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Town Seeks Community Input on Annex Property

How do you think the Town should use the three-acre annex property located at 301 Center St., S? The Town bought the former Faith Baptist Church property in 2020, and it served as a temporary police headquarters while the new Vienna Police Department building was being constructed next door. Now that the police have moved into the new building, a land feasibility and community needs assessment is being conducted to determine long-term plans for the Annex.

“It is important that we understand community perspectives and unmet needs as we chart the course for this site’s future,” said Vienna Parks and Recreation Director Leslie Herman. “While land experts assess the site features and determine what

uses are feasible, residents are encouraged to share their ideas to help inform the Town’s decision about the property in the next decade and beyond.”

What are your ideas? Share them via our online community perspectives questionnaire, which will be open through May 1, 2023:

<https://bit.ly/viennaannex>.

To learn more about the Annex project and future community feedback sessions, visit www.viennava.gov/AnnexStudy.

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Vienna Restaurant Week a Success

No one knew what to expect from the first Vienna Restaurant Week since the pandemic started, but the results clearly show people were hungry for a change of pace! Many participating restaurants and specialty eateries reported dramatic increases in business – almost double the average in some cases – and social media was abuzz with rave reviews from diners to business owners.

“It’s the greatest turnout I’ve seen in 49 years of fine dining work,” wrote a representative from Café Renaissance.

“We’ve been packed every night,” said Foster’s Grille assistant manager Bronwyn Phillips toward the end of Restaurant Week. “We saw so many new faces, and several asked how long we had been here (21 years). They said they have lived in Vienna for years and didn’t know we were here!”

Several other business owners also acknowledged seeing many new customers and appreciated the increase in awareness Restaurant Week promotions generated.

“A huge thank you to all the wonderful neighbors who came out and dined with us,” wrote a Sushi Kojo representative on social media. “We can’t imagine being in a better community.”

Restaurant Week was organized by the Town of Vienna Economic Development Division to encourage diners in the region to explore the diverse culinary options Vienna has to offer. The result was an economic boost to local businesses and the local economy, and it increased awareness of and renewed appreciation for the tastes of the world that await just moments from home.

“Already looking forward to next year’s event,” said Supervisor Walter Alcon via social media.

The Town is, too! Plans have already begun to offer more Restaurant Week options in 2024. 📌



Open for business

Town of Vienna business licenses were issued in February to:

Charlies Bowl, LLC

Catering
521 Maple Ave., W

Vienna Jewelry Design

Jewelry Sales
301 Maple Ave., W

Electrolysis Associates, LLC

Electrolysis
421 Church St., NE

Vienna Jewelry Design

Jewelry Sales, Home Business
317 East St., SE

Hathaway Global Strategies, LLC

Professional Strategies
403 Johnson St., SW

Vienna businesses with staying power

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

25 YEARS

THE GYPSY’S GARDEN
THE TASTY PALATE

10 YEARS

D NASH DEMO KITCHEN & DESIGN
JRS ENTERPRISES
PAISANO’S
SOURCE 23

5 YEARS

CHANG CONSTRUCTION, INC.
CLOUDROY, LLC
COCO CLIPS, LLC
DIGITAL DIMENSIONS, LLC
FEDEX OFFICE AND PRINT SERVICE, INC.
MOONRIVER WELLNESS CENTER, LLC

NEXTWAVE FITNESS, LLC
READY, STEADY, GROW!
ROX ENGINEERING, INC.
TRISTAN TUTORS, LLC
VIENNA YOUTH SOCCER, INC.
WELL MATTERS COACHING



Vienna Celebrates Walking and Cycling

“Walk ‘n Roll” your way to fun and fitness and explore Vienna from Earth Day, April 22, through National Bike Month in May! Vienna’s low-speed and low-volume streets, sidewalks and trails make getting around town safe, fun and environmentally friendly, which is why the Town’s Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory committee encourages you to “Walk ‘n Roll” through town.

Need some destination motivation? Here are some suggestions:

National Trails Day, Saturday, April 22. Walk or ride to the Vienna Caboose near Church Street and join the Friends of the W&OD Trail and NOVA Parks to commemorate the day! Event starts at 9 a.m.

