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New Police Department on Target for Summer Opening

It won't be long before the entire Vienna Police Department reports for work under one roof. The new building is on schedule to open in the summer of 2022 enabling all officers to report to the same location for the first time in more than two decades.

"The last building was completed in 1994, and the department outgrew it 13 years later," said Vienna Police Chief Jim Morris. "Currently, our detectives and dispatchers are working out of the Town Hall, while the rest of the department reports to the temporary headquarters building on Center Street."

Morris, the police command staff and the Town's elected leaders got a first-hand look at the new building's layout when they toured the construction site recently. The new facility located at 215 Center Street, South will be nearly three times the size of the old building, and it will include a property and evidence storage area that conforms to current legal standards and a modern firing range for training and qualifying.

"The new range will be bigger than the range in the old building, and it will enable our officers to qualify both with service weapons and rifles," Morris said. "It will be nice to eliminate the need to compete for



time at another rifle range in Fairfax County, which is hard to come by."

Morris says the new Vienna Police Department building is about 65 percent complete. In addition to modern police amenities, the facility will also feature a large, flexible space that will have multiple uses. The police department will use the space for classroom training, an emergency operations center when needed and public

safety presentations to community groups. The Town will also use the space for non-police activities such as cable broadcasting, public meeting overflow, staff meetings and a potential voting location. For more project details and to see a live construction feed, visit www.viennava.gov/newpolicestation. 

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Public Meetings to Return to Town Hall

A year ago at this time, virtual public meetings were the only way the Vienna Town Council could safely conduct the public business and include public participation during the pandemic. Now, thanks to the development of an effective vaccine, the Town is seeing the hopeful signs of recovery. Between vaccination rates and continued prevention measures, such as mask-wearing and social distancing, residents seem more confident in resuming life as we knew it before the pandemic as they move freely about town. The declaration of the public health emergency has also ended, and to that end, the Vienna Town Council has decided to suspend virtual public meetings and return to Council Chambers in January 2022.

The decision to resume in-person meetings was carefully considered. While virtual meetings provided a convenience that didn't exist before the pandemic, conducting virtual meetings with public participation came at a high cost to staff and to taxpayers. Virtual meetings increased the Town's technical staff's workload from 3 to 16 meetings per month, exhausted the annual overtime budget within five months' time, and resulted in an improper work-life



balance for staff members who were needed to work longer shifts to accommodate ongoing technical needs and challenges. After weighing the facts, the Town Council ultimately determined the cost-benefit analysis does not support continuing with virtual public meetings in 2022, especially since local vaccination rates are high, which further reduces the risk of serious illness.

Vienna Town Hall is centrally located and the greatest distance any resident would have to travel to reach the building is about two

miles. Those who prefer to stay home can still watch public meetings via live stream on the Town website, live on television via Cable Channels 27 (Cox) and 38 (Verizon), and on demand via posted recordings on the Town website. As always, residents can share their views with the mayor and councilmembers via email, phone calls or private appointments. The mayor is also available to meet during regular office hours. For contact information, see Contact Vienna on page 6 of this newsletter. 📞





Resolve to Make it a Clean, Green New Year

By Mala Persaud

After the whirl of the holidays comes a natural urge to clear out, declutter and start a new year fresh and clean. What most people don't realize is that what you clean with and how you clean is as important to the planet as it is to your home. Many cleaning products are laden with chemicals that contaminate the water table and harm human health. These products also come in plastic packaging that is difficult to recycle.

The good news is that there are many affordable, accessible ways to clean up your house without causing damage to our planet Earth. Waste from cleaning products like single-use wipes and paper towels, aerosol sprays and more can be avoided quite easily, saving you money and reducing the amount of garbage that goes into the waste stream.

For starters, cut paper towels and single-use cleaning wipes where you can. Use rags or old towels that you can wash in cold water and reuse, rather than wasting money and storage space on expensive paper towels and wipes.

