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MAY 2021

Signups and other covid precautions in place

ViVa Vienna is back!

Aren't we all ready for some good news and a bit of fun? This certainly will fit the bill for an event-hungry, interaction-starved community: The three-day ViVa Vienna festival that has beckoned, spun, and entertained generations of Vienna residents returns this Memorial Day weekend.

However, this year's festival won't be the ViVa Vienna of the past. The Rotary Club of Vienna, with support from the Town of Vienna, is bringing the perennial fun-fest back in an altered format to accommodate covid precautions and maintain the community's health and safety. All events and most areas will require advance tickets or reservations, and attendance in various festival areas will have capacity limits. Attendees will not be able to simply show up spontaneously and gain access.

To be held May 29-31, the 2021 festival will spread out across several central Vienna locations to provide socially distanced zones for carnival rides, entertainment, and vendors.

"Safety is our top priority," says Rotary festival chair AJ Oskuie, "and there will be required signups for rides and music. Still, we're so excited to be able to bring back this galvanizing community event. We've heard from so many people that they really hope Viva Vienna can return this year. We want people to show up [after registering in advance], have a good time, be safe, and try to get back to a sense of normalcy."

"I am so happy that the Vienna Rotary Club will be holding ViVa Vienna again this year," says Mayor Linda Colbert. "It has been a long year without events, and the Vienna community has been looking forward to gathering and having fun together. Telling children that there will be no ViVa once was hard enough; the ones I have talked to this year say it's OK that it will be a little different, at least we are having it!"

About 20 carnival rides and games and five festival-food vendors will set up in an area bounded by Dominion Road and Mill Street and Ayr Hill and Church. To gain admittance to the carnival area, participants must purchase colored wristbands online in advance; the wristbands will be good for an approximately two-hour period. Everyone who enters the area must purchase a wristband, and children must be at least 12 years old to enter

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photo by Adam Kincaid

ViVa Vienna Returns! (in a covid-conscious format with safety precautions in place)

Ride yourself silly. Be entertained.
Shop with handcraft vendors.
Have fun!

May 29 & 30 • 10 am-10 pm
May 31 • 10 am-6 pm

Wear a mask and practice social distancing.
Reserve time slots for rides and shows in advance.

More info & reservations at
vivavienna.org

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Takeaways from Code Create residential standards visual survey

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

As part of Vienna’s zoning code update, 856 Town residents responded to a residential standards visual survey that included 15 questions intended to solicit feedback to inform the Code Create Vienna update. Responses were shared with Town Council and the Planning Commission at a joint conference session March 31.

In the survey, residents chose how they personally aligned with given statements related to residential standards, with response options ranging from “strongly disagree” to “strongly agree” and three options in between.

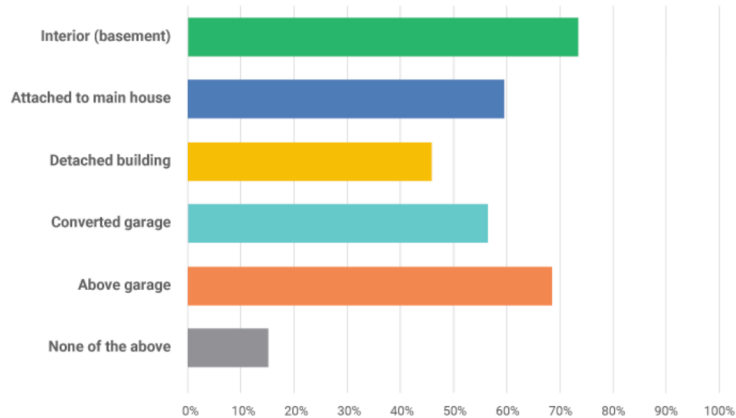
The strongest support for change identified by the survey was in allowing covered porches to encroach into front yard setbacks with 83% of responses somewhat or strongly agreeing.

Similarly, the survey demonstrated a strong desire for porches, patios, and covered decks to be included in the additional allowable 5% lot coverage, currently permitted only for open decks; more than 70% of respondents were supportive of each of these structures being allowed. A follow-up question related to having an additional 5% lot coverage for outdoor living accessories (in addition to open decks) had a slightly lower percentage of supportive responses (62%). Respondents selecting “none of the above” increased from 15% in the first scenario to 29% for this increased lot coverage option.

The survey also indicated interest in the potential allowance of accessory living units (ALUs) in residential areas; 56% of respondents somewhat or strongly supported

10. Which of the following types of ALUs do you feel would be appropriate for Vienna residential neighborhoods? See examples above and choose all preferred options.

813 responses



this idea. The most popular type of ALU identified was an interior basement (73% of respondents supported), followed by living areas above the garage (69%), attached to the main house (60%), and in a converted garage (56%).