Community Cycling Vienna, Saturday, April 29. Sign up for our free, Community Cycling class, and improve your riding skills and build confidence. This class for ages 14-adult will take place from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Annex parking lot located at 301 Center St., S. and will include a five-mile ride on Vienna streets and trails. Please bring your bike (make sure it’s in working order), your helmet, and a water bottle. To register, email Jennifer Sigler at jennifer.sigler@viennava.gov.



Bike & Roll to School Day, Wednesday, May 3. A national event and a longstanding tradition in Vienna, students are encouraged to bike to school. Several local schools have existing “Bike Trains” that you can join - and don’t forget your helmets!

Bike to Work Day 2023, Friday, May 19. This free, regional event encourages you to leave your car at home and try cycling to work. Be sure to swing by the Vienna Pit Stop at the Town Green, 6:30-9:30 a.m. Bike to Work Day is sponsored by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and the Washington Area Bicyclists Association. To register, visit www.biketoworkmetrodc.org.

Tour de Vienna, A Family Ride, Sunday May 21. Grab your bike, helmet and water bottle, and roll over to the Vienna Community Center for a fun, family ride around town. This free, six-mile ride runs from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., and ends exactly where it started – at the Vienna Community Center. Bike techs will be on-hand to assist with minor repairs. Helmets are required.

For more ride ideas, visit our local bike shops! They offer organized rides throughout the year for all cycling skill levels. 📍



Vienna Theatre Company Presents... Unnecessary Farce

8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays
April 21-22, 28-29; May 5-6
2 p.m. Sundays
April 30, May 7
Vienna Community Center
Ticket cost: \$15



“Unnecessary Farce” combines the elements of classic farce with a contemporary plot. Two cops. Three crooks. Eight doors. Go! Set in an economy motel, an embezzling small-town mayor is to meet with his female accountant. In the room next door, two inept undercover cops aim to catch the mayor on camera doing the guilty deeds. When the camera catches a bit of unrehearsed hanky-panky and a kilt-wearing, bagpipe-wielding, hit-man stumbles into the fray, comic pandemonium ensues! Adult language; suitable for ages 15-Adult.

Purchase tickets now at www.viennava.gov/webtrac or in person at the Vienna Community Center. More info at www.viennava.gov/theatre. 📍



Updates from Vienna Parks & Recreation

It's On! Mayors' Fitness Challenge

There's still time to sign up for the Mayors' Fitness Challenge and help Vienna retain the trophy! This friendly competition encourages people who live and work in the Town of Vienna, and the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church to get moving and log their exercise minutes to support their community's collective effort to win a trophy and bragging rights as the fittest town around! Best of all, participants get to choose the way they exercise. Walk, bike, hike, practice yoga, or play in the park - the opportunities are endless. To learn more and to register, visit www.viennava.gov/fitness. This free, friendly competition runs through May 13, 2023.



Arbor Day Tree Planting

Friday, April 28 | 5 p.m.

Vienna Community Center

Commemorate Arbor Day at the Town of Vienna 2023 Arbor Day celebration. Town parks and recreation staff will team up with local scouts to plant a tree in conjunction with the national observance, which celebrates the planting, upkeep and preservation of trees. Arbor Day's roots lie in the heart of Nebraska where the first Arbor Day was celebrated in 1872. Over time, the annual tradition spread to other states, and it became a national observance in 1970. Arbor Day is typically celebrated in most states on the last Friday in April.

55+ Wellness & Safety Expo

Friday, May 12 | 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Here's a great opportunity for seniors to keep tabs on their health, learn something new and nurture personal interests! The Town's Wellness and Safety Expo for people ages 55+ offers medical screenings and educational opportunities to enhance physical and mental wellbeing. The annual event is presented by the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with local vendors.

