vienna Business Association (VBA) are hosting a virtual candidate forum, which will be recorded via Zoom and broadcast on the Town of Vienna Cable Network (TVCN) and made available via the Town's YouTube channel, youtube.com/townofviennava.

The recorded forum will be available beginning April 12 through Election Day. The forum will air on TVCN, available on channel 27 on Cox and 38 on Verizon Fios, at:

- 10 am Monday
- 7 pm Thursday
- 2 pm Saturday

The forum will include brief opening remarks from candidates, followed by responses to questions put forward by NEVCA and VBA members. Each candidate also will offer closing remarks.



photo by Adam Kincaid

Get to know the candidates

Four candidates are running for three Town Council positions in the May 4 Town election. Each candidate has provided Vienna Voice with a brief statement, presented below and on the next page. Election Day voting will take place from 6 am-7 pm at the Vienna Community Center. See the story on page 1 of this newsletter for information about early in-person voting and early voting by mail.



David Patariu

I am a practicing attorney, Vienna dad with three young children, parishioner at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, planning commissioner for the Town of Vienna, and a zealous advocate for residents.

My pro-resident platform includes:

- **Safer streets** Prioritize construction of sidewalks and spending the \$8 million Robinson bequest to the Town for sidewalks – don't just give it back. Honestly examine traffic, appreciating that Maple Avenue is at max capacity and preventing further harm to the livability of our neighborhoods from cut-through traffic avoiding Maple Avenue.

- **Thoughtful planning** Make certain the approximately \$225,000 rewrite of our residential and commercial zoning code, foisted upon our Town during the pandemic, does not give away what makes Vienna special.
- **Prioritize parks** Restore Beulah Road Park and build sports fields.
- **Stop water bill increases.**

The expertise I would bring to Town Council encompasses years of academic, volunteer, and work experiences. *But more important is my good judgment.* For example, I would have voted against spending nearly half a million of your tax dollars on consultants during the pandemic. After repealing the disastrous Maple Avenue MAC zoning, I would have voted against the rewrite of the Town's entire zoning code, irresponsibly launched during a pandemic when residents cannot meet in person to discuss the rewrite's impact. I would have voted against any two-hour limit on Town Council meetings because I value discussion and resident input on challenging issues. And I oppose the Town's proposed land-use feasibility study (RFP 21-02), specifically its instruction to consider use of the Baptist church land as site for a new Town Hall.

I will work for YOU on Town Council. With your vote, we can get our Town's focus back on resident needs, instead of on the wants of Maple Avenue property owners and developers. Visit davidforvienna.org to learn more.

Nisha Patel



My family has lived in Vienna since 2007, and I opened a local business, Nisha Patel MD in 2014. We love this Town, the people, and events (and can't wait for them to be back in person)!

During my term on Council, I have advocated for a revision of our commercial and residential zoning. I hosted a Community Conversation to stimulate public feedback, initiated the "Councilmembers Want to Know" survey, advocated for continuation of a "sidewalk to nowhere" in the Town center to improve walkability and bikeability, and encouraged our Fairfax County representatives to assist in getting our kids back to in-person learning safely and efficiently. I have been budget-conscious and respectful of taxpayer dollars. I will continue to advocate for what I believe is best for our Town.

I am running for re-election because I am committed to completing my goals, such as finishing the zoning update, guiding the Town through the pandemic, guarding taxpayer dollars, rejuvenating our local business district, and protecting personal property rights. I would like an opportunity to assist in rewriting the zoning code, which will impact our traffic and quality of life, to fit the character of Vienna and encourage responsible development in our commercial district. We can all benefit from progress and new businesses, but not at the cost of gridlock traffic, overcrowded schools, and decreased walkability. It's time for a thoughtful examination of our zoning code, an effort to simplify and expedite the process by which one can obtain a permit, a long-term strategy for smart growth, and a more efficient government that is responsive to citizen concerns.

I am deeply vested in this community and would be honored to represent you on Town Council for another term. I hope you can identify with my message and vote on May 4.



Steve Potter

It is my honor and privilege to serve you on Town Council. These have been a momentous two years, and Council is in the midst of numerous projects that will affect Vienna citizens for the next 50 years. I am running again because I believe continuity and experience are the most important elements in ensuring that we achieve the results

we all want as a community.