Survey results show that 77% of respondents somewhat or strongly agree that cottage housing is an appropriate land use in areas next to businesses, shopping centers, and office buildings. Cottage housing is a form of higher density residential development, generally defined as a grouping of small, single-unit houses clustered around a common open community area. The majority of survey respondents would not restrict cottage housing residency by age.

Finally, 86% of survey respondents somewhat or strongly agreed that new, multi-unit developments should provide

open space proportionate to the number of units in the development, with open lawns, a mixture of hardscape and landscape, gazebos and other shade structures, and pet areas all receiving more than 50% supportive responses. Play equipment and swimming pools or other recreational facilities received the least votes.

Following the March 31 joint conference session, Town Council and the Planning Commission encouraged staff to work with ZoneCo, the consultant working with the Town on the Code Create Vienna effort, to draft standards for outdoor living spaces, lot coverage, ALUs, and cottage housing for further discussion.

Survey results as well as all updates and public engagement feedback related to the Town code update can be found at codecreatevienna.com. ↻

Go solar: It’s easy, affordable, and beneficial

If you’ve been thinking about adding solar power to your home, you should know that it’s now easier and more affordable than ever, thanks to SolarizeNOVA. Through June 30, Vienna residents can sign up for free solar satellite and home energy assessments. With these assessments, residents can determine if solar power is an option for them. The Conservation and Sustainability Commission encourages you to join Vienna neighbors who already have discovered the energy- and cost-saving benefits of solar energy. For more information, visit solarizenova.org. ↻



SOLARIZENOVA



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without an adult. The ride zone will be limited to 750 people per two-hour entry period; participants will be asked to exit the area and rides will be disinfected during the last 15 minutes of the period. Rides will operate at 30% capacity. (These numbers may be subject to change depending on state guidelines in place at the time the festival is held.)

“Please be aware that kids – or anyone for that matter – will *not* be able to just show up and gain access to the rides or entertainment areas,” Oskuie says.

The live entertainment area at the Town Green will be divided into pods of up to five people, which must be reserved in advance for on-the-hour performances. Due to covid safety precautions and to allow audiences to exit and enter the area, all shows will be 40-minute sets.

Entertainment over the three-day festival will include multiple performances by Fat Chance, the Great Zucchini, Rocknoceros, Superfly Disco, Vienna Singing Princesses, and Wylder. In addition, a Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at 1 pm Monday, May 31. Attendance in the entertainment zone will be limited to approximately 80 people per time period.

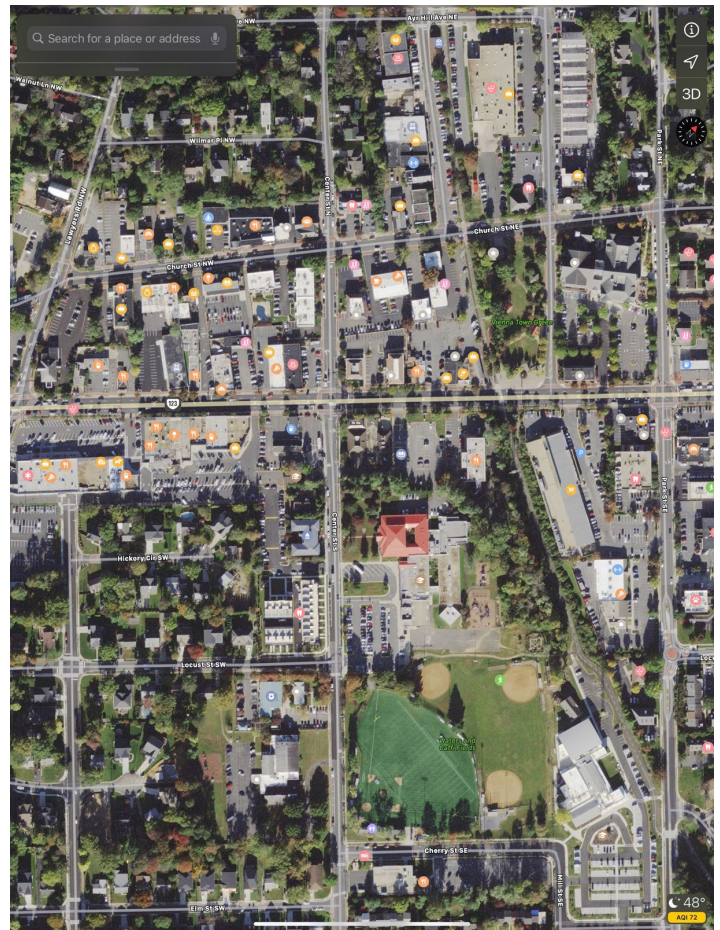
For updated information and to purchase a two-hour ride zone wristband and/or reserve space for performances, visit vivavienna.org.