Secondly, most antibacterial cleaning products are not necessary and can actually be harmful because they kill good bacteria. Two cleaning

powerhouses to keep on hand are vinegar and castile soap. Both are inexpensive, effective multi-purpose cleaners that can tackle big and small jobs. Dilute vinegar with water according to the manufacturer's instructions (often 2 or 3 parts vinegar to 1 part water), and clean windows, electric stovetops, mirrors and more, but do not use it on granite as it can harm the stonework. Castile soap diluted with water can keep stonework, floors and other surfaces sparkling clean. It can even be used as body wash or shampoo.

Finally, an important part of the post-holiday clear out is decluttering. There are so many ways to give away old toys, clothes and household goods. Be sure to only give away items in good condition. Thrift stores are overburdened as it is, so if something is broken, get it repaired, recycle it properly or throw it out.

Here's to a happy and green 2022! 🍷



Updates from Vienna Parks & Recreation

SOMETHING DIFFERENT:

Theatre for Young Audiences

Saturdays, Jan. 29 and Feb. 5

Daily performances: 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Ticket cost: \$5 Children; \$10 Adults; \$8 Seniors

Enjoy an hour-long, whirlwind romp around storybook land! "Something Different" is a theatrical medley of several classic children's stories including "The Gingerbread Man," "The Princess and the Pea" and "The Three Little Pigs." These stories are transformed into sharp, fast paced, irreverent short plays using improvisation, physical comedy and pop culture. "Something Different" is directed by Holly Harrington and presented by the Vienna Theatre Company in partnership with the Vienna Community Center. The program is suitable for children ages 3 and older. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door only.

EVENTS FOR SENIOR ADULTS:

Bingo, Cookies and Cocoa

Friday, Jan. 28, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Registration Code: #341563-A1

Registration Deadline: Jan. 24

Join your friends for an afternoon of bingo, cookies and hot cocoa at the Vienna Community Center.

Enjoy a traditional bingo game in a friendly atmosphere while you win bargain prizes. Bingo cards are \$2 for two cards (limit 2 cards/person). Registration is required. Please bring an inexpensive or lightly used item to donate to our prize table. For ages 55 yrs.+.

Air & Space Museum Trip-Chantilly

Wednesday, Jan. 19, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Fee: \$40 residents/\$50 non-residents

Registration Code: #351512-A1

Registration Deadline: Jan. 12

Explore the history of air travel at the Smithsonian's Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Center in Chantilly. Stroll through displays of aircraft and spacecraft in two massive hangars, including a Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird, the Boeing B-29 Superfortress Enola Gay, and the Space Shuttle Discovery. Learn about human space flight, World War II aviation, vertical flight, and see the IMAX® movie "Journey to Space" We will stop for lunch at Ono Brewing Company/ODD BBQ which is not included in the trip fee.

Register for these activities online at www.viennava.gov/webtrac or in person at the Vienna Community Center.

Stay in the Know with Vienna Happenings

Want to know what's coming up? Sign up for our weekly Vienna Happenings e-newsletter featuring updates on fun events and things to do in Vienna. Register online at www.viennava.gov/HappeningsSignup.

Homeowner Stormwater Management Reports Due

New homes often come with an increase in impervious areas, such as roofs and driveways, that reduces the land's ability to effectively disperse stormwater. Stormwater must go somewhere and, if it's not managed appropriately, it can negatively affect properties.

That's why stormwater management facilities, or best management practices (BMPs), are installed with new home construction to control the quality and quantity of stormwater runoff. Common examples of BMPs include infiltration trenches, bioretention rain gardens and planter boxes. For the most part, these systems are worry-free, and proper maintenance helps to extend their life. If not properly managed, BMPs can become overgrown or clogged, leading to failures that may not be noticed, but can impact the surrounding environment.

For this reason, property owners with BMPs are required to submit certified inspection reports by a qualified professional engineer, architect, or land surveyor licensed in Virginia every five years. These inspections, along with photo documentation, certify that a property's stormwater treatment facilities are in good working order and comply with the approved plan.

Beginning this year, homes that received new occupancy in 2017, where owners signed a stormwater maintenance agreement, will receive a notice from the Town of Vienna requesting this maintenance report.



