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## Liberty Amendments Month- The Celebration Continues!

It was a day full of fun and excitement at First Baptist Church of Vienna on Saturday, June 17, as community members celebrated Juneteenth and the start of Liberty Amendments Month. The commemorative, inspirational event included motivational words from keynote speaker, Dr. Gregory Washington, President of George Mason University, Town Manager Mercury Payton, and others. Afterward, attendees danced to jazz band, Common Ground, while enjoying craft vendors, food trucks, and kid activities all afternoon long—and this was just the beginning!

Throughout the rest of the month-long celebration, the 13th, 14th, 15th and 19th amendments will be highlighted each week through children's programs, educational events for teens and adults and special trips. New this year is "Our American Liberty Stories," an interactive feature giving area residents the opportunity to share their unique family history with the Vienna community. The stories will be displayed at Town government buildings, local businesses and at Liberty Amendments Month events.

Closing out Liberty Amendments Month is a Multicultural Festival on Saturday, July 15, from 3-8:30 p.m. on the Vienna Town Green. The day will be chock full of live performances, vendors, food trucks, and voting resources all while celebrating the diverse cultures and communities represented across the region.

The Liberty Amendments Month calendar and event details are online. View the calendar and plan your activities at [www.viennava.gov/liberty](http://www.viennava.gov/liberty). 📅



### 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.



#### IN THIS ISSUE



## Three Town Council Members to Step Down

**B**y this time next year, the Vienna Town Council will be composed of at least three new members. That's because Councilmembers Nisha Patel, Steve Potter and Ed Somers have announced that they will not seek reelection.

Citing ongoing health concerns, Councilmember Steve Potter was the first to announce his decision at the Council meeting on May 1, 2023. He said he remained committed to serving to the fullest for the rest of his term and pledged to weigh in on issues in the future as a town resident.

"When my term ends on Jan. 1 and I start my next chapter of my life, it's a safe bet you'll see me again at that lectern taking three minutes as a concerned citizen to address the latest hot issues facing the Council," he said with a grin.

Councilmember Nisha Patel announced her decision to step down at the June 5 Town Council meeting. Citing competing priorities with family, her medical practice, and other civic endeavors, she said it was time to "pass the baton to some other, new Councilmembers who will take a fresh look at our government and continue to listen to the people and work well with the other Councilmembers."

Councilmember and Mayor Pro Tem Ed Somers formally announced his decision on Facebook on June 11, followed by a formal announcement at the June 12 Town Council meeting.

"Serving as a local elected official while holding down a busy full-time job has been an interesting balancing act," he wrote. "But now, I must increase my focus on some ongoing health matters – both personal and in my family, and I am not one to undertake a venture with anything less than 100 percent effort."

All other members of the Town Council, Mayor Linda Colbert, Chuck Anderson, Ray Brill, and Howard Springsteen have announced that they will seek another term. As of press time, the filing deadline is still open. The full slate of candidates will be announced in the next issue of Vienna Voice. 📌



**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](mailto:dpw@viennava.gov) to find out the flood hazard status for your property.





## Council Votes to Tear Down the Annex

Citing mounting maintenance costs and significant challenges associated with renovating and maintaining an aging building, the Vienna Town Council voted on June 5 to accept an outside expert's assessment and recommendation to tear down the former Faith Baptist Church building, now known as the Annex, and continue the study for a long-term site use that meets the needs and wishes of the community. The other option considered was to tear down part of the structure on Center Street and retain the gym and supporting spaces.

"This building is at the end of its useful life," said Councilmember Steve Potter during the meeting. "Cost makes it very easy for me to make this decision."

The cost estimate for tearing down the deteriorating building is approximately \$250,000 while the cost of retaining part of the building and bringing it up to code ranges from \$2.9 million to \$3.3 million. Rather than spend a significant amount of money on an interim use, the Council determined it would be more fiscally responsible to use available resources for long-term options.

The Council's decision comes on the heels of a long-term use study which included significant community input through a public survey and face-to-face meetings. The common themes that emerged from those sessions were wishes for a community fitness center, pool and other recreational gathering space.

No timeline has been set for tearing down the Annex. The next steps are for the Town's contractors to use the community feedback to develop three concepts for the property while the Town Council provides guidance on how to use the property in the interim once the building is removed. The Council will consider those options at a future Town Council meeting. 📌



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## Parking Survey Reveals Resident and Visitor Trends

Nearly 750 people responded to the Town of Vienna's parking survey between January 31 and March 1, 2023. The results reveal some interesting behaviors and preferences from Vienna residents and people who work, shop and visit the town.