About 160 craft vendors, community organizations, and businesses will set up at Caffi Field. Entry will be limited to about 550 people at a time with one way in and one way out. No advance sign-up is required to enter the vendor zone, which will be open 10 am-6 pm Sunday and Monday.

Masks will be required to be worn by all attendees. Hand sanitation stations will be set up throughout the festival area, and covid screenings will take place at entrances. This year there will be no shuttle from the Vienna Metro station nor Madison High School. In addition, bicyclists on the W&OD trail will be rerouted between Ayr Hill and Maple Avenue, and cyclists will be asked to walk their bikes from Maple Avenue to the community center during the festival.

“We’re hoping that this year’s festival will be hyperlocal, and people can generally walk to the festival sites,” says Oskuie. Additional public parking areas can be found at viennava.gov/parking.

Other than festival food in the carnival area, there will be no food courts. Festival attendees will be encouraged to patronize restaurants



and businesses in the downtown commercial area.

“I am proud as a Rotarian,” says Colbert, “that we have so many people dedicated to putting in the many hours necessary to make this event happen. Not only will it be a great time for those attending, but it will raise money that goes directly back into the community. The Town and Rotary are working together to ensure a safe event. I look forward to seeing people and having fun at this year’s ViVa.”

The Rotary Club of Vienna will donate 100% of this year’s festival proceeds to support local organizations. 🍷



TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION

TUESDAY, MAY 4 • VIENNA COMMUNITY CENTER

VOTE 6 AM-7 PM

Liberty Amendments Month celebration beginning to take shape

In just a little over six weeks, the Town of Vienna will launch an inaugural monthlong event that will celebrate four constitutional amendments that together provide rights and inclusion for people who previously had been excluded. This celebration may serve as a model for other communities throughout Virginia – and the country.

“This is really a hybrid event,” says Events Coordinator Lily Widman, “in that it’s as much about education, awareness, history, and bringing the community together as it is about entertainment. It feels like a really unique movement. It’s exciting to hear the different voices and ideas shared and to see the community really come together in planning events in celebration of Liberty Amendments Month.”

Widman notes that about 45 community organizations, including churches, service groups, businesses, not-for-profits, schools, elected officials, arts groups, and scouts are involved in planning Liberty Amendments events. Activities that may be offered in celebration of the Constitution’s 13th, 14th, 15th, and 19th amendments include lectures, weekly film series, book conversations with authors, performances, walks for justice, historic bicycle tours, community art projects, a quilt project, exhibits, mock trial for students, oratory contest, a showcase of women musicians and artists, and more.

Up to 30 events may be offered over a four-week period, Widman says, from June 19–July 19.

The monthlong celebration will kick off June 19 with First Baptist Church of Vienna’s Juneteenth Celebration, which offers artistic performances that celebrate Black culture as well as a vendor area that features Black-owned businesses.

“We here at First Baptist Church of Vienna have been celebrating Juneteenth for many years,” says First Baptist Senior Pastor Dr. Vernon Walton, “and it is exciting to see the increased interest in this longstanding tradition. We are excited to have the opportunity to partner with the Town of Vienna and to have our annual Juneteenth celebration kick off the Liberty Amendments Month lineup.”

The Juneteenth celebration will take place from 11 am-3 pm in the church’s parking area and will be available via livestream on the Town’s and church’s social media platforms as well.

Each week will feature events celebrating one of the four recognized amendments with a weekly kick-off event. The monthlong celebration will conclude with a multicultural event July 17. This event will feature handmade goods, foods, and music and arts performances representing different cultures around the globe, and especially highlighting women- and Black-owned businesses.

More information about Liberty Amendments Month events will be made available at viennava.gov/liberty.

“It’s been wonderful,” says Widman, “to have all of these amazing voices come to the table to talk about what this could be and how best to educate people about and celebrate these liberties and to find unique ways to engage everyone in the community.”



Juneteenth jubilee First Baptist Church of Vienna’s Juneteenth celebration, which includes a vendor area, will launch Liberty Amendments Month festivities June 19.

Business Appreciation Month

A monthlong round of applause for local businesses

May is Virginia Business Appreciation Month, and the Town of Vienna’s office of economic development is in party-planning mode, preparing to celebrate and raise awareness for the Town’s independent, small businesses.

As Town businesses continue to reshape, rebuild, and resurge in the wake of the covid-19 pandemic, this year’s theme is “Vienna Changemakers.” Activities and events will highlight various businesses who have helped the Vienna community throughout the pandemic.

