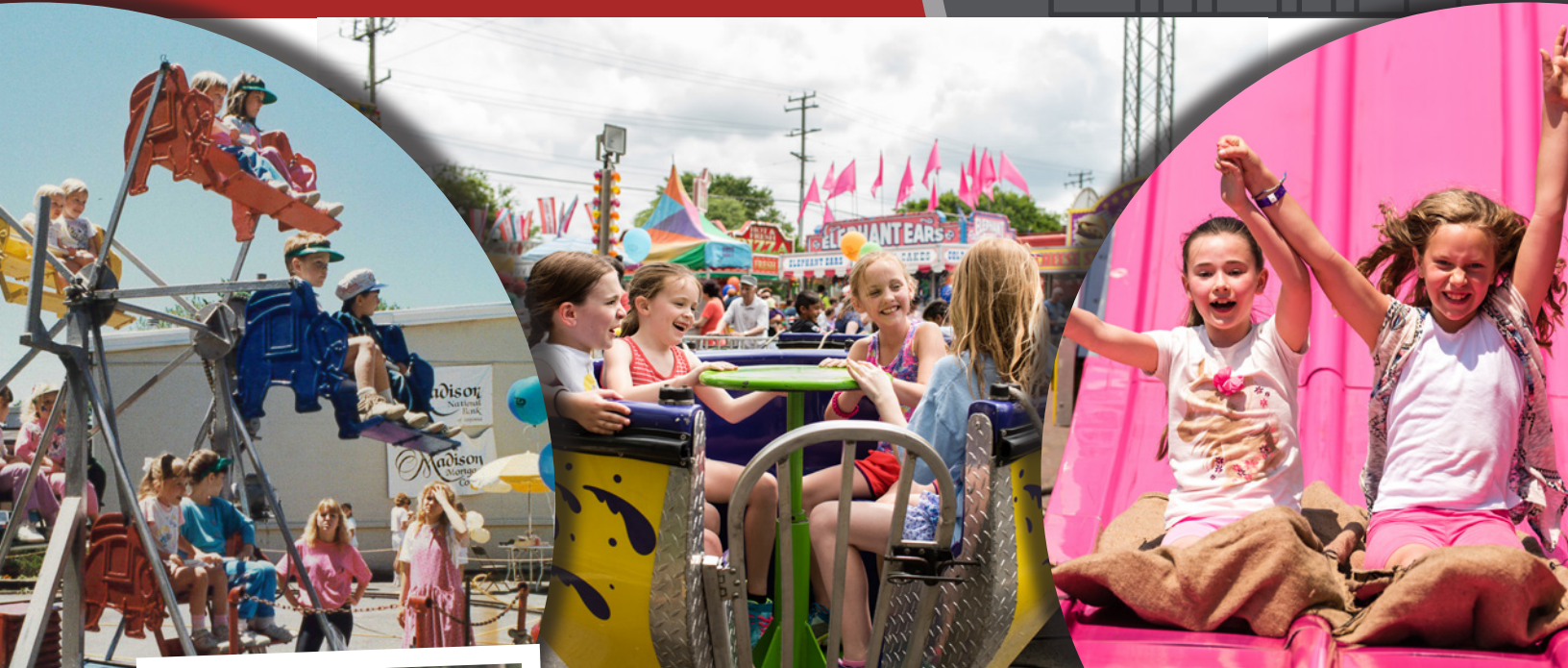


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## ViVa! Vienna! Past and Present

In just a few weeks, the ViVa! Vienna! festival ushers in the warm-weather season in the Town of Vienna with rides, games, candy apples, funnel cakes, and food options for every kind of craving. This year, the festival's Backstage Brewfest featuring an array of beer and wine, moves from the fire station to Mill Street, giving adults who present a valid I.D. a chance to unwind, while younger members of the family enjoy the food and carnival atmosphere.

ViVa! Vienna! is a beloved Town tradition that has brought the community together on Memorial Day weekend for nearly 40 years. This annual event is hosted by The Rotary Club of Vienna in partnership with the Town of Vienna.

On Monday, May 29, at 1 p.m., the main stage will feature a Memorial Day tribute to those who lost their lives in service to our country. For more information about this year's event, including daily schedules, [www.vivavienna.org](http://www.vivavienna.org) 📍

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## Vienna Elementary Celebrates 150 Years

If the Vienna Elementary School walls could talk, oh the stories they could tell. From its humble roots as a two-room, log schoolhouse in 1870 to its modern-day design, Vienna Elementary stands today as one of the oldest continuously operating schools in Fairfax County and as the oldest public school building in continuous operation in the Fairfax County system.