- More than 90 percent of those who responded say they drive to their destination versus walking, riding a bike or taking public transportation and their primary destinations are Maple Avenue and Church Street.
- More than 70 percent of the respondents stated they were able to park either on-site or on the same block as their destination the last time they visited Vienna.
- While many believe there is ample free parking in Vienna's commercial corridors, others say they consistently have trouble finding a parking spot near their destination.

Most respondents suggested they would like to park in one location and walk between destinations, but a lack of shared business parking and concerns about being towed discourage this option. Common themes for parking improvements emerged from the survey, including a parking garage, shared parking, and enhancing the existing active (biking/walking) and public transportation infrastructure.

The next steps for the study include engaging with Vienna businesses in the study area and preparing recommendations for Town Council consideration. The Council is expected to get the recommendations by the end of this summer. 📌



## Updates from Vienna Parks & Recreation

### July Event Highlights

Mark your calendar for summer fun at these exciting Liberty Amendments Month events in the Town of Vienna! For more information, please visit [www.viennava.gov/liberty](http://www.viennava.gov/liberty) or contact Lily Widman at 703-255-5738 or [lily.widman@viennava.gov](mailto:lily.widman@viennava.gov).

### Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks

**July 2**  
**4-10 p.m.**  
**Yeonas Park**

### Public Reading: The Foundational Documents of American Democracy

**July 4**  
**11 a.m.**  
**Vienna Community Center**

### Summer Concert with U.S. Navy Jazz Band: Commodores

**July 7**  
**6 p.m.**  
**Vienna Town Green**

### Kids on the Green, Storytime and more!

**Featuring Christylez Bacon & Abbie Palmer (Classical Kids Hip Hop)**  
**July 11**  
**10 a.m.**  
**Vienna Town Green**

### Vienna Business Association Mixer and Empowering Women Panel

**July 12**  
**5:45 p.m.**  
**Vienna Community Center**

### 19th Amendment Book Talk for Teens and Tweens

**July 13**  
**3 p.m.**  
**Club Phoenix Teen Center (Community Center Basement)**

### Vienna Multicultural Festival

**July 15**  
**3-8:30 p.m.**  
**Vienna Town Green**

### Summer on the Green Concerts

**Fridays July 7 - Aug 25 | 6:30 p.m.**

#### Vienna Town Green

The Town of Vienna hosts free Summer on the Green concerts on select Fridays through mid-August. The performances on the Town Green feature a wide range of musical genres. Concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. and are approximately 90-minutes long. For more information and to see who's playing, visit [www.viennava.gov/summeronthegreen](http://www.viennava.gov/summeronthegreen). Thanks to our 2023 series sponsor the Rotary Club of Vienna.

### Kids on the Green

**Tuesdays | 10 a.m. | Vienna Town Green**

Enjoy our 6th annual series of free, interactive kids programs presented by the Town of Vienna and sponsors. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy a 30-45-minute program for kids of all ages. Call the weather line at 703-255-7842 or check the Town's social media for updates on weather cancellations. Thanks to our sponsor Vienna Presbyterian Church. For more information, visit [www.viennava.gov/kidsonthegreen](http://www.viennava.gov/kidsonthegreen).

### Big Screen on the Green

**Thursdays July and August**  
**8:30 p.m. | Vienna Town Green**

Enjoy a movie under the stars at the Vienna Town Green this summer! Complimentary water and popcorn will be available while supplies last. Thanks to our series sponsor: Navy Federal Credit Union.

**July 13 Feature: Finding Nemo**

**Aug. 3 Feature: Sing 2**

For feature descriptions, visit [www.viennava.gov/bigscreen](http://www.viennava.gov/bigscreen).



### Chillin' on Church Continues!

Join us for Vienna's favorite summer block party, Chillin' on Church, on Friday, July 21 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on historic Church Street. Rock out and dance to live music by Diamond Alley and unwind with refreshments from local food trucks and beer and wine vendors. Chillin' on Church is a family-friendly summer event that takes place every third Friday of the month July-September. Admission is free. To learn more including the monthly live entertainment lineup, visit [www.viennava.gov/chillin](http://www.viennava.gov/chillin).