In-store activations, promotions, and social media business profiles will be featured throughout the month. The community can get involved

MAY IS VIRGINIA BUSINESS APPRECIATION MONTH

#ViennaUnited

Business Appreciation Month

by nominating businesses for the second annual Vienna United Business Awards. Nominations will be accepted at ExploreViennaVA.com in these categories: Entrepreneur of the Year, Excellence in Customer Service, Give Back Service Award, and Sustainability. Individual employees will be recognized through nominations for the Say Thank You Award in recognition of their service and dedication.



Pedal power: Participate in inaugural Tour de Hunter Mill

The inaugural Tour de Hunter Mill on May 15 rolls through Vienna – and you’re invited to grab your bike helmet and pedal along. Whether you’re taking the five-mile family route or the longer 15- or 20-mile route through Vienna, the ride begins at the Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods and takes cyclists through the Hunter Mill District via scenic routes.

“The Tour de Hunter Mill is a great opportunity for Vienna residents and everyone else who enjoys biking in the Hunter Mill District to come together to enjoy a scenic ride that highlights the many treasures and resources in our community,” says Fairfax County/Hunter Mill District Supervisor Walter Alcorn.

Registration is limited to 150 riders and, if not already sold out, is available at [fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill/2021-tour-de-hunter-mill](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill/2021-tour-de-hunter-mill). The cost is \$25 per adult (16 and older). If registering as a family, purchase one ticket and send an email to huntermill@fairfaxcounty.gov to inquire about family pricing. Registration includes Tour de Hunter Mill socks and a \$5 donation to the Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling.

The longer routes take the W&OD Trail to Vienna, where the first rest stop will be located at the Town Green. From there, riders will take quiet roads and trails to the Spring Hill Metro station and the second rest stop. Riders may then continue on the 20-mile route by bike back to Reston or may take the Metro to the Wiehle-Reston East station before continuing by bike to Hunter Woods in Reston.



Long-route riders start from 8:30-9:15 am. Family-route riders will take off between 9:15 and 10 am. Post-ride food, fun, and prizes will be available from 11:30 am-1:30 pm.

All participants in this rain or shine event will be required to wear a mask and remain six feet apart at all times while at the Reston Community Center, each rest stop, and within the Metro system if riders use that option. 🚫



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, May 7, 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 May: Code Create Vienna

Planning and Zoning Director Cindy Petkac and her team will discuss Code Create Vienna, the update to the Town’s zoning and subdivision code. As part of the discussion, staff will talk about cottage housing, a new housing type being proposed in the code update. Staff will highlight a 3D exhibit demonstrating a scaled cottage court community using doghouses sponsored by local businesses. The canine cottage court will be on display at the Town Green May 8-23. Visit codecreatevienna.com for more information.



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...

With 3,539 ballots cast, Charles A. Robinson Jr., who received 1,841 votes, was elected as Vienna’s next mayor in May 1976. According to a special edition of the Town newsletter, the total number of voters represented the heaviest turnout at one polling location in the history of Fairfax County and the largest turnout ever (to that date) for a Town election. Robinson would go on to serve as Vienna mayor until his death in 2000.

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Tour, presentation highlight Vienna's rich African-American history

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

In 2017 First Baptist Church of Vienna – literally the first church in Vienna – celebrated its 150th anniversary, commemorating not only its longevity milestone, but also sparking renewed interest in the rich history of Vienna's African-American community.

As part of the church's celebration, First Baptist members and longtime Vienna residents Sylvia Taylor and Gloria Runyon, whose family's Vienna roots date back seven generations to the early 1800s, set out to build both a van tour and presentation related to Vienna's African-American history.

"What started out as an idea to celebrate First Baptist Church's 150th anniversary," says Taylor, "led to the creation of a bus tour where we would start at the church and then make stops around Town to tell the tale of Vienna's Black history."

"At first I didn't even know that one of my great-grandfathers lived in one of the houses on the tour," says Runyon of the 22 important sites featured in the tour, including churches, schools, cemeteries, parks, homes, and other landmarks as well as several longtime Vienna families and their contributions to the community.

Runyon and Taylor, who also are Historic Vienna Inc. members, have found enthusiastic audiences for the information they've compiled, which they've made available via an approximately one-hour video presentation at historicviennainc.org. Like the van/bus tour,

the presentation begins at First Baptist and proceeds to travel through time and streets in the northwest and a small portion of the southwest sections of Town.

Part of the presentation focuses on schools for "colored" students. First Baptist during its first 23 years functioned as both a place of worship for families and a make-shift school for children. In 1890, a one-room Vienna Colored School was built at the intersection of Lawyers and Malcom roads. In 1939, a three-room school on Nutley Street, the location today of Louise Archer Elementary, was built and later named after the original school's first principal, who also was an African-American community leader.



The tour and presentation also highlight Sarah Walker Mercer Park, which was named after Louise Archer Elementary's chief custodian, a leading figure at the school and in the community.