In my last campaign, I focused on flaws and ambiguities in the Maple Avenue Commercial (MAC) zoning regulations and the need to “take it back to the drawing board.” I’m proud to say that after healthy discussion and strong collaboration amongst Council, that objective was accomplished within six months of taking office. As a result, a comprehensive reorganization and update of our zoning code was approved and is now underway.

Enter covid. Working effectively with Council and staff, I have advocated eliminating non-essential expenses, significantly reducing budgets without derailing essential services or infrastructure repairs, expanding outdoor operations for restaurants, approving relief funds to assist businesses and citizens, and moving forward with an economic development strategy. This is in addition to multiple other projects already underway: zoning code update, traffic and transportation studies, library and parking expansion, new police station design and build, new sidewalks, and more.

There still is much to do. Knowledge and experience will be very important this election. As a former U.S. Naval officer serving on a flight deck, a senior-level business executive with 35+ years’ experience, as well as being an incumbent Councilmember, I have a proven history in strategic planning, budgeting, capital expenditures, attention to detail, negotiation, and collaboration, which this job requires.

If honored with your vote, I’ll continue to work diligently for the Town we love. For more information, please visit PotterforVienna.org.

Howard Springsteen



It has been a great honor to have served on Town Council since 2009 and twice as vice mayor, including a term this year. I am running for re-election because I want to continue to contribute and make a difference in Vienna. My voting record, common sense approach, and responsiveness to citizen concerns speaks to the passion and commitment I bring to Town Council. I have balanced the need to provide key Town services and activities while avoiding overburdening our citizens with higher taxes.

During this past year, covid-19 has presented Council with major challenges. We have responded as an incredibly unified, focused, and collegial team to ensure continued delivery of essential Town services. In addition, we have ensured that new sidewalks have been planned and built, required infrastructure maintenance and improvements are being completed, and our zoning code update has gotten underway.

I have a demonstrated history of service and commitment to Vienna, beginning with eight years on the Transportation Safety Commission, where I strongly advocated for traffic-calming measures. My wife and I have lived in Vienna for more than 25 years. Our two children went to Louise Archer, Thoreau, and Madison and were active in sports and Town recreational programs.

In addition to my service on Town Council, I have been a member of the Volunteer Fire Department for more than 30 years, holding many leadership positions and successfully leading the Vienna fire station rebuilding project from 2003-05. I also have been active in many community organizations, including Boy Scout Troop 152 and Madison Crew Booster Club (President, 2012). I served for two years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Liberia.

For more information, visit *Howard Springsteen for Vienna* on Facebook or SpringsteenForVienna.com. I ask you for your vote on May 4. Thank you!

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years ago...

A final public hearing on a two-story, 11,469-square foot addition to the Vienna Community Center was to be held April 28, 1986, according to that month’s Town newsletter. Fairfax County provided \$200,000 in funding for the project, for which construction was expected to begin in the fall of that year at a total cost of \$883,000. Additional funding was to come from bonds, interest earned on the county contribution, and community donations.

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, April 2, she’ll be available at the LOVE sign along the W&OD Trail.** If there’s inclement weather, call 703-255-6304 to check on a backup location.
- **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 April: Proposed 2021-22 Town Budget

Finance Director Marion Serfass will share highlights from the proposed fiscal year 2021-22 Town budget. Council has discussed the proposed budget and unfunded priorities in conference sessions and will adopt the budget – as well as the real estate tax rate and water and sewer rates – this spring. This is an opportunity for residents to ask questions about the proposed budget as well as the budget process. The Town’s fiscal year begins July 1.

A Zoom link will be provided at viennava.gov/publicparticipation the week of April 13.

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...

The Freeman House Advisory Commission was seeking operating expenses and “antique furniture and other items dating between 1860 and the turn of the century” for the newly reconstructed building, which had served as a hospital during the Civil War as well as the Town’s first general store, a train station, and family home.

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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 May issue is April 9.