“I can still remember the smell of the cloak room on rainy days,” said Chris Thayer, a local resident who attended first grade at Vienna Elementary in 1958. “In those days, everyone wore either a yellow or a black rubber slicker and boots, and they had a very distinctive odor,” he recalled as he reminisced about walking to school from his house on Elm Street.

Thayer’s memories are tied up in the oldest portion of the current building. The school’s second structure, now known as the Town-owned Bowman House, stands just one block from the present-day school. The third building was destroyed by an overnight boiler explosion in 1920, and students were temporarily housed in other structures until the fourth building was constructed in 1923. Since then, several additions have been constructed to accommodate a growing student population.



Fourth and current Vienna Elementary School



The Bowman House: second Vienna Elementary school house



FIRST SCHOOL HOUSE  
VIENNA VA.

Originally a school for white children, Vienna Elementary welcomed all children after racial segregation ended in Fairfax County at the end of the 1965-66 school year. Today, the multicultural student body ranks in the top 20% of all public schools in Virginia for academic proficiency.

Soon, generations of past and present Vienna Elementary School students will gather to celebrate its 150th anniversary on May 19, 2023, from 5-6:30 p.m. The celebration is actually three years tardy because the milestone moment came in 2020 during the COVID 19 pandemic, when students were enrolled in virtual learning at home for health safety reasons. The community celebration was postponed until after the public health crises ended and students could resume classes together at their beloved Vienna Elementary School. The sesquicentennial school celebration is sure to be one for the record books. For celebration details, visit <https://bit.ly/VESparty>. 🎉



Third Vienna Elementary School, 1915 Flag Day



## Holiday Ornament Celebrates School Milestone

Here's a must-have holiday ornament for anyone who has any connection to Vienna Elementary School! The 2023 Town of Vienna holiday ornament design commemorates the 150th anniversary of this iconic school, which has educated multiple generations of Vienna-area children including many who are life-long residents. Proceeds from this year's holiday ornament will be used to support Vienna public art projects. To reserve your ornament or multiple ornaments for gifts, email Deputy Town Clerk Shelley Kozlowski at [Shelley.Kozlowski@viennava.gov](mailto:Shelley.Kozlowski@viennava.gov) or call 703-255-6303. Ornaments are expected to arrive in September 2023. Cost is \$25 each, payable upon delivery. 📩



## You're Invited! Public Works Open House

**May 18, 2023**  
**Northside Property Yard**  
**600 Mill St., NE**  
**2-6 p.m.**

Celebrate National Public Works Week with the Town of Vienna Public Works Department open house at Northside Property Yard. This beloved event gives kids and kids at heart a chance to climb aboard some of the Town's big trucks and see the entire public-works operations. Tour the facility, and get an up-close look at the heavy machines, vehicles and equipment used for everything from trash removal and leaf collection to snow removal and public safety. Meet public works employees and ask them anything! This is the first time the beloved event has been held since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The event is designed for all ages, and light refreshments will be served. For more information, call 703-255-6380 or visit [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov). 📩



# SPRING NATIVE PLANT SALE

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

**FEATURING:**

- Native perennials, shrubs and trees • Gardening tips
- Giveaways including a drawing for a rain barrel, a compost bin and a home energy audit

*For best selection, arrive early!*

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



## Vienna Police Captain Gets Firsthand Experience in the FBI

Not one, not two, not three, but now four of Vienna's finest have graduated from the FBI National Academy! Congratulations are in order for Captain Tu Farhan, who graduated as a member of the 285th session of the FBI National Academy in March.

"What a great opportunity this was," said Farhan. "I'm thankful for Chief Morris' and the Bureau's invitation to participate in the program and now I'm ready to hit the ground running and apply the skills I learned in the academy."

Farhan attended alongside members of law enforcement from all over the world and focused his time on leadership, crime scene management, forensics and investigations, public information, social media, and physical fitness. When he wasn't in the classroom, he was in the gym, training with academy fitness instructors in preparation for the infamous "Yellow Brick Road," a grueling 6.1 mile run complete with obstacle courses. Upon completion of the course, Farhan received a yellow brick to signify his accomplishment.

The FBI National Academy develops and enhances future law enforcement leaders. Over 54,000 graduates have completed the FBI National Academy since it began in 1935; now four have come from Vienna.