"Of the 22 historic sites that are on our tour, we selected 11 of them for the presentation," says Taylor. She and Runyon continue to research Vienna's African-American history and to expand upon their work. "There is so much intertwined between history and community," Taylor adds, "and we hope that people will watch the presentation and eventually go on the tour with us." 📌





A match made in bee heaven

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

Symbiotic relationships exist throughout the natural world – and in the Town of Vienna, too, as evidenced by the alliance of a local Girl Scout Gold Award candidate and the Town’s Conservation and Sustainability Commission (CSC).

Last year Morgan Oglesby, a local resident and senior at Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School, undertook efforts to increase native plants and protect wildlife habitat in Town in an effort to earn her Gold Award. Simultaneously, the CSC wanted to continue to protect the Town’s monarch butterfly and bee populations as it sought recertification as a Community Wildlife Habitat through the National Wildlife Federation and a Bee City USA through the Xerces Society. To earn Bee City USA certification, Vienna must demonstrate projects that create and enhance native pollinator habitat, reduce pesticide use, and increase public awareness.

“I knew I wanted to do something with local vegetation and wildlife,” says Oglesby. “I was looking over research materials and was surprised to see my hometown of Vienna was one of only two Bee City USAs in Virginia. I was both surprised and excited to look into what that meant and determine how I could use my goal of enhancing the environment to earn my award to also carry on that title for the community.”

Ultimately Oglesby reached out to Director of Parks and Recreation Leslie Herman, who connected her with the CSC – and it was a match made in bee heaven.

CSC member Bob Robinson reviewed Oglesby’s goals related to native plants and was thrilled to realize how her efforts could benefit the Bee City, USA application – not to mention, Vienna’s wildlife.

“Morgan presented a huge portfolio of environmental upkeep and native plant vegetation that would not only help our Bee City application’s cause, but also further additional CSC goals, including our annual monarch butterfly pledge, milkweed population, and even stormwater management.”

Oglesby and the CSC would ultimately take on six initiatives to up the ante on efforts to make Vienna more sustainable for wildlife. They worked together to rebuild local gardens at schools, install native plants at Town parks, and educate residents about environmental and natural resource issues and encourage them to help make Vienna more sustainable. Oglesby has been working with the parks and recreation department to create YouTube videos and demonstrations on how to plant native gardens at homes.

“My hope is to revitalize local plantings not just from a Town perspective, but also so that residents can carry on and do the same,” Oglesby says. “I have been fortunate to work with the CSC on native plant sales, summer classes, and to put information together for this year’s Green Expo.”

The results of these collaborative efforts – in addition to creating a more wildlife- and pollinator-friendly community? The CSC submitted its Bee City USA application in February, and Oglesby will receive her Gold Award in September. 🐝



The Optimist Club of Greater Vienna presents

VIENNA FARMERS MARKET

8 am - noon Saturdays • May 1 - October 30
Vienna Community Center



‘Bee’ a pollinator guardian

by Susan Ide Patton, Conservation and Sustainability Commission

Spring is exciting as the tiny inhabitants of our gardens emerge. Hundreds of butterfly caterpillars, fireflies, beetles, and bees appear, after hiding through winter in last year’s dead leaves and empty flower stems. Birds arrive to search relentlessly for caterpillars to feed their young, and frogs call for mates. All this life appears in your yard when you install native plantings, remove invasive plants, and eliminate pesticide use.

Why native plants? Most insects can survive only by feeding and reproducing on specific native plants they have evolved with. Unfortunately, many plants sold at mainstream nurseries are non-native or cultivars, and a yard full of these is essentially a desert for insects. Take action and choose to be a guardian of a healthy backyard ecosystem. Include an abundance of native trees, shrubs, perennials, groundcovers, and sedges in your yard, and leave only a minimum of lawn. Wildlife will arrive and give balance to your sliver of earth.

Ready to get started?

1. **Start small** Do what you can.
2. **Think layers** Trees have the highest all-around value, shrubs are critical for birds, and flowering perennials support pollinators in the summer while their seed heads feed birds in the winter.
3. **Add variety** Vary bloom times, plant in drifts (typically odd-numbered groupings).
4. **Plan 365** Support the entire lifecycle by leaving fallen leaves and spent flower stems for overwintering insects. Don’t clean up old brush until temperatures are consistently above 50 degrees Fahrenheit to allow time for native insect eggs to hatch.
5. **More information** Available at plantnovanatives.org/.