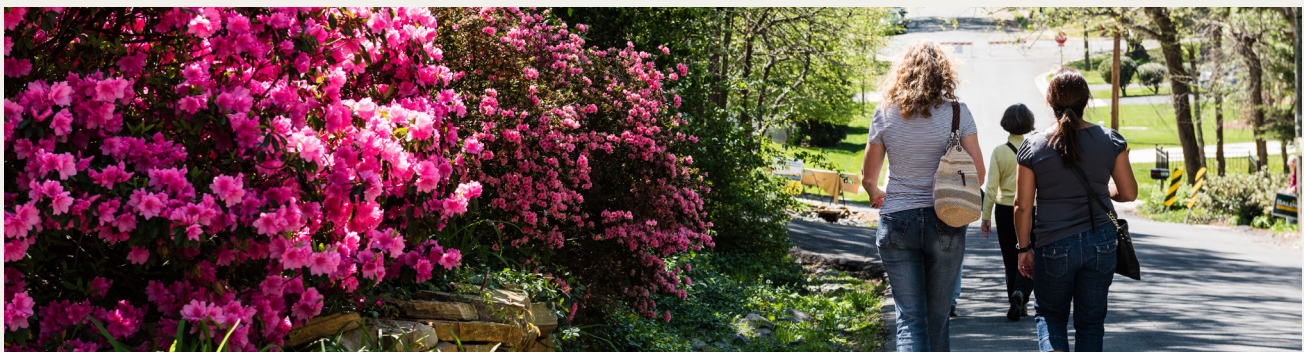
Call for Liberty Amendments Month Volunteers

June 17-July 17, 2023

Celebrate American history and culture as they relate to the 13th, 14th, 15th, and 19th amendments to the U.S. Constitution, also known as Liberty Amendments. This month-long celebration features kids' programs, educational events, lectures and discussions, pop-up events, music and other entertainment. Volunteers, sponsors and presenters are invited to participate. To learn more, email Lily.Widman@viennava.gov or call 703-255-5738. For program applications and more information about Liberty Amendments Month, visit www.viennava.gov/libertyamendments.

Stay Up to Date With Vienna Happenings!

For weekly updates on events and fun things to do around town, sign up to receive the Town's weekly e-newsletter, "Vienna Happenings." Visit www.viennava.gov/happeningssignup to get your name on the distribution list. Also, for quick updates, be sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @TownofViennaVa.



Walk on the Hill

Sunday, April 30

2-5 p.m.

Windover Heights

Neighborhood

Head to Windover Avenue to tour the historic Windover Heights landscaped gardens and celebrate spring! Held each year since 1974, Walk on the Hill is perhaps Vienna's loveliest event, offering self-guided tours through approximately 50 participating yards and gardens in the Town's historic neighborhood with unique homes dating back to the late 1800s! The event also features live entertainment, exhibits, and refreshments. For updates, call 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov/walkonthehill.



Every Day Is Earth Day

By Vienna Conservation and Sustainability Commission

Since April 22, 1970, the U.S. has celebrated Earth Day to draw attention to the environment and the importance of keeping it healthy. April also happens to be Earth Month, and there are multiple ways everyone can do their part to make everyday Earth Day.

Earth Month, April 1-30

- Bring reusable bags when leaving the house so you don't get caught without one. Keep a foldable one in a work bag, purse, or car/bike storage.
- Maximize the impact of your recycling. Ensure your recyclables are loose in the curbside bin—not in plastic bags. Keep glass items separate and drop them off at one of the purple dumpsters around the county. For more information and purple dumpster locations, visit www.viennava.gov/recycling.

International Dark Sky Week: April 15-22

- Consider the impact of light pollution on wildlife, human health and your neighborhood. Taking action to reduce light pollution's harmful effects is easy, and your wallet will thank you, too! Visit the International Dark Sky Association for money-saving tips to curb light pollution around your home: <https://idsw.darksky.org>.

Earth Day: Saturday, April 22

It's just one day, but it is a day for making a big impact. Consider one of these ways:

- Get ready for Earth Day by attending the **Green Expo**, April 20, 7-9 p.m., at the Vienna Community Center. Hear from local experts offering information on energy efficiency, clean water, green landscaping, recycling, composting, zero waste, green living and their impact on local wildlife.
- On April 22, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., bring your old paper documents for shredding and recycling to the Vienna Presbyterian Church. Shredded paper cannot go in your home recycling bin, so this is a great option!



Arbor Day: Friday, April 28

The Arbor Day Foundation encourages planting trees to help reduce carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, filter our water, cool our communities, buffer against extreme weather, and support biodiversity.

- Join local scouts and the Town of Vienna Parks and Recreation Department to plant a tree at **Vienna's Arbor Day celebration**, April 28, 5-6 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center.