Walk on the Hill back in bloom

Held each spring since 1974, including a virtual version in 2020, Walk on the Hill is perhaps Vienna's loveliest event, offering self-guided tours through participating yards and gardens in Vienna's historic Windover Heights neighborhood. This year, Walk on the Hill is reopening for in-person attendance, so grab your face covering and come enjoy lovely gardens and live entertainment Sunday, April 25.

Attendees are required to sign up in advance for an assigned attendance window. Available shifts are: 1:30-3 pm and 3:30-5 pm; a total of 250 attendees will be permitted per shift. Signup will take place via viennava.gov/webtrac. The registration deadline is noon Friday, April 23. Every individual planning to attend the event must sign up regardless of their age. Limit six registrations per household.

All event attendees must wear a mask or face covering and practice social distancing. 📌



County eliminates plastic bags from yard waste collection

Fairfax County has eliminated plastic bags from yard waste collection. This ban went into effect March 1, and the county will begin enforcing the new rule April 19. Penalties will be assessed to any collector who delivers yard waste in plastic bags to Fairfax County solid waste management facilities.

What does this mean for Town residents? It means that, as of April 19, the Town will no longer collect yard waste in plastic bags. Residents must place grass clippings, leaves, weeds, vines, and other such materials loose in reusable containers or in paper bags made specifically for yard waste and available at hardware stores.

This new policy is not only better for the environment, it also prevents expensive waste processing machinery from becoming clogged or damaged by plastic bags. 📌



An egg-cellent Code Create challenge

Code Create Vienna has an egg-cellent challenge for residents to encourage them to complete the Code Create Walk – or in this case “Hop” – and Tell Field Notes feedback booklet.

Scattered throughout Town are 15 bunnies for residents to “find.” Once found, a bunny location is to be recorded in the field notes booklet – as well as any additional feedback you'd like to share related to the ongoing zone code update. After finding and recording 10 or more bunnies, booklets may be submitted by Friday, April 9, for a chance to win a \$100 gift certificate toward a parks and recreation class or program.

Instructions and bunny-location clues as well as all received public comments and feedback regarding the Town’s code rewrite, may be viewed at codecreatevienna.com. 📌



A community service project to LOVE

The Vienna Public Art Commission (VPAC) is sharing the LOVE by opening up to community groups and organizations opportunities to decorate the public art piece that sits along the W&OD Trail near the entrance to Northside Park.

Organizations may reserve a calendar period of up to 30 days to decorate the LOVE sign in commemoration of holidays or special occasions by submitting an email with a brief description of decoration plans and requested dates to lucousins@gmail.com. Any costs incurred in completing installation of decorations is the responsibility of the participating group. In addition, VPAC requests that groups remove all decorations no later than the day after the reservation period expires and that the area be left clean and ready for the next group’s installation.

Get creative and help share the LOVE! 📌

photo by Adam Kincaid



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 22

- Held a public hearing related to an easement request at 413 Tapawingo Road SW received from Dominion Energy in order to move forward on a proposed strategic underground initiative in the area. Following the public hearing, Council approved the 15' x 15' easement and authorized the mayor to execute the deed contingent upon review and approval of the town attorney.
- Authorized the mayor to execute a memorandum of understanding between the Town and Optimist Club of Greater Vienna for the 2021 Vienna Farmers Market.
- Approved an amendment to the Coronavirus Relief Fund sub-recipient agreement with Fairfax County to extend the spending deadline.
- Adopted amendments, as recommended by the Planning Commission, to sections 18-4, 18-13, and 18-210 of Chapter 18 of the Town Code as related to family day homes. Council

also directed the town clerk to advertise a notice of adoption with an effective date 10 days following publication.

- Adopted amendments, as recommended by the Planning Commission and revised by Town Council, to section 17-67.2 of Chapter 17 of the Town Code as related to requirements for construction of sidewalks for single-lot developments. Council also directed the town clerk to advertise a notice of adoption with an effective date 10 days following publication.
- Adopted amendments, as recommended by the Planning Commission and revised by Town Council, to sections 18-175, 18-177, 18-178, and 18-185 of Chapter 18 of the Town Code related to temporary signs. Council also directed the town clerk to advertise a notice of adoption with an effective date 10 days following publication.