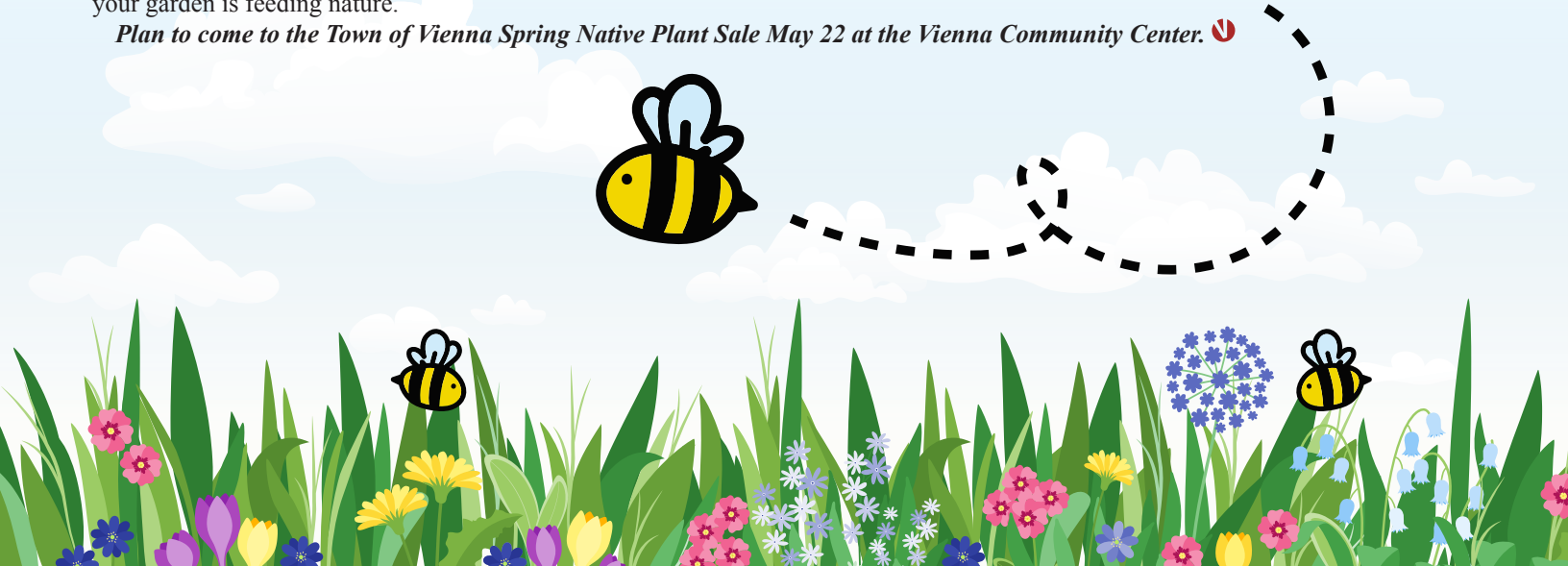
Together, our local efforts will yield significant and positive results. And remember: A chewed leaf is evidence of life, evidence that your garden is feeding nature.

Plan to come to the Town of Vienna Spring Native Plant Sale May 22 at the Vienna Community Center. 📍

The Vienna Green Expo Goes Virtual this May
 @ viennava.gov/greenexpo

Find sustainability info, certifications, quizzes, interactive learning opportunities, and more

Sponsored by the Conservation and Sustainability Commission



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 via viennava.gov.

March 22

- Set a public hearing for April 12 regarding the fiscal year 2021-22 operating budget and directed the town clerk to advertise a notice of public hearing.
- Set a public hearing for April 12 regarding fiscal year 2021-22 proposed water and sewer rates and directed the town clerk to advertise a notice of public hearing.
- Set a public hearing for April 26 regarding the fiscal year 2021-22 real estate tax rate and directed the town clerk to advertise a notice of public hearing.
- Set a public hearing for April 12 to consider vacation of the public alley adjacent to 131 Wilmar Place NW and directed the town clerk to advertise a notice of public hearing.
- Formally approved previous emergency procurement approval to increase the purchase order with Siemen's Industries by \$4,000 for HVAC integration services at the community center, bringing total cost of the project to \$33,874.
- Approved emergency waiver of purchasing procedures and expenditure of \$40,012 to relocate the gas line at 301 Center Street as part of the police facility construction project.
- Approved an increase in spending with VAPFS, LLC-Hire Strategy for a temporary front counter clerk in an amount not to exceed \$5,000, bringing total cost to \$46,000.

- Readopted and extended the Continuity of Government ordinance, originally approved by Town Council at its April 13, 2020 meeting, for an additional six-month period to September 30. Council also directed the town clerk to advertise a notice of adoption.
- Approved equipment upgrades to the Town of Vienna cable access channel in an amount not to exceed \$119,285.40.
- Approved \$61,000 in additional spending with Whitman, Requardt & Associates for right-of-way services related to the Park Street NE sidewalk improvements project.
- Awarded a contract for an Old Courthouse Road NE sidewalk project to Sagres Construction Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$1,402,691.