### **Stories and Sprinklers Wednesdays at 1 p.m.**

**Town Green  
July 5 - July 26**

Kids and families are invited to enjoy stories and sprinklers near the patio located behind the Freeman Store, 131 Church St., NE. Directly afterward, cool off and have a squealing-good time running through sprinklers on the Town Green lawn. Presented by the Town of Vienna and Historic Vienna, Inc.

### **Vienna Youth Players: “The Lightning Thief- a Percy Jackson Musical!”**

**Fridays and Saturdays  
July 22, 28 and 29**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Sundays**

**July 23 and 30**

**1:30 p.m.**

**Tickets: \$18**

Vienna Youth Players is back this summer with “The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical!” Based on Rick Riordan’s best-selling novel, the production captures the book’s story in a live, action adventure. Experience Percy’s epic journey in real time at the Vienna Community Center performed by our community’s multi-talented teens! For tickets and more information, visit [www.viennava.gov/theatre](http://www.viennava.gov/theatre).

## **Summer of Sweat for Public Works**

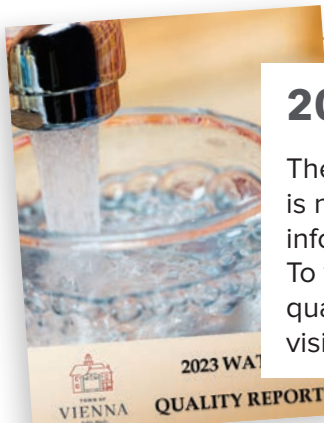
If you’ve travelled anywhere in Vienna recently, there’s a good chance you’ve encountered a road project. That’s because the Public Works Department is stepping up efforts to repair or repave streets and roads that were rated in poor or very poor condition by an independent survey expert using the Pavement Condition Index (PCI).

“The Town prioritizes repaving projects based on the PCI scale and the timing of other maintenance projects that have an impact on roads, like water main or sewer replacements,” said pavement management coordinator, Dione Shillingford. “It’s more efficient to take care of all the projects on one street at the same time, and in doing so, we reduce the disruption to our residents’ daily lives.”

The Public Works Department’s “summer of sweat” began in May when crews and the Town’s construction contractor addressed roads that were in the worst shape, like Ayr Hill Avenue, NE, and Yeonas Drive, SW, among others. Follin Lane was also on the list for a makeover for quality and safety reasons, including road repaving, pavement markings, new sidewalks, and curbs and gutters on the northwest side of the street. By the time summer ends, more than 15 Vienna streets will be repaved or repaired, bringing them all up to high standards.

“The condition of our roads is a safety and a quality-of-life issue,” Shillingford said. “Our resources are limited, but we’re doing our best to ensure Vienna’s roads lead to a safe, welcoming environment for everyone in our community.”

Once the summer road projects are complete, the Public Works Department will reevaluate the town’s road infrastructure to see which streets should get priority next year. ↻



### **2023 Water Quality Report**

The 2023 Town of Vienna Water Quality Report is now online! This report provides a wealth of information on the 2022 water quality testing. To view the report and to learn more about the quality of your drinking water and its sources, visit [www.viennava.gov/2023waterquality](http://www.viennava.gov/2023waterquality).



## The Antidote to Climate Worry - Climate Action

By Mala Persaud, Conservation and Sustainability Commission

**R**ecent reports indicate that young people are feeling the weight of climate change more than the adults in their lives may realize. Fifty-nine percent of young people surveyed for a recent study reported that they felt “anxious or extremely anxious” about climate change.

Their concerns are grounded in fact, and their feelings have a name: climate anxiety. Described by Harvard University as “distress and anxiety rooted in an uncertain future” climate anxiety can impact mental health in many ways, including chronic stress, irritability, and restlessness.

With rapid-fire news about intense weather events happening more frequently and changing our daily lives, these feelings and symptoms are understandable.

While anxiety about anything isn’t usually a good thing, experts have said that in this case, it might be, because it motivates action. Experts say that those who are genuinely worried about the challenges facing the Earth are likely to be the ones taking steps to do something about them.

There are many high-profile role models for climate action, including David Attenborough, Greta Thunberg, Leonardo DiCaprio, and local heroes as well. Students from Madison High and other schools in Vienna are taking steps to reduce energy use, conserve water, recycle and compost and reduce their impact on the Earth. The actions they take in their daily lives, and the work they do to advocate for the planet, provide a helpful starting point for anyone ready to take action for the Earth.

Younger students can learn how to step up their activities through organizations such as the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts of America, which offer opportunities to learn, earn badges and participate in town cleanups. Older students can join student chapters of national clubs that organize events, trips and other educational opportunities.