March 1

- Approved a six-month extension to September 1, 2021 and readopted a temporary outdoor activity ordinance for expanded use of outdoor operations for dining and other commercial activities, subject to conditions outlined in the emergency ordinance.

Appointed to serve

At its February 22 meeting, Town Council appointed or re-appointed the following individuals to Town boards and commissions:

- **Sean Casey** - Conservation and Sustainability Commission
- **Patricia Esswein** - Conservation and Sustainability Commission
- **Robbie Holland** - Town Business Liaison Committee
- **Jonathan Krinn** - Town Business Liaison Committee
- **Angela Sorrell** - Transportation Safety Commission



Vienna businesses with staying power

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

35 YEARS

Eastern Door Service

25 YEARS

DS Graphics

EAB Designs

Mark B. Bell, Massage Therapist

20 YEARS

Schupp Companies

10 YEARS

Timothy P. Ward

5 YEARS

Chop't Creative Salad

Bedazzled

Mod Super Fast Pizza

Open for business

Town of Vienna business licenses were issued in February to:

Clyde's Hemp Company

dried hemp flowers

513 Maple Avenue W

814-769-9558

Lily's Chocolate & Coffee

coffee shop

175 Maple Avenue E

520-388-0973

Luna's Little Store

online sales

1402 Ross Drive SW

571-230-9698



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years ago...

As the oldest continuous business in Town, Money and King Funeral Home received Town of Vienna historic register marker #1.



HAPPENINGS around town

Congratulations to the **Vienna Wireless Society**, which has been named the **2021 Amateur Radio Club of the Year** by the Dayton Hamvention Awards Committee. Founded in 1963, the club was highlighted for its 58 years of service to the amateur radio community. With 280 members, the club is the largest such organization in the DC/Northern Virginia area and focuses on youth education, public service, and promoting the overall growth of radio.

Open hours for the **Freeman Store & Museum** and Used Book Cellar are available at historicviennainc.org.

Vienna Host Lions Club will hold a **fundraiser** from 11 am-9 pm April 6 at Foster's Grille. Simply put your receipt in the Lion's box, and Foster's will donate 20% of your purchase to Lions' youth, sight, hearing, and community programs. For more information about Lions club activities, events, or membership, contact ViennaHostLionsClub@gmail.com or visit [facebook.com/viennahostlionsclub](https://www.facebook.com/viennahostlionsclub).

Art instructor Amy Shawley Paquet will Zoom in from her Charlottesville studio and create an artwork using a variety of mediums from 10:30 am-noon Thursday, April 8. The presentation is part of a series of free virtual art demonstrations offered by the **Vienna Arts Society** on the second Thursday of the month. Find the demonstration link at ViennaArtsSociety.org.

A collection of artworks by **Artist of the Year Ken Britz** will be on display April 12-June 5 at the Vienna Arts Society Gallery in the Village Green, 513 Maple Avenue W. The exhibition will be open 9 am-5 pm Monday-Saturday. Discover more about the artist at ViennaArtsSociety.org.

Historic Vienna Inc. and Bobby B. Frog will **celebrate little libraries**, including Vienna's 1897 Little Library Museum, April 17-24. Follow the action with regular updates from Bobby B. Frog on Facebook.

The **Vienna Arts Society** will offer a curated selection of handcrafted items from independent designers, artists, and emerging brands at an **Open Air Spring Market** from 12-5 pm Sunday, April 25, in front of the Windover Building, 243 Church Street NW. (Rain date is Sunday, May 2.) In addition, artists will help children paint a small gift for their moms in time for Mother's Day.

Family PASS invites you to take a swing at preventing homelessness by participating in its **fifth annual charity golf tournament** on Tuesday afternoon, May 4. The tournament will take place at the Westfields Golf Club in Clifton, a Fred Couples-designed course that is fun and accessible for novice golfers and yet challenging and thought-provoking for experienced golfers. Registration is \$175 per golfer and includes a cart, boxed lunch, buffet dinner, and prizes. Register at birdease.com/FamilyPassGolf. Family PASS helps

Order plants for your garden – including Virginia natives, deer-resistant and drought-tolerant plants, and those that do well in sun or shade – through May 1 from the **Ayr Hill Garden Club**. Pickup will be from 8 am-1 pm Saturday, May 8, next to the Freeman Store and Museum. Proceeds help the garden club maintain five public gardens in Vienna.

working Fairfax County families at risk of homelessness find a path to economic self-sufficiency.