To see if your property has a BMP, or if you have questions about the maintenance report requirement, call 703-319-8638 or email SWinspection@viennava.gov.

Proper maintenance and inspections help achieve the Town's goal of protecting streams and rivers, and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay. 🇺🇸

Know Your Flood Hazard

Do you know if your property is within a Flood Hazard Area? Call 703-255-6380 or email dpw@viennava.gov to determine the flood hazard for your property. 🇺🇸

Former Vienna Mayor Honored with Portrait

In recognition of her long record of distinguished public service, Town officials unveiled a painted portrait of former Mayor Laurie DiRocco at a Town Hall ceremony Dec. 6. DiRocco was lauded by local and state leaders for her 17 years of leadership first serving on the Transportation Safety Committee (2003-2005) then as a Town Councilmember (2009-2014) and finally as Mayor (2014-2020). The painting created by artist Anna Watson will be placed in the Council Chambers near images of three other distinguished former Town leaders, Mayors Jane Seeman, Charles Robinson and Guy M. Wilson. 🇺🇸





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, Mayor Colbert sets up “office” in various locations in the community. Residents are encouraged to meet her and share what’s on their mind. From 9–10:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 7, she’ll be available at 29th Parallel Coffee located at 106 Lawyers Rd, NW.



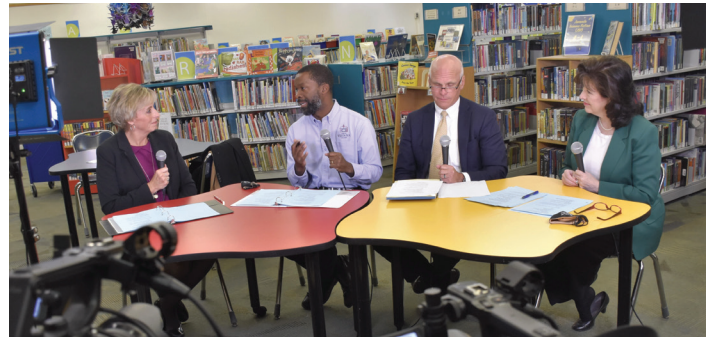
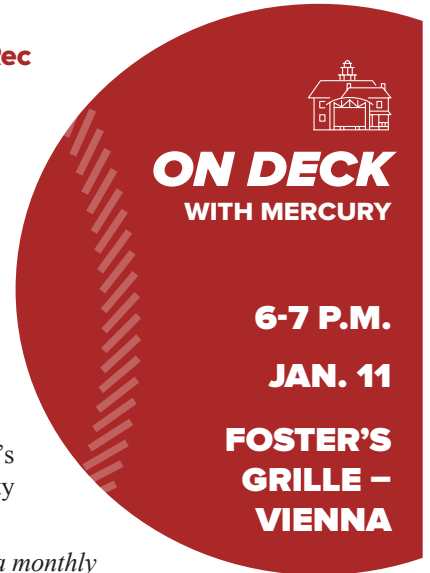
- **Business Walkabout:** The mayor and Economic Development Manager Natalie Monkou visit various businesses on the second Friday of each month.
- **Mayor’s Walk:** Join Mayor Colbert for a chat and stroll through the Town on the third Friday of each month. Meet at 9:30 a.m. in front of the Town Hall on Center Street.
- **Office Hours:** Feel free to drop in for open office hours 9-11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, during which time the mayor will do her best to be available. You can also schedule an appointment to meet with the mayor on Wednesdays. To schedule an appointment, email mclark@viennava.gov or call 703-255-6304.

Topic on deck for January: Parks and Rec 2022 Preview

From major events to classes, camps and programs to volunteering, the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department offers a wide range of options for every member of the family! Join us for On Deck with Mercury to find out what’s in store for the community in 2022.

On Deck with Mercury is a monthly community forum inviting Town residents to participate in an open discussion about Town accomplishments, initiatives and projects.

In case you missed the December program at Patrick Henry Library about public information and how to connect with Town leaders, you can still catch it online: <https://bit.ly/ViennaInfo>.