Similarly, adults can lean on local chapters of organizations such as [www.350.org](http://www.350.org), the Sierra Club, churches, and the Town of Vienna, which offer opportunities to learn and meet like-minded people. Interested in learning more? Contact the Conservation and Sustainability Commission for guidance by emailing [Alan.Chen@viennava.gov](mailto:Alan.Chen@viennava.gov) or calling 703-319-8610. 📞







## Sticking it to Recycling

**Recycle Right!**

<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #2e7d32; color: white; padding: 5px; border-radius: 10px;"><b>YES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paper</li> <li>Cardboard</li> <li>Cans</li> <li>Plastic bottles, jugs, and tubs</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #c00000; color: white; padding: 5px; border-radius: 10px;"><b>NO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food</li> <li>Liquid</li> <li>Glass</li> <li>Bagged recyclables</li> </ul>
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Learn more: [www.viennava.gov/recycling](http://www.viennava.gov/recycling)

**TOWN OF VIENNA**  
Virginia

**C**onfused about what is and isn't recyclable? Clear up the confusion by picking up a quick-reference guide sticker or magnet from the Vienna Community Center or Vienna Town Hall and place it on your recycling bin or fridge for an easy reminder of recycling's three basic rules:

1. Recycle paper, cardboard, cans, plastic bottles, jugs, and tubs.
2. Keep recycling clean and dry.
3. Do not recycle plastic bags and do not bag recyclables.

Recycling properly reduces our waste and conserves energy. Recycling right can also save money for the Town. So be sure to pick up your recycling guide sticker or magnet and take the guesswork out of recycling!

Stickers are available for pickup at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., SE, and at Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center St., S. 📍

## Friendly Reminder: Mind your Manners (Please?)

**T**he Freeman Store and Museum is one of the most treasured historic landmarks in town. It is listed on the Virginia Landmarks Register and on the National Register of Historic Places, and it is the site of Vienna's historic vote against secession from the Union. However, children left unsupervised have created front-step scenes like this by throwing pebbles at the building, creating unsafe conditions for visitors who may slip and fall on the unstable surface. It happens so frequently, thinly stretched park crews

are having a tough time keeping the steps clean. When visiting the Freeman Store with children, please be mindful of their activities and discourage throwing pebbles on the front steps of this 164-year-old treasure! 📍



## Picture it!

**V**ienna, October 1977. Patriotism was on display throughout the Town's annual Halloween Parade with a theme commemorating the birth of "Old Glory" 200 years earlier. The Continental Congress adopted the national stars and stripes flag design on June 14, 1777, and President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation in 1916 establishing a national Flag Day on June 14. Congressional legislation designating that date as the national Flag Day was signed into law by President Harry Truman in 1949. 📍



## Open for business

Town of Vienna business licenses were issued in May to:

**Aria Gallery Enterprises Corporation**  
*Advertising/Marketing*  
228 Dominion Road, NE

**Easy Pressure Washing, LLC**  
*Home Business*  
216 Park Terrace Court, SE

**Frame Coffee Roasters, LLC**  
*Coffee Shop*  
302 Maple Ave. W

**Kolly Enterprise**  
*Teacher/Home Business*  
311 Westview Court, NE

**Mazesmith, Inc.**  
*IT Service/Home Business*  
203 Niblick Drive, SE

## Vienna businesses with staying power

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

30 YEARS  
**STARBUCKS COFFEE #706**

25 YEARS  
**GEORGE PAPASTERGIU, DDS, PLC**

20 YEARS  
**TOPIX CRYSTAL**

15 YEARS  
**BEEKMAN PLACE**  
**MYCREDITABC.COM**  
**SUSHI YOSHI**

10 YEARS  
**DOLLAR TREE STORES, INC.**  
**HEART TREE YOGA, LLC**  
**SKY ENERGY THERAPY, LLC**  
**SUNRISE MEDICAL LABORATORIES, INC.**

5 YEARS  
**ALPHA TACTICAL SUPPLY, LLC**  
**LEGGETT WEALTH MANAGEMENT, INC.**  
**MATHNASIUM OF VIRGINIA**  
**ORANGE THEORY FITNESS**  
**SHB REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS, LLC**  
**VESANT GLOBAL, LLC**



## Mayor's Pet of the Month

**M**et the fluffiest tag team you've ever seen, Oso and Zorro! These adorable Pomeranians bring smiles to lots of Vienna residents on their walks through town with their owners, David and Mary Glen. The reaction this dynamic duo gets from the wildlife they greet along the way is quite different from that of humans as their boisterous barks can be heard far and wide.