Join **Historic Vienna Inc.** via Zoom for a **virtual English tea** at 3 pm Saturday, May 15. Attendees will pick up carefully packaged English tea in special boxes from 12-2 pm that day before signing in for the tea. Reservations are required, and packages are \$40, on sale through May 8 at historicviennainc.org.

Blossoms, Flowers, and Foliage, an exhibit of original art by members of the **Vienna Arts Society**, is on display through May 29 at Meadowlark Gardens.

In anticipation of an eventual return to full concerts, the **Town of Vienna Community Band** will offer small-ensemble performances at the Vienna Farmers Market the first three Saturdays May-July. The band continues to look for enthusiastic new musicians to join them. For more information, visit viennacommunityband.org.

What did you do during the pandemic? Did you learn a new skill, cook more, plant a garden, start a new business? **Historic Vienna Inc.** is documenting how Vienna residents and businesses were impacted by, coped with, and reacted to the **covid-19 pandemic**. Email submissions to hvioralhistory@gmail.com.

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.

On your mark, get set, get fit

Vienna competing in regional fitness challenge

The Town of Vienna, Fairfax City, and the City of Falls Church are running, walking, biking, training, stretching, and competing in a Mayors' Fitness Challenge. With the aid – and activity – of citizens, the three municipalities are competing to determine the Most Fit City/Town of 2021.

Rally up family, friends, and co-workers to walk, bike, hike, practice yoga, play in the park, etc. Due to covid-19, it's recommended that participants work out individually or only with those in their family/bubble or exercise outdoors following physical-distancing guidelines.

During this eight-week competition, everyone participating will keep track of their physical activity minutes, which will be tallied by each jurisdiction, to see who will be named Most Fit Community.

Pre-registration is required, and it's never too late to join; the challenge begins April 2. After registering, participants will be emailed a fillable Google doc to track their fitness journey. Registration is available at any time during the competition using activity number 453701-A1 at viennava.gov/registration.

Call 703-255-7801 for more information. 📍



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Fire & Rescue
Emergency
911**
(Voice & TDD)
Vienna Police

703-938-4900 voice
703-255-5730 TDD
Non-emergency
703-255-6366 voice
703-255-5730 TDD
Community Center
703-255-6360 voice

TTY Virginia Relay 711
120 Cherry St. SE
Vienna, VA 22180
Vienna Town Hall
703-255-6300 voice
TTY Virginia Relay 711

127 Center Street South
Vienna, VA 22180-5179
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April TOWN CALENDAR

2	Meet the Mayor (LOVE Sign) • 9-10:30 am
2	Code Create Vienna Lunch and Learn (via Zoom) • 12 pm
6	Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 pm
8	Town Business Liaison Committee • 7 pm
12	Town Council Meeting/Public Hearing • 8 pm
13	On Deck with Mercury • 5-7 pm
14	Planning Commission • 7:30 pm
15	Board of Architectural Review • 7:30 pm
16	Mayor's Walk • 9:30 am
16	Code Create Vienna Lunch and Learn (via Zoom) • 12 pm

19	Town Council Budget Conference Session • 7:30 pm
20	Public Art Commission • 7 pm
21	Board of Zoning Appeals/Public Hearing • 7 pm
25	Walk on the Hill (Windover Heights Historic District) • 1-5 pm
26	Police Station Construction Update • 7 pm
26	Town Council Meeting/Public Hearing • 8 pm
27	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee • 7 pm
27	Transportation Safety Commission • 8 pm
28	Planning Commission • 7:30 pm
30	Arbor Day Tree Planting (TBD) • 5 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.

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years ago...

The April 1966 newsletter was dedicated to the Town's burgeoning recreation department and the dedication on April 17 of the new community center. Sen. Harry Byrd was to be the keynote speaker at the 2 pm ceremony, which was also to include laying of the cornerstone and the presentation of keys to the building.