The CSC is excited to partner with our community to create a more sustainable Vienna. Connect with the Commission and access more information at www.viennava.gov/CSC. 🌱

Protect Your Property from Flood Hazard

Elevate mechanical equipment to at least one foot above flood elevation. Store your valuable and insurance papers upstairs in a waterproof container.





“Mayor and Chief at Your Service” Encore Presentation

Community members filled the Vienna Police Community Room with public safety at the top of the agenda at the first “Mayor and Chief at Your Service” event of the year Feb. 16. Police Chief Jim Morris provided an update on recent public safety concerns, including a rash of car break-ins and what residents could do to secure their property.

If you couldn’t make it to “Mayor and Chief at Your Service” in person, you can still watch it from the comfort of your own home on the Town’s YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/@townofviennava. It also runs periodically on the Town of Vienna Community Network (TVCN) - Cox Channel 27 and Verizon Channel 38. 📺

Going Green One Small Business at a Time

“Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!” You often hear that phrase when someone is encouraging you to go green, but how would the world look if we all lived that mantra, day to day? Mala Persaud, owner of Vienna’s Trace: The Zero Waste Store, might have an idea! Learn about her story, how her unique business came to be, and what you can do to cut back on waste in our video series, “What’s Your Story?” See it on the Town’s YouTube Channel: <https://bit.ly/tracezero>. It also runs periodically on the Town of Vienna Community Network (TVCN) - Cox Channel 27 and Verizon Channel 38. 📺

Do you have an interesting story to tell, or do you know someone else who does? Tell us about it! Send an email to pio@viennava.gov with “What’s Your Story” as the subject line.

Scan with your phone to watch the youtube video!



MALA PERSAUD
Owner, Trace Zero Waste

TOWN CLEANUP DAY

Volunteers appreciated!

Saturday, April 1
9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Vienna Town Green
144 Maple Avenue E

Join Vienna Parks and Recreation staff to help clean up parks and trails in time for spring! Meet at the Town Green for assignments. Supplies provided.

Preregistration is recommended but not required. To register contact Brian Harrington at bharrington@viennava.gov or 703-255-5755.



Friendly Reminder: Time to Tidy the Lawn. It's the Law.



As warm weather approaches, homeowners and lawn services will be hard at work trimming hedges and mowing lawns. Overgrown grass and landscaping are not only unsightly, they create public health and safety risks. The Town's zoning ordinance requires property owners and managers to maintain lawn and grass areas at no taller than six inches in height. Property owners and managers are also required to keep shrubs, grass and other landscaping on their property trimmed so that they do not encroach into public sidewalks and streets. While most people take pride in keeping their property tidy, Town staff will enforce the regulations with those who do not comply. For more information, contact the Town's zoning compliance officer at DPZEnforcement@viennava.gov. 📩

The Long Council

By Councilmember Chuck Anderson



The Council Corner in the Vienna Voice traditionally disappears six months before the next election. Thus, this is the

last article for the current Council, and therefore a good time for reflection.

From 1648 to 1660, there were no elections for the British House of Commons. This 12-year session became known to history as the "Long Parliament." Fast forward almost 400 years and cross the ocean. Because of election law changes, the current Vienna Town Council will have met for three and a half years upon its closing in December 2023 – almost twice as long as the normal two-year session. This extended session has coincided with a burst of productivity. To date, the accomplishments of the Vienna "Long Council" include:

Budget

- Successfully managed the COVID-19 crisis, emerging with a strong Town financial position.
- Instituted new annual budgeting process by establishing priorities early in the cycle.

Police and Public Safety

- Established a separate police pay scale to attract and retain top quality officers.
- Successfully managed new police station/community center



construction, delivering projects on time and under budget.

- Passed a new ordinance allowing for temporary medical testing facilities during public health emergencies.

Library

- Worked with County to develop plans for the new Patrick Henry Library.

Infrastructure

- Used federal ARPA money to hasten replacement of our aging sewer system.

Livability

- Eliminated mulching operations at Beulah Road facility.
- Allowed for covered decks and new porches, while maintaining Vienna's low lot coverage standard.
- Added approximately two miles of sidewalks.
- Authorized outdoor dining options at restaurants.