"I couldn't be prouder of Captain Farhan," said Vienna Police Chief Jim Morris. "All three of these guys, Captain Farhan, Captain Sylmar, and Deputy Chief Janickey—have successfully completed this intensive program, which not everyone is able to do. They are constantly raising the bar and pushing themselves and the entire Vienna Police force to be the best we can be. Their graduations are a prime example of that." 📌



(L to R) Deputy Chief Dan Janickey, Officers Greg Hylinski, Alex Murray, Emily Lichtenberg, and Chief Jim Morris.

## Vienna Police Officers Honored for Valor

Three Vienna Police officers were recognized by the Reston Chamber of Commerce on March 30, 2023, for valor in the line of duty. The awards were presented at the Chamber's annual luncheon at the Reston Hyatt Hotel.

Officers Emily Lichtenberg and Alex Murray each received a Silver Medal of Valor for their heroic response to an early-morning shooting outside Navy Federal Credit Union on Oct. 7, 2021. With assistance from Fairfax helicopter "Fairfax One" and K-9 units, the two officers tracked the armed suspect hiding near the W&OD Trail and took him into custody without incident.

Officer Greg Hylinski received the Chamber's Lifesaving Award for his efforts to revive a Navy Federal employee who collapsed during work hours on Nov. 17, 2022 and was unresponsive. Hylinski performed CPR until medical first responders arrived, and then coordinated the on-scene response, which included determining the patient's identity and notifying the family of the medical emergency. 📌

## What's Next for the Annex?

The Town is evaluating the feasibility of long-term uses for the Vienna Annex Property at 301 Center Street S. and that includes hearing ideas from the community. A summary of the community feedback from a March 28 workshop and the recent community perspective questionnaire will be presented during the Town Council Conference session on May 8 at 7 p.m. at Vienna Town Hall. The next steps for the Annex study will also be discussed.

There's still time for you to share your thoughts! The next public workshops will be run as pop-up events and will be held on Wednesday May 10, 2023 from 4-7 p.m. and Saturday May 13, 2023 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. All public input will help inform future plans for the Annex Property. For more information, visit [www.viennava.gov/AnnexStudy](http://www.viennava.gov/AnnexStudy). 📌





## Updates from Vienna Parks & Recreation



### Vienna's Independence Day Celebration moved to July 2! Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks Sunday, July 2 4-10 p.m.

**Yeonas Park, 1319 Ross Drive, SW**  
Celebrate America's Independence Day and Vienna's third annual Liberty Amendments Month featuring live music, kids entertainment, games, and fun for the whole family! Due to limited availability of licensed pyrotechnicians, this year's event date has been moved to July 2. Fireworks will start at approximately 9:30 p.m. For more information, visit [www.viennava.gov/fireworks](http://www.viennava.gov/fireworks).

### Summer Registration Begins!

Registration opens for town residents at 8 a.m. May 1 for Vienna Parks and Recreation classes, camps, programs and more! Registration for non-town residents opens at 8 a.m. May 8. Pick up a program guide at the community center or view it online at [www.viennava.gov/register](http://www.viennava.gov/register). Don't delay! Summer classes fill quickly! Register at the community center or online at [www.viennava.gov/webtrac](http://www.viennava.gov/webtrac).



### Vienna Youth Players Call for Auditions

June 1-2, 2023

6-9 p.m.

#### Vienna Community Center

Actors ages 10-18 are invited to audition for Vienna Youth Players summer production of "The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical!" Based on Rick Riordan's best-selling novel, this stage production captures the book's story in a live-action adventure. For more information and to register for auditions, visit [www.viennava.gov/theatre](http://www.viennava.gov/theatre).

### Wellness & Safety Expo

Friday, May 12 • 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

#### Vienna Community Center

Here's a great opportunity for adults age 55+ to keep tabs on their health! This year's Wellness & Safety Expo offers seniors free medical screenings and educational opportunities from many local vendors providing a wide range of resources to enhance the physical and mental well-being. Drop in anytime between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on May 12 at the Vienna Community Center.



### Stay Up to Date with Vienna Happenings!

For weekly updates on events and fun things to do around town, sign up for the Town's weekly e-newsletter, "Vienna Happenings." To sign up, visit [www.viennava.gov/happenings](http://www.viennava.gov/happenings). For quick updates, follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @TownofViennaVa.