April 12

- Held a public hearing regarding the fiscal year 2021-22 budget. Following the public hearing, Council directed the town clerk to advertise a Notice of Intent to Adopt the FY 2021-22 budget at its May 17 meeting, following consideration of the real estate tax rate.
- Held a public hearing regarding fiscal year 2021-22 water and sewer rates. Following the public hearing, Council directed the town clerk to advertise a Notice of Intent to Adopt water and sewer rates and fees for FY2021-22 at its May 17 meeting.
- Held a public hearing regarding an alley vacation request at 131 Wilmar Place NW. Following the public hearing, Council approved an ordinance to vacate the portion of the public alley adjacent to 131 Wilmar Place NW upon payment of \$4,413.38 from petitioner Anthony Pettoruto and

submission of a deed of consolidation. Council further authorized the mayor to execute the necessary documents.

- Approved amendment number 3 to the Coronavirus Relief Fund subaward to return \$50,000 to the Town of Vienna to be used to cover additional CARES Act-related expenditures.
- Approved the Solarize NOVA program for spring 2021 and authorized the Conservation and Sustainability Commission to move forward with implementation.
- Extended a public improvement bond for the Mashie Drive subdivision for an additional 18 months, to expire October 31, 2022.

Appointed to serve

At its March 22 and April 12 meetings, Town Council appointed or reappointed the following individuals to Town boards and commissions:

- **Ken Berry** – Bicycle Advisory Committee
- **Manpreet Dhanjal** – recommended to the Fairfax County Circuit Court for appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals
- **Mark Lander** – Town Business Liaison Committee
- **Bets Thomas** – Bicycle Advisory Committee
- **Cindy Weinberg** – Conservation and Sustainability Commission

Vienna businesses with staying power

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

30 YEARS

Eastern Business Machine

10 YEARS

**Panera Bread
Sohini.com**

25 YEARS

**3S Group
Victoria Station**

5 YEARS

**Curby Consulting
Cycle Chi
Law Offices of Dan Withers
US Taekwondo Academy
Vienna Transfers**

15 YEARS

**April AC Service
The Insurance Authority Agency
Scandia World Wide Travel**

Open for business

Town of Vienna business licenses were issued in March to:

Cupcakes & More

cupcakes
527 Maple Avenue W
571-977-0888

Martial Arts Black Belt Academy

martial arts
262 Cedar Lane SE
571-565-3200

Greenheart Juice Shop

juice shop
208 Dominion Road NE
571-236-7426





HAPPENINGS around town

Catch performances by **Town of Vienna Community Band ensembles** at the **Vienna Farmers Market** the first three Saturdays in May, June, and July. On May 1, a flute quartet will perform with a brass performance on May 8 and clarinet ensemble concert on May 15. Performances will be about 30 minutes long and begin at 8:50 am. The Optimist Club of Vienna's Farmers Market is open 8 am-noon Saturdays, May 1-October 30, in the community center parking lot.

Vienna Host Lions Club is holding a **fundraiser** from 11 am-9 pm Tuesday, May 4, 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. Find more information about Lions activities, events, and membership at [facebook.com/viennahostlionsclub](https://www.facebook.com/viennahostlionsclub) or email ViennaHostLionsClub@gmail.com.

Acclaimed art instructor **Bryan Jernigan** will demonstrate creation of an abstract painting during this month's **free virtual artist demonstration** from 10:30 am-noon Thursday, May 13, hosted by the **Vienna Arts Society**. Find the demonstration link at [ViennaArtsSociety.org](https://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org).

The **Ayr Hill Garden Club's Garden Market** will offer tools, garden decorations, books, and crafts made by members from 8 am-1 pm Saturday, May 8, on the Freeman Store and Museum grounds, 131 Church Street NE. Proceeds help garden club members maintain five public gardens throughout Vienna. Find more information at [ayrhillgardenclub.org](https://www.ayrhillgardenclub.org).

Vienna Arts Society members currently are displaying their work in four locations around Vienna. *Favored Subjects*, a spring collection of artwork featuring Artist of the Year Ken Britz, is on display through June 25 at the **VAS Gallery in the Village Green**, 513 Maple Avenue W. The gallery is open 9 am-5 pm Monday-Saturday. An exhibition of original art by VAS members, *Blossoms, Flowers, and Foliage*, is on display through May 29 at **Meadowlark Gardens**. Artist Davi D'Agostino has works on display at **Patrick Henry Library**, and a new collection of artwork is on exhibit at the **Vienna Community Center**.