Parks and Recreation

- Acquired Baptist church property for future park and recreation use.
- Approved Southside Park rebuilding.

Economic Development and Housing

- Supported new Economic Development Office.
- Completed long-term economic development study.

- Blocked County proposal to bury new sewer main along Maple Avenue.
- Approved diverse housing options, including cottage housing, condominiums, and apartments.

Diversity and Social Justice

- Established Liberty Amendments Month, and initiated legislation to make it a statewide commemoration.
- Renamed Wade Hampton Drive to Liberty Lane.

Our work is not over. The Council has chosen the following four priorities to complete before the end of its term:

- Rewrite the Town's zoning code to bring it in line with modern practices.
- Update the Town noise ordinance.
- Address the loss of tree canopy.
- Identify the best long-term use for the former Baptist church property.

That is a lot to accomplish over the remainder of 2023. But with the help of our informed residents, we are optimistic that the "Long Council" will be remembered as one of the most productive ever. 📩

Do you have a question or comment for Councilmember Anderson? Email him at Chuck.Anderson@viennava.gov.



CSC SPRING NATIVE PLANT SALE

**Saturday, May 6
8 a.m.-12 p.m.
Vienna Community Center**

- Choose from native perennials, shrubs and trees
- Enter a drawing for a rain barrel and compost bin
- Get gardening tips from local vendors

Sponsored by the Town of Vienna Conservation and Sustainability Commission (CSC)

To preorder plants, email hillhousenativeplants@gmail.com.



“Word from Juan”

Over the past three years, Northern Virginia has experienced a substantial increase in cases of suspected opioid overdoses. Many of them were fatal.

The drug overdose epidemic in the United States is a clear and present danger to our community. Too often, unused prescription drugs find their way into the wrong hands. You can help stop this epidemic by simply cleaning out your medicine cabinet of unwanted, unused prescription drugs and dropping them off at permanent drop off locations around the northern Virginia area or by dropping them off at the Vienna Police Department on National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. State police will transport the drugs for proper disposal, and your participation will help prevent misuse of leftover or unwanted prescription drugs. 📌

Juan Vazquez is the Vienna Police Department Public Information Officer. He conducts community outreach and public safety programs for area schools and community groups. To contact him, email Juan.Vazquez@viennava.gov or call 703-255-7845.

Picture it!

Vienna, circa 1920. The Freeman family poses for a national photographer on the Freeman Store lawn. The building behind them still stands at the corner of Park and Mill streets. You can learn more about the family and its patriarch, Leon Freeman, at a new exhibit at the Freeman Store and Museum. Find out about Leon Freeman’s impressive contributions to the Vienna Community, including his term as Vienna Mayor from 1912-1914. 📌





Meet Cooper, the Mayor's Pet of the Month!

Weighing in at a whopping 120 pounds, this big guy doesn't need to be kept inside a fence or on a leash in his yard. This 13-year-old Alaskan Malamute mix knows his boundaries and is exceptionally smart! Cooper and his owner, Mr. Hugill, live near a bike path so this pup has become quite well-known in his neighborhood.

Congratulations, Cooper! You're the Mayor's Pet of the Month! 🐾

Nominations for Mayor's Pet of the Month are accepted on an ongoing basis.

To nominate your pet, send an email to Mayor@viennava.gov with your pet's name, type of pet (please be specific), a photo of your pet, and three reasons why you think your animal should be recognized.

Topic on deck: Code Create

Join Town Manager Mercury Payton and Planning and Zoning Director David Levy for the latest on the Town's efforts to update the Zoning Code for the first time in nearly 60 years! Find out what changes are being considered, ask questions, and learn more about the process including opportunities for public input.

"On Deck with Mercury" is a monthly community forum hosted by Town Manager Mercury Payton. You can also catch previous episodes on the Town's YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/@townofviennava. 📺



MEET THE MAYOR



Mayor Linda Colbert offers several opportunities for residents to meet with her each month:

- **Meet the Mayor:** Periodically Mayor Colbert sets up "office" in various Vienna locations. The next "Meet the Mayor" is on Friday, April 7, from 9-10:30 a.m. at 29th Parallel Coffee, 106 Lawyers Rd., NW. Stop by, grab some breakfast, and share your thoughts.
- **Business Walkabout:** The mayor and Economic Development Director 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 in front of Vienna Town Hall on Friday, April 21, at 9:30 a.m.
- **Office Hours:** Drop in for open office hours 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, during which time the mayor will do her best to be available or schedule a Wednesday meeting. To make an appointment, email mclark@viennava.gov or call 703-255-6304.