## 2023 Spring and Summer Fun Season

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**Thank you for letting the good times roll!**

## Breaking Old Ground: Mayor & Chief at Your Service



**M**ayor Linda Colbert and Chief Jim Morris will be digging for answers at the second Mayor and Chief at Your Service event of the year! After an extensive archeological dig conducted by the Vienna Historical Society on the Town Green, several interesting artifacts were discovered. Wondering what was unearthed? Find out at the next quarterly forum on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 7 p.m. at the Vienna Police Department Community Room. Archeologists and historians leading the effort will share details about the recovered artifacts and how they relate to the Town’s history. Light refreshments will be served. The Vienna Police Department is located at 215 Center St. S., Vienna. 📍

## Being Water Wise Can Save You Cash



**T**here’s no time like the present to think about water conservation, because as warmer weather sets in, increased water consumption puts a strain on your wallet and the environment. By conserving water, you can save money:

- reduce community expenses for water and wastewater treatment
- reduce energy required to heat and pump water
- maintain environmental health by reducing water needed to be diverted from rivers, bays and estuaries.

Most household water usage comes from bathrooms, washing machines, faucets and leaks. With just a little effort, you can cut your water consumption and your costs. Here are a few tips:

- Keep an eye on your water bill. If your water bill rises and your consumption hasn’t changed, check for leaks. Toilet leaks are the most common household leak.
- Purchase high efficiency appliances and low-flow showerheads.
- Water your lawn and garden responsibly. Consider adding mulch to flower beds to make irrigation more efficient, learn about the “cycle-and-soak” irrigation method, and purchase native, climate-appropriate plants.
- Use a dishwasher rather than wash dishes by hand, and run the dishwasher only when it’s full.
- Take showers rather than baths. A 10-minute shower uses 25 gallons of water, while a typical bath uses 35–50 gallons.

For a more in depth look at water conservation and tips on how to find leaks, visit [www.epa.gov/watersense](http://www.epa.gov/watersense). 📍



## Vienna Leads in the Mayor’s Fitness Challenge

**W**hich community is the most fit? At the present time, Vienna is leading the Mayors’ Fitness Challenge competition that pits our town against the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church! If you’re not already signed up, there’s still time to join the competition and help put Vienna in the winners’ circle for the second year in a row! Participation is free, but registration is required. So sign up, get moving and record your minutes of activity to help keep the trophy in Vienna! The Mayors Fitness Challenge runs through May 13. For more information and to register, visit [www.viennava.gov/fitness](http://www.viennava.gov/fitness) or call 703-255-5738. 📍



## Walk 'n Roll Vienna for Health and Prizes

**D**id you know something as simple as a daily walk can generate significant health benefits? Walking is almost a wonder drug, and the best part is that you can do it practically anywhere, any time and at no cost.

According to the Cleveland Clinic, walking at a brisk pace for 30 minutes five times per week supports the immune system and can help reduce the risk of certain types of cancer. It can also help you lower blood pressure and LDL “bad” cholesterol, reduce the risk of diabetes, strengthen bones and muscles, and maintain a healthy weight or lose unwanted pounds. A brisk walking pace is about three to four miles per hour.

Need more incentive? How about a chance to win prizes just for walking around town? All you have to do is download a Walk 'n Roll Vienna family bingo card from the Town website, participate in five of the listed activities between now and May 29 and drop off your completed card at Town Hall to be entered in a drawing for prizes. Hike or bike through the Town’s parks along its trail system, or take a stroll along Vienna’s historic Church Street. For more suggested walkabouts and to download a bingo card, visit [www.viennava.gov/walk](http://www.viennava.gov/walk).

Walk 'n Roll Vienna is organized by the Town of Vienna Pedestrian Advisory and Bicycle Advisory committees. 📍



### Pedestrian Safety Tips:

Choose routes with sidewalks or paths.

Cross streets at marked crosswalks or intersections.

Never assume drivers see you. Make eye contact with drivers to be sure.

Make yourself visible with brightly colored clothing, and use reflective materials or a flashlight at night.

Be alert. Headphones and cell phones can distract you.

For more pedestrian safety tips, visit <https://bit.ly/safewalkingtips>.



## Mayor’s Pet of the Month

**M**eet Tim Fricker’s newest kitty, Chester Proud paw (aka Chessie)! This tough little guy has seen his fair share of adventures. After a chance encounter with Mr. Fricker at a Pennsylvania state park, and a little luring with canned tuna, Chessie eventually warmed up to his now owner. Making sure he wasn’t lost or belonged to anyone else, Mr. Fricker decided the only thing to do was to bring this rescue kitty home—and the rest is history. Now, Chessie is settled in as the official bikes@vienna shop cat and loves all the customers who visit.

Congratulations, Chessie! 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](mailto: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.