Congratulations, Oso and Zorro! You're the Mayor's Pets 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.





## “Word from Juan”

### Phone Scam Alert - Artificial Intelligence

Scammers are getting more and more creative these days, and they're now using artificial intelligence (AI) to clone voices! Can you believe it? According to recent reports, the U.S. alone lost around \$2.6 billion dollars to scams in 2022, with everyone from individuals to businesses falling victim to them.

Imagine getting a call from a loved one who sounds just like him or herself but is actually a call generated by a fraudster using AI. All these tech-savvy scammers need is a few voice clips, which can be easily obtained from social media, voicemails, and even YouTube. Once they have these, they use computer programs to duplicate the voice and use it to target you on an emotional level with AI-generated voice messages that sound like appeals from your own friends or family members. It's a scary thought, and people all over the world are falling for this trick.

So, how can you protect yourself from an AI phone scam? Here are some tips:

- Always be skeptical when a caller asks for money, wire transfers or gift cards – even if it sounds like someone you know. If you're in doubt about the legitimacy of a call, hang up and call the person or business back yourself.
- Never surrender credit card or financial information to someone who calls you. Scammers are often physically located overseas, making prosecuting them especially difficult and recovering your money almost impossible.
- Never rely on caller ID, as it can be faked.

Finally, always trust your instincts. If something seems questionable to you, it probably is. Stay safe out there, and don't let these scammers get the best of you! 📞



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## Topic on deck: Code Create

The work to update Vienna's zoning code is almost over, and residents will have a final say on the plan.

Join Town Manager Mercury Payton and Planning and Zoning Deputy Director Kelly O'Brien for a discussion about the key changes in the code and what they mean for residents, businesses, and Vienna's future.

“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](http://www.YouTube.com@TownofViennaVa). 📺

**ON DECK**  
WITH MERCURY

**6 P.M.**

**TUESDAY, JULY 11**

**LEZZET  
MEDITERRANEAN  
RESTAURANT  
262 CEDAR LANE,  
VIENNA**

# HAPPENINGS around town

## **New Summer Children's Events** **Friday, July 14 & Aug. 11**

**1 p.m.**

Exciting summer children's events are being introduced by The Freeman Store & Museum and Historic Vienna! Discover the wonders of the environment through an engaging puppet show on July 14. Get creative at the craft-making session designed for children aged 3-12 on Aug. 11. Admission is free! For more information, visit [www.HistoricViennaInc.org](http://www.HistoricViennaInc.org). Don't forget to shop the Freeman Store for all your gift needs, local wares & candy, and be sure to explore the Used Book Cellar brimming with thousands of books at affordable prices.

## **Breakfast Buffet Fundraiser** **Sunday, July 16**

**8 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Celebrate July with American Legion Post 180's legendary breakfast buffet. Enjoy Joe's custom omelets, scrambled eggs, potatoes, bacon, sausage, pancakes, Shirley's renowned sausage gravy & biscuits, Post 180 cake and a special July cake. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children younger than 12. Proceeds will be used to send local high school students to the 2024 Girls State conference. For more information call: 703-409-3564. American Legion Post 180 is located at 330 Center St. N, Vienna, Va.

## **Gallery Open House** **Thursday, July 20**

**4-7 p.m.**

Join the Vienna Arts Society for Third Thursday Evening with Art at the Vienna Art Center located in the Windover Professional Building, 243 Church St., NW, LL100, Vienna, Va. Mingle with artists, view original artworks and hand-crafted gifts, and enjoy a sip and a bite. The center is also open Wednesdays-Saturdays from 1-4 p.m. For more information, call 703-319-3971 or visit [www.ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org).

## **Explore Archaeology** **Saturday, July 22**

**10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Explore the world of archaeology at the Freeman Store & Museum! After the interest generated by the archaeological dig on the store grounds in March, Historic Vienna Inc., has partnered with a local group called Unearth Archaeology to bring more public archaeology to Vienna. At this event, kids and adults can learn how to excavate a historic site, put together a pottery puzzle, and meet archaeologists. For more information, visit [HistoricViennaInc.org](http://HistoricViennaInc.org).