Mayor Colbert also does a weekly Facebook video highlighting upcoming events and Town Council business. You can catch it each Wednesday on the Town Facebook page [@TownofViennaVA](https://www.facebook.com/TownofViennaVA). 📺



ON DECK WITH MERCURY

6 P.M.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

VIENNA TOWN HALL
127 CENTER ST. S.

HAPPENINGS around town

Lions Club Dining for Dollars Fundraiser

**Tuesday, April 4
11 a.m.-9 p.m.**

Treat the family to lunch or dinner and support a good cause at the same time! Foster's Grille Vienna will donate 20% of your purchase on April 4 to the Vienna Host Lions Club to support youth, sight, hearing and community programs. All you have to do is drop your receipt in the Lions' box at the counter, and your tab will count toward the Lions fundraiser. This is the eighth year Foster's and the Lions Club have teamed up. For more information about VHLC activities, visit <https://bit.ly/ViennaHostLions>.

Artist Presentation-Jomo Tariku

**Monday, April 10
7-8:30 p.m.**

Join the Vienna Arts Society and Friends of Patrick Henry Library for a presentation by Jomo Tariku in the library's Community Room, 101 Maple Avenue E. Vienna. Jomo's artistic career arc leads from Ethiopia to Virginia. Learn how his original furniture came to be featured in the film *Wakanda Forever*. For more information, visit www.ViennaArtsSociety.org

American Legion Benefit Breakfast

**Sunday, April 16
8 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Hop on over to American Legion Post 180's legendary breakfast buffet. Enjoy Joe's custom omelets, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, Shirley's famous sausage gravy & biscuits, Post 180 cake and Bubby's cake for April. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children younger than 12. Proceeds will benefit children's, youth and veterans projects. The Auxillary thanks the Vienna Community for funding the 2023 Virginia Girls State goal. For more information call 703-409-3564. American Legion Post 180 is located at 330 Center St. N, Vienna, Va.

Earth Day Shredding Event

**Saturday, April 22
9 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Get your spring cleaning in early by getting rid of old documents, checks and check-books (including staples and paper clips) at this shredding event at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St., NE, Vienna. Only two copy-sized boxes per car, please. All shredding will take place on site.

Ayr Hill Garden Club Plant Sale

Pre-Order Online March 8-April 30

Get set for spring gardening season by preordering your plants from the Ayr Hill Garden Club. Proceeds will support the club's efforts to beautify five Vienna public gardens. The sale features native Virginia plants that will attract beneficial birds and insects to your garden, and club-nurtured plants that grow well in Vienna. To preorder, visit <https://ahgplantsale.square.site> and pick up your order between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. on May 13 next to the Freeman Store & Museum, 131 Church St., N.E. in Vienna. Additional plants and crafts will also be available for purchase on the day of the sale.

American Legion Open House

**Saturday, April 29
9 a.m.-1 p.m.**

The American Legion Post 180 has been serving veterans and their families in Vienna since 1937. All veterans and their family members are welcome to stop in and meet the members and enjoy light refreshments during the Post's Open House. The American Legion focus will be on "Be the One" campaign to prevent Veteran suicide. If you or someone you know is having mental health issues, we want to assist in getting the help needed. We also assist in disability claims with the Veterans Administration. If you are a veteran or dependent of a veteran or concerned resident, please stop and visit. American Legion Post 180 located at 330 N. Center St.

VAS Open Air Spring Market

**Sunday, April 30
12-5 p.m.**

Vienna Arts Society (VAS) is hosting its Open Air Spring Market in conjunction with Vienna's annual Walk on the Hill. Stop by and discover dozens of local vendors and artisans and their beautiful creations in the Windover Professional Building parking lot located at 243 Church St., NW. VAS is open to all, offering art demonstrations, classes and workshops at the Vienna Art Center for all experience levels. "TAKE A SEAT VIENNA RETURNS!" is our latest public art project featuring 40 painted benches that will be placed around Vienna at the end of April. For more information, about this and other VAS activities, visit www.ViennaArtsSociety.org or call 703-319-3971.