# HAPPENINGS around town

## May Sign up! Free Spring Lawn and Landscaping Help

The Shepherd's Center of Northern Virginia (SCNOVA) Handy Helpers are stepping into the community to help with lawn care this spring. Overgrown landscaping can not only become unsightly but can also create public safety and health risks, and keeping yards tidy is hard work, especially for older residents. The Shepherd's Center of Northern Virginia is a non-profit organization catering to adults over the age of 50 in the Vienna, McLean, Great Falls, Oakton, Herndon, and Reston areas, and its vetted, handy helper volunteers are ready to help SCNOVA clients with lawn care and landscaping needs at no charge. To request service or for more information, call 703-281-0538 or visit [www.scnova.org](http://www.scnova.org).

## Lions Club Dining for Dollars Fundraiser

**Tuesday, May 2**  
**11 a.m.-9 p.m.**

Enjoy a delicious meal and support a worthy cause at the same time by dining at Fosters Grille Vienna on May 2. Simply put your receipt in our Lion's box, and Foster's will donate 20% of your purchase to Vienna Lions' youth, sight, hearing, and community programs. For more information about Vienna Host Lions Club activities, visit <https://bit.ly/ViennaHostLions>.

## Ayr Hill Garden Club Plant Sale Saturday, May 13

**8 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Stop by the Freeman Store lawn for the Ayr Hill Garden Club's annual plant sale, hosted by Historic Vienna, Inc. All proceeds will help the Ayr Hill Garden Club maintain five public gardens in Vienna and support greener Vienna grants.



## Freeman Store & Museum May Events Wednesdays-Sundays 12-4 p.m.

Remember the Freeman Store & Museum and its Used Book Cellar for your Mother's Day gifts. Visit their newest exhibit "Highlights from our Permanent Museum Collection" including items used by the Freeman family. The Used Book Cellar will also offer half-price books on animals, science, and sports during May, and be sure to browse specially priced books in front of the store during Viva Vienna, May 27 and 28. The Freeman Store & Museum is located at 131 Church St. NE.

## Vienna Jammers Big Jam Concert: A Decade of Drumming Saturday, May 13

**7-9 p.m.**

Join the Vienna Jammers children's percussion ensemble for an evening of music performed with a combination of traditional and non-traditional instruments, including marimbas, hand drums, trash cans, and any other object they can hit. At this special 10-year anniversary concert, the Vienna Jammers will perform original compositions, popular songs, and traditional pieces from around the world. The performance will also feature special guests DJ Enferno and the Legacy Dance Institute. Tickets are \$15-\$25. For more information, visit [www.viennajammers.org](http://www.viennajammers.org).



## NEVCA Membership Meeting Thursday, May 18

**7:30 p.m.**

Join the North East Vienna Citizens Association (NEVCA) for its annual membership meeting at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department (VFD), 400 Center St S. Featured speakers will be VFD President Anthony Stancampiano and Chief John Morrison, to describe the department's history, staffing, important services that keep us safe, and the Chief's recent deployment to Turkey as part of USAR's/ USAID's earthquake relief response. A "hands only" CPR demonstration will be presented as well. Door prizes will be awarded. All are welcome!



## 2023 Vienna Farmers Market Opening Saturday, May 6 • 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Join the Vienna Optimist Club for opening day of the Vienna Farmers Market in the Vienna Community Center parking lot! Stop by and browse 22 local vendors featuring everything from fresh produce, flowers, baked goods and more! The Roaming Stone and Master Gardeners are back along with opening-day live music from the Jazz Trotters. The Vienna Farmers Market is open every Saturday morning from May through October. Proceeds support the Optimist Club's community youth programs.







**Storytime:  
An Olivia Hullabaloo!**  
**Saturday, May 20**  
**11 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Join Miss Andr ea at Patrick Henry Library for a storytime celebration of Ian Falconer’s beloved character, Olivia! Enjoy have stories, songs, bubbles and more! All ages are welcome. No registration required. Patrick Henry Library is located at 101 Maple Ave., E, Vienna.



**American Legion Benefit  
Breakfast**  
**Sunday, May 21 • 8 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Salute your favorite veteran at American Legion Post 180’s legendary breakfast buffet! Enjoy Joe’s custom omelets, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, Shirley’s famous sausage gravy, biscuits, mixed fruit, Post 180 cake and our May special cake. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children younger than 12. In honor of the upcoming Memorial Day, bring a photo of a family member who served our country to be scanned and included in a slide-show tribute. For more information call 703-409-3564.