## **Community Band Summer Concert** **Sunday, July 23**

**6:30 p.m.**

Join the Vienna Community Band for a free performance on the Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. You can also enjoy past concerts via the band's YouTube channel: [www.youtube.com/@viennacommunityband](http://www.youtube.com/@viennacommunityband). The band is also recruiting enthusiastic new musicians in all sections. If you are interested, please attend any 6:00 PM rehearsal on Sundays at the Vienna Community Center. For more information on the Vienna Community Band, visit [www.viennacommunityband.org](http://www.viennacommunityband.org).

## **Summer Art Exhibit** **Mondays-Saturdays**

**10 a.m.-5 p.m.**

Stop by the Vienna Arts Society Gallery in the Village Green to see what's new this summer! Work by Artist of the Year, Ruth Ensley, will be featured through July 8, followed by an all-member exhibition celebrating summer. The gallery is located in the Village Green Shopping Center, 513 Maple Avenue W, Vienna, Va.

### **TAKE A SEAT VIENNA**

**RETURNS!** Enjoy visiting 40 locations around town where you'll find cypress benches built by local artisan Ralph Reinecke, each painted by a member of the Vienna Arts Society. Maps are available at sponsors' locations, at the Vienna Art Center and online: [www.viennaartsociety.org/take-a-seat-vienna](http://www.viennaartsociety.org/take-a-seat-vienna).







## MEET THE MAYOR



**M**ayor 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, July 7, from 9-10:30 a.m. at South Block, 207 Maple Ave., E. Stop by, grab some coffee or a smoothie, 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 most months. Meet in front of Vienna Town Hall on Friday, July 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](mailto: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). 📺

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703-255-5730 TDD  
Non-emergency  
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703-255-5730 TDD

**Community Center**  
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TTY Virginia Relay 711  
127 Center Street South  
Vienna, VA 22180-5179  
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# July TOWN CALENDAR

<b>2</b>	Little Library Open (Town Green) • 1-4 p.m.
<b>2</b>	Independence Day Celebration (Yeonas Park) • 4-10 p.m.
<b>4</b>	Town Offices Closed (Independence Day)
<b>5</b>	Stories and Sprinklers (Town Green) • 1 p.m.
<b>7</b>	Meet the Mayor • 9-10:30 a.m.
<b>7</b>	Summer on the Green (Town Green) • 6:30 p.m.
<b>10</b>	Town Council Meeting • 8 p.m.
<b>11</b>	Kids on the Green (Town Green) • 10 a.m.
<b>11</b>	On Deck with Mercury • 6-7 p.m.
<b>11</b>	Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 p.m.
<b>12</b>	Stories and Sprinklers (Town Green) • 1 p.m.
<b>12</b>	LAM Keynote Event (VCC) • 6:30 p.m.
<b>12</b>	Planning Commission • 7:30 p.m.
<b>13</b>	Big Screen on the Green (Town Green) • 8:30 p.m.
<b>14</b>	Summer on the Green (Town Green) • 6:30 p.m.
<b>15</b>	NOVA Model Railroaders Open House (Train Depot) • 1-5 p.m.
<b>15</b>	LAM Multicultural Festival (Town Green) • 3-8:30 p.m.
<b>18</b>	Kids on the Green (Town Green) • 10 a.m.

<b>19</b>	Stories and Sprinklers (Town Green) • 1 p.m.
<b>19</b>	Board of Zoning Appeals • 7:30 p.m.
<b>20</b>	Board of Architectural Review • 7:30 p.m.
<b>21</b>	Mayor's Walk • 9:30-10:30 a.m.
<b>21</b>	Chillin on Church (Church Street) • 6:30-9:30 p.m.
<b>22</b>	Vienna Youth Players (VCC) • 7:30 p.m.
<b>23</b>	Vienna Youth Players (VCC) • 1:30 p.m.
<b>25</b>	Kids on the Green (Town Green) • 10 a.m.
<b>25</b>	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee • 7 p.m.
<b>25</b>	Transportation Safety Commission • 8 p.m.
<b>26</b>	Stories and Sprinklers (Town Green) • 1 p.m.
<b>27</b>	Vienna Youth Players (VCC) • 7:30 p.m.
<b>27</b>	Conservation and Sustainability Commission (VCC) • 7:30 p.m.
<b>28</b>	Real Estate Tax First Installment Due
<b>28</b>	Summer on the Green (Town Green) • 6:30 p.m.
<b>28</b>	Vienna Youth Players (VCC) • 7:30 p.m.
<b>29</b>	Vienna Youth Players (VCC) • 7:30 p.m.
<b>30</b>	Vienna Youth Players (VCC) • 1:30 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