Freeman Store & Museum



Stop in to see the new Vienna exhibit "Highlights from our Permanent Collection," which includes Freeman family artifacts! The store, used book cellar, and exhibits are open Wednesday thru Sunday 12-4pm. For more information about the store and its history, visit www.HistoricViennaInc.org

Vienna Jammers Big Jam Concert: A Decade of Drumming

**Saturday, May 13
7-9 p.m.**

Celebrate a decade of drumming with Vienna Jammers at its Big Jam Concert at the Capital One Hall, 7750 Capital One Tower Road, Tysons, Virginia. Vienna Jammers is a percussion ensemble of more than 135 children ages 8-18 years that performs music with a combination of traditional and non-traditional instruments, including marimbas, hand drums, trash cans, and



any other object the musicians can hit. At this event, the ensemble will perform original compositions, popular songs, and traditional pieces from around the world. Tickets are \$15. For more information, visit www.viennajammers.org.

Vienna Elementary Celebrates its 150th Birthday!

Friday, May 19

5-6:30 p.m.

Vienna Elementary School Blacktop



Save the date for a year-end school event for the whole community as Vienna Elementary celebrates its 150th Birthday! All current and former Vienna Elementary School students and staff are encouraged to attend along with all members of the community who want to help celebrate this milestone moment in school history! For details, visit <https://bit.ly/VESparty>.

Patrick Henry Library Recognized for Excellence

Service is at the heart of everything the Patrick Henry Library staff does, and the librarians and other staff members perform their work so well, they recently received a Library Staff Excellence Award from the Library Board of Trustees! The staff was nominated by library patrons.

“They make reading and learning fun,” one patron wrote. “The librarians’ pleasant demeanor, helpful and supportive demeanor, and skill and expertise lower barriers that users may otherwise encounter – making Patrick Henry Library visits and librarians something really, really special.”

The Library Board of Trustees initiated the award program in 2020 to allow the public to recognize library staff for quality service. The nomination period for this year’s recognition was open from February 1 through February 14, 2023.

Congratulations Patrick Henry Library staff! 🎉



Assistant branch manager Deb Smith-Cohen and youth services manager Andréa Fernandes accept the award on behalf of Patrick Henry Library.

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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 May issue is April 10.**

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INFORMATION
OFFICE
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**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
TTY Virginia Relay 711
127 Center Street South
Vienna, VA 22180-5179
Monday-Friday • 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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April TOWN CALENDAR

1	Town Cleanup Day (Town Green) • 9 a.m.-12 p.m.	20	Board of Architectural Review • 7:30 p.m.
2	Little Library Open • 1-4 p.m.	21	Mayor's Walk • 9:30-10:30 a.m.
4	Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 p.m.	21	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 8 p.m.
7	Meet the Mayor • 9-10:30 a.m.	22	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 8 p.m.
10	Town Council Meeting (Public Hearing on FY24 proposed budget and water & sewer rates) • 8 p.m.	24	Town Council Meeting (Public Hearing on FY24 tax rate) • 8 p.m.
11	On Deck with Mercury • 6-7 p.m.	25	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee • 7 p.m.
12	Planning Commission • 7:30 p.m.	25	Transportation Safety Commission • 8 p.m.
13	Town Business Liaison Committee • 7 p.m.	26	Planning Commission • 7:30 p.m.
15	NOVA Model Railroaders Open House • 1-5 p.m.	28	Arbor Day Tree Planting (VCC) • 5 p.m.
17	Town Council Conference Session (VPD) • 7:30 p.m.	28	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 8 p.m.
18	Mayor's Volunteer Reception (VFD) • 6 p.m.	29	Taste of Vienna (VFD) • 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
18	Vienna Public Art Commission (VCC) • 7 p.m.	29	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 8 p.m.
19	Board of Zoning Appeals • 7:30 p.m.	30	Walk on the Hill • 2 p.m.
20	CSC Green Expo (VCC) • 7-9 p.m.	30	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 2 p.m.

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VCC, Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., SE • VFD, Vienna Fire Department, 400 Center St. S.