**An Evening with Art**  
**Thursday, May 18 • 4-7 p.m.**

Join Vienna Arts Society (VAS) artists for “Third Thursday Evenings with Art” at the Vienna Art Center in the Windover Professional Building, 243 Church St., NW, Suite 100 LL. Enjoy light refreshments, mingle with the artists and be inspired by the works on the wall by 130 VAS members. The Center is also open Wednesdays-Saturdays from 12-4 p.m. and by appointment. For more information and to learn about community art workshops and classes, visit [www.ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org) or call 703-319-3971.

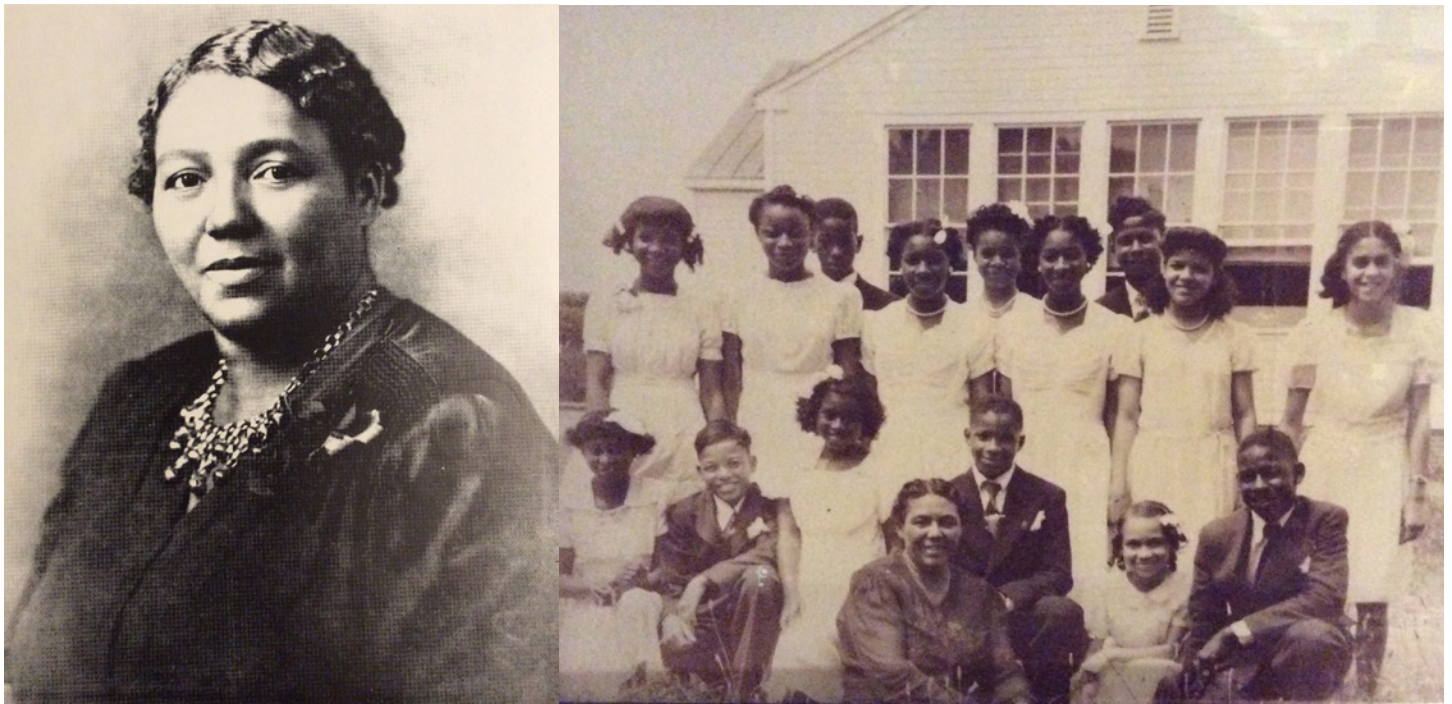
**Art Reception**  
**Sunday, May 21**  
**4-6 p.m.**

Meet Artist of the Year Ruth Ensley and marvel at a collection of her original watercolor paintings at the Vienna Arts Society Gallery at the Village Green Shopping Center, 513 Maple Ave. W, Vienna. Can’t make the reception? The exhibition will be on display until July 8. Stop by the gallery anytime between 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

**Picture it!**

**V**ienna, 1946. Teacher and Principal Louise Archer, pictured front, poses with the class of 1946 in front of what was then known as the Vienna Colored School. After being assigned to the school in 1924, she worked with the Vienna Colored School League (the PTA) to build a new Vienna school for Black children, which opened in 1939 on Nutley Street. The school was ultimately named in her honor after her sudden death in April 1948, and it is still known today as Louise Archer Elementary School. You can read more about this respected educator’s inspiring life and work online: <https://archeres.fcps.edu/about/history>. ↴

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## Build Responsibly!