The **Freeman Store and Museum, including the Used Book Cellar**, is now open 12-3 pm Wednesday-Sunday. Safety procedures remain in place with a maximum of five visitors at a time. Stop in to see all the new merchandise and to experience the *Vienna in the 1960s* and *Women's Suffrage* exhibits. Find more information at [historicviennainc.org](https://www.historicviennainc.org).

It's no secret that the Freeman Store and Museum at 131 Church Street NE has an incredibly well-stocked **Used Book Cellar** and that prices are amazingly reasonable. And that's thanks to generous **book donations**. Books in good condition, with the exception of magazines, romance novels, reference books, and encyclopedias, may be left in boxes or bags on the front porch benches if the store is closed.

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 to michelle.crabtree@viennava.gov. 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.

Early intervention is key to mosquito control

by Susan Ide Patton, Conservation and Sustainability Commission

We're all looking forward to enjoying warmer weather, but nothing ruins enjoyment of your backyard like pesky mosquitos! The mosquito you likely are encountering is the Tiger mosquito, introduced to the United States in 1985. Unlike our native mosquitos, this insect is active all day long and enjoys hanging out in shady areas, such as among English ivy. It lays its eggs on edges of hard-sided containers with even very small amounts of water (bottle caps, corrugated drainpipes, and tree holes), and the eggs can be dormant for years until inundated with water.

Unfortunately, broadscale spraying of pesticides, intended to kill adult mosquitos, is environmentally harmful and often not effective. These sprayings kill many beneficial insects (including mosquito predators like dragonflies and damselflies) and contribute to the serious issue of pollinator decline. Studies have shown that fogging kills only about 10% of adult mosquitos.

So what to do? Experts suggest a two-pronged approach:

- **Source control** Conduct a weekly search of your property to remove all water pockets. Remember, these mosquitos lay eggs next to very small amounts of water.
- **Early intervention** Instead of spraying adult mosquitos, kill mosquito larvae in water, thus breaking the life cycle. The earlier in the mosquito season you do this, the better. One of the most effective and least-toxic biological controls is *Bacillus thuringiensis* or Bt, marketed as Mosquito Dunks™. Bt can be sprinkled in its granular form after a rain or used in "dunk" form. You can add dunks to birdbaths or ponds (they won't harm other animals). Better yet, make a mosquito larvae trap by filling a dark bucket of water with straw, water, and a Bt dunk.

Studies have shown that the most effective mosquito control is achieved when a neighborhood comes together to fight mosquitos by placing traps in front and back yards. So, join with your neighbors and together you can enjoy a non-toxic, mosquito-free summer! 🍷

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(Voice & TDD)

Vienna Police
703-938-4900 voice
703-255-5730 TDD
Non-emergency
703-255-6366 voice
703-255-5730 TDD

Community Center
703-255-6360 voice
TTY Virginia Relay 711
120 Cherry St. SE
Vienna, VA 22180

Vienna Town Hall
703-255-6300 voice
TTY Virginia Relay 711
127 Center Street South
Vienna, VA 22180-5179
Monday-Friday • 8 am-4:30 pm

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May TOWN CALENDAR

1	Vienna Farmers Market (VCC) • 8 am-noon
4	Town Council Election Day (VCC) • 6 am-7 pm
7	Meet the Mayor (LOVE sign at Northside Park entrance) • 9-10:30 am
7	Code Create Vienna Lunch and Learn (via Zoom) • 12 pm
8	Vienna Farmers Market (VCC) • 8 am-noon
10	Town Council Conference Session • 7:30 pm
11	On Deck with Mercury (Town Green) • 5-7 pm
11	Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 pm
12	Planning Commission • 7:30 pm
13	Town Business Liaison Committee • 7 pm
15	Vienna Farmers Market (VCC) • 8 am-noon
17	Town Council Meeting • 8 pm
18	Public Art Commission • 7 pm
19	Board of Zoning Appeals/Public Hearing • 7:30 pm
20	Board of Architectural Review • 7:30 pm

21	Mayor's Walk • 9:30 am
21	Code Create Vienna Lunch and Learn (via Zoom) • 12 pm
22	Vienna Farmers Market (VCC) • 8 am-noon
22	Native Plant Sale (VCC) • 8 am-noon
24	Police Station Construction Update (301 Center St.) • 7 pm
24	Town Council Conference Session • 7:30 pm
25	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee • 7 pm
25	Transportation Safety Commission • 8 pm
26	Planning Commission • 7:30 pm
27	Conservation and Sustainability Commission • 7:30 pm
29	Vienna Farmers Market (VCC) • 8 am-noon
29	ViVa Vienna • 10 am-10 pm
30	ViVa Vienna • 10 am-10 pm
31	Holiday: Town Offices Closed (Regular waste collection)
31	ViVa Vienna • 10 am-6 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.