Vienna Theatre Company presents...

The Dinner Party

8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays Jan. 21, 22, 28, 29; Feb. 4, 5

2 p.m. Sundays Jan. 30, Feb. 6

Vienna Community Center

Ticket cost: \$15

In Neil Simon’s farcical take on love, marriage, divorce and what comes after, six strangers are invited to a mysterious dinner party. They do not know who the other guests will be or why they have been invited. Tossed together in a private dining room, they have a sneaking suspicion that this unorthodox dinner party will forever change their lives. Contains adult situations and language. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at the Vienna Community Center or online:

www.viennava.gov/webtrac.



HAPPENINGS around town

**2022 Legislative Session Preview Jan. 3
7:30 p.m. via Zoom**

Join Delegates Mark Keam and Ken Plum at this important public forum. What will the changes in the Virginia legislature mean this year? Do you have specific issues you hope to raise? AAUW Vienna Area Branch is co-sponsoring this Zoom event with the Patrick Henry Library. Register at: <https://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/8306117>

**American Legion Breakfast Buffet Jan. 16
8 a.m. – noon**

Join the Vienna American Legion Auxiliary at Post 180 located at 330 Center St., N for a beautiful breakfast buffet. The menu includes omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy and more. Adults \$10; Children 12 and younger \$4. All breakfast proceeds will be used to send high school students to the American Legion Girls State program.

**Patrick Henry Library presents:
Harry Potter Trivia for Tweens and Teens**

Monday, Jan. 24, 2022 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Register here: <https://bit.ly/LibraryPotter>
101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna, Va. 22180
703-938-0405

Calling all witches, wizards, and muggles alike to test their knowledge of the Harry Potter universe. Wear your favorite Harry Potter attire and compete against other fans to win small prizes. You may play as a team or individually to complete several rounds of magical trivia.

TWEENS AND TEENS ONLY.

Tables will be placed to create as safe a distance as possible between parties. Please wear a mask and maintain distance during the event.

**Open House Jan. 26 and 27
1:30-3 p.m.**

You're invited to tour the FB Meekins Cooperative Preschool located at 900 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Meet the teachers and current families and learn more about this non-profit program.

Join the Band!

The Town of Vienna Community Band is recruiting enthusiastic new musicians in all sections, including flutes, clarinets, saxophones, bassoons, oboes, tubas and euphoniums. If you are interested, please attend any 6 p.m. rehearsal on Sundays at the Vienna Community Center. The band is preparing for its next concert on March 6. For more information, visit www.viennacommunityband.org.

Freeman Store Hours on Hiatus

The Freeman Store & Museum, Used Book Cellar and Little Library Museum are open **by appointment only** in January and February. To schedule a tour, visit, or to make a purchase, email historicviennava@gmail.com. For additional information, visit www.historicviennainc.org and for immediate attention contact Anne at 703-994-9054.

Used book donations are welcome year-round and can be left on the front porch in boxes or bags in January and February.

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703-255-6300**

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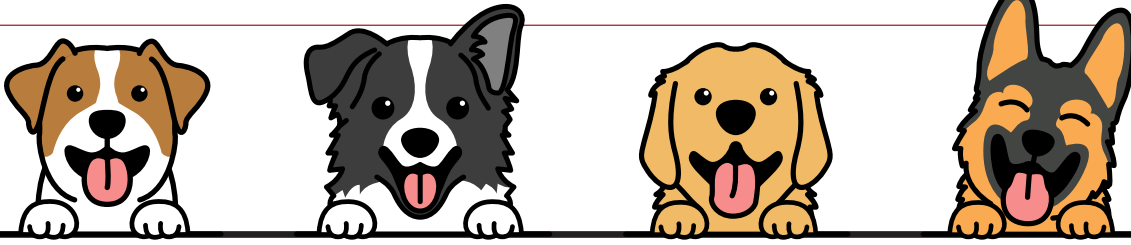
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Public Works Director	Michael Gallagher	703-255-6380

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



Dog License Registrations Due

Did you get a dog as a holiday gift? Be sure to register your new pet with the Town. All dogs age 4 months and older must be registered with the Town by Jan. 31 annually and have proof of updated rabies shots. For requirements and applications, www.viennava.gov/residents/taxes-and-fees/dog-licensing. 