Get a building permit before you build in or near a flood hazard area including additions, decks, gazebos, sheds, or other accessory buildings. Call 703-255-6380 or email [dpw@viennava.gov](mailto:dpw@viennava.gov) to find out the flood hazard for your property.

## Open for business

Town of Vienna business licenses were issued in March to:

**Bruster's Real Ice Cream**  
*Ice Cream Parlor*  
237 Maple Ave., E

**CAVA**  
*Restaurant*  
418 Maple Ave., E

**Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation**  
*Mortgage Brokerage*  
144 Church St., NW

**4 U Nails**  
*Nail Technician*  
155 Glyndon St., SE

**Serenity Waters Acupuncture, LLC**  
*Acupuncture*  
125 Pleasant St., SW

## Vienna businesses with staying power

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

25 YEARS

**MAGGIO'S & SKORPIOS CHARCOAL GRILL**

20 YEARS

**CHUCK OF ALL TRADES HANDYMAN**  
**CODIAK CONSULTING, INC.**  
**HAIR PAIR**  
**LESLIE'S SWIMMING POOL SUPPLIES**

15 YEARS

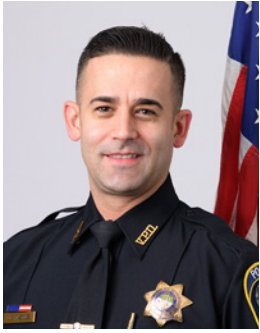
**MINUTECLINIC DIAGNOSTIC OF VIRGINIA, LLC**  
**MTI ENGINEERING AND TESTING, INC.**  
**MYCREDITABC.COM**  
**NORTHERN VIRGINIA MASSAGE CENTER**  
**PIZZA BOLIS**  
**SILVERKEY, INC.**  
**SUSHI YOSHI**  
**THE GRANT GROUP LLC**  
**THE JEWELRY DOCTOR**  
**TOOTH TOWN OF VIENNA**  
**VERALANA PHOTOGRAPHY LLC**  
**STAHL HOMES, LLC**  
**BEEKMAN PLACE**  
**CENTER FOR PERSIAN CLASSICAL MUSIC LLC**  
**CFO SERVICES, INC.**  
**CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL #506**  
**KAIZEN MMA VIENNA**  
**G2INNOVATIVE MARKETING, LLC**  
**GEORGEN SCARBOROUGH ASSOCIATES, PC**  
**HOME EXTERIORS ENERGY CONSULTANTS INC.**

10 YEARS

**MISSION SYNC LLC**  
**AMMA VEGETARIAN KITCHEN**  
**NINA BRUGEL, LLC**  
**NISHA PATEL MD, PC**  
**NMA ARCHITECTS, LLC**  
**JUDITH MONTVILLE-WHITE**  
**PAISANO'S**  
**PATRIOT GUNS, LLC**  
**PITCHERS EDGE LLC**  
**PRESTIGE LAWN & LANDSCAPES LLC**  
**REFLEXOLOGY AND ACUPRESSURE**  
**SHENANDOAH RUN, LLC**  
**SKINFINITY, LLC**  
**SKY ENERGY THERAPY LLC**  
**SOUND HEARING CENTERS L.L.C.**  
**SOURCE 23**  
**SUNRISE MEDICAL LABORATORIES, INC.**  
**SUSAN M. PAYNE, LTD**  
**T. WHITE CONSULTING, LLC**  
**TURNER, LEINS & GOLD LLC**  
**TUTORGENIUS**  
**UNICON EQUIPMENT SALES INC.**  
**URBAN MATTRESS**

5 YEARS

**ESTERRICH & ASSOCIATES LLC**  
**HARMONY PSYCHOTHERAPY, LLC**  
**KNS TECH LLC**  
**THAI TREASURE**  
**LEGGETT WEALTH MANAGEMENT, INC.**  
**CLOUDRDY, LLC**  
**POPEYES LOUISIANA KITCHEN**  
**VIENNA VALET**  
**MOONRIVER WELLNESS CENTER LLC**  
**MHCA**  
**VERSAILLES**  
**FORAK FYSIQUE LLC**  
**DAY CONSULTING LLC**  
**ZAKATIFY, LLC**  
**HALALFIRE MEDIA LLC**  
**ZABIHAH, LLC**  
**OPS BOSS COACHING, LLC**  
**JAMES R. HEGEL**  
**ORANGETHEORY FITNESS**  
**N2E INCORPORATED**  
**VIENNA FLORIST & GIFTS**  
**MATHNASIUM OF VIRGINIA**  
**JOHN ALABASTER WATCH & CLOCK**  
**SHOP SALES/NOSTRO ASSET**  
**MANAGEMENT, LLC**



## “Word from Juan”

### Heads up, Phones Down – It’s the Law

**T**he statistics are sobering. A recent study shows that in just one year, crashes

resulting from distracted driving caused more than 420,000 injuries and 3,100 deaths in the United States. To help prevent this devastating outcome, Virginia law forbids driving while holding a phone or mobile device, and an officer’s court testimony that he or she observed you holding the phone while driving is enough to result in a conviction and a fine of up to \$250.

If you must talk on the phone while driving, the law allows for hands-free communication with Bluetooth technology. You may also use headphones so long as only one ear bud is in your ear while driving. But there’s no wiggle room for texting, watching videos, playing games or any other distracting phone activity while driving. The safest choice is to keep your head up and your phone down until you reach your destination. 📵

**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](mailto:Juan.Vazquez@viennava.gov) or call 703-255-7845.

## Town Traffic Signals to be Upgraded

**I**f you find yourself idling at a light on Maple Avenue and wondering when the signal is going to change,



you are not alone. The technology used for the town’s main artery was state of the art when it was installed in the late 1990s, but the current system wasn’t designed to accommodate the volume of traffic that passes through Vienna today, and motorists sometimes grow frustrated by signal delays.

Soon, the signal technology will be upgraded to modern-day standards in the Maple Avenue and Nutley Street corridor. The \$2.1 million project is expected to help reduce signal wait times and more efficiently move traffic through town.

“This project has been in the works for years, but it requires coordination with the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration, which takes time,” said Town of Vienna Transportation Engineer Andrew Jinks. “The COVID-19 pandemic also had an impact on supply and project costs, which contributed to some of the delays.”

After receiving VDOT’s approval to proceed, the Department of Public Works expects to award a construction contract by the end of July 2023, and construction is expected to begin by the end of the year after signal equipment is ordered and delivered. The Maple Avenue and Nutley Street signal upgrade is expected to take 18 months to complete.

For more information on the project, visit [www.viennava.gov/signals](http://www.viennava.gov/signals). 📍

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# May TOWN CALENDAR

<b>1</b>	Town Council Meeting • 8 p.m.	<b>16</b>	Vienna Public Art Commission (VCC) • 7 p.m.
<b>2</b>	Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 p.m.	<b>17</b>	Board of Zoning Appeals • 7:30 p.m.
<b>5</b>	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 8 p.m.	<b>18</b>	Public Works Open House (NPY) • 2-6 p.m.
<b>6</b>	Farmers Market Opens (VCC) • 8 a.m.-12 p.m.	<b>19</b>	Mayor's Walk • 9:30-10:30 a.m.
<b>6</b>	CSC Native Plant Sale • 8 a.m.-12 p.m.	<b>24</b>	Planning Commission • 7:30 p.m.
<b>6</b>	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 8 p.m.	<b>25</b>	Conservation and Sustainability Commission (VCC) • 7:30 p.m.
<b>7</b>	Little Library Open • 1-4 p.m.	<b>27</b>	Viva Vienna (Church Street) • 10 a.m.-10 p.m.
<b>7</b>	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 2 p.m.	<b>27</b>	NOVA Model Railroaders Open House • 1-5 p.m.
<b>8</b>	Town Council Conference Session (VPD) • 7:30 p.m.	<b>28</b>	Viva Vienna (Church Street) • 10 a.m.-10 p.m.
<b>9</b>	Mayor and Chief at Your Service (VPD) • 7 p.m.	<b>28</b>	NOVA Model Railroaders Open House • 1-5 p.m.
<b>10</b>	Planning Commission • 7:30 p.m.	<b>29</b>	Town Offices Closed (Memorial Day)
<b>11</b>	Town Business Liaison Committee • 7 p.m.	<b>29</b>	Viva Vienna (Church Street) • 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
<b>15</b>	Town Council Meeting • 8 p.m. (Adoption of budget, tax, water, and sewer rates)	<b>30</b>	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee • 7 p.m.
		<b>30</b>	Transportation Safety Commission • 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/calendar](http://www.viennava.gov/calendar) for updates.

NPY, Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill St., NE • VPD, Vienna Police Department Community Room, 215 Center St. S.

VCC, Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., SE