Open for business

Town of Vienna business licenses were issued in November to:

Sang Y. Kim, DMD, MD, PC

Oral Surgeon
407 Church St., NE
703-255-9400

Precision Microendodontics

Endodontist
407 Church St., NE
703-570-7870

Transition Physical Therapy, LLC

Physical Therapy
129 Park St., NE
571-210-0079

Quantum Movement, Inc.

Fitness Instructor
512 Maple Ave., W

Salon & Company Suites

Hair Salon
111 Church St., NW
240-498-6614

Tapped In Marketing, LLC

Marketing Home Business
914 Hillcrest Drive, SW
401-855-3379

Vienna businesses with staying power

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

60 YEARS

Westwood Country Club, Inc.

55 YEARS

Money & King Vienna Funeral Home, Inc.
Vienna Drug Center, Inc.

50 YEARS

Long & Foster, Inc.

45 YEARS

Brooke Rental Center
Canteen Vending
Eurest Dining Services
Ken Foley Custom Homes

40 YEARS

Bonaroti Restaurant

35 YEARS

Christine Dunbar

25 YEARS

Specialized Orthopaedic Services, Inc.
RJN Group

20 YEARS

Aesthetic & Laser Plastic Surgery Center
Gerrish Medesthetics
Cyber Services, Inc.
Baldino's Lock & Key Service, Inc.
Andy's Barber Shop, Inc.
On Location, Inc.

15 YEARS

Tyson & Murphy Associates, LLC
Michele M. Dunlap

10 YEARS

Ameriprise Financial
Affordable Lawn Sprinklers
Integrant, Inc.
Hair & Nails Spa, LLC
Epic Realty, LLC
Capitol City Techlaw, PLLC
U.S. Resources, Inc.
Ruszkowski & Associates, LLC

5 YEARS

Coastal Bruin, Inc.
Harryco, Inc.
Alchemcharts, LLC
Cowface Yoga
Glyndon Street Partners, LLC
Virginia Integrative Health & Hyperbaric
Denis Landscaping, LLC
Adcomm Digital
Clayford, LLC
Phalanx, PLLC
Monarch Construction, Inc.
Mary D. McLaughlin, LLC
Vienna Counseling
AEGG, LLC
Vienna Dyslexia, LLC
Feedthewolf, LLC
Tom Yum Thai
Thai Wellness Center

Police,
Fire & Rescue
Emergency
911
(Voice & TDD)

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

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

Vienna Town Hall
703-255-6300 voice
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127 Center Street South
Vienna, VA 22180-5179
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January TOWN CALENDAR

2	Little Library Open • 1-4 p.m.	22	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 8 p.m.
3	Town Council Meeting • 8 p.m.	24	Town Council Meeting • 8 p.m.
4	Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 p.m.	25	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee • 7 p.m.
10	Town Council Conference Session • 7:30 p.m.	25	Transportation Safety Commission • 8 p.m.
11	On Deck with Mercury • 6 p.m.	26	Planning Commission • 7:30 p.m.
12	Planning Commission Meeting • 7:30 p.m.	27	Conservation and Sustainability Commission • 7:30 p.m.
13	Town Business Liaison Committee • 7 p.m.	28	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 8 p.m.
15	Model Railroaders/Caboose Open House • 1-5 p.m.	29	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 11 a.m.
17	Holiday – Town Offices Closed, Regular Waste Collection	29	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 2 p.m.
18	Public Art Commission • 7 p.m.	29	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 8 p.m.
19	Board of Zoning Appeals • 7:30 p.m.	30	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 2 p.m.
20	Board of Architectural Review • 7:30 p.m.	31	Dog License Fee Due
21	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 8 p.m.		

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings take place at Town Hall, 127 Center Street S. Meeting schedule subject to change; check www.viennava.gov for updates.