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Prost to Oktoberfest!

Cheers and beers are on tap for Saturday, Oct. 7 as Oktoberfest returns! This brew-tiful event is back this year and better than ever after last year's unfortunate cancellation for weather-related reasons. So, grab your friends, put on your Oktoberfest best (Dirndl dress and lederhosen are optional) and come hungry, thirsty, and ready for lots of fun all day from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on historic Church Street!

This festive, town tradition features live entertainment on three different stages and lots of free, family-friendly games and activities. You'll also find two beer and wine gardens, and many multinational food vendors including traditional German fare. And if that's not enough, you can feast your eyes on a business expo and handcrafter booths.

All ages are welcome, and admission is free. Oktoberfest is presented by the Vienna Business Association in partnership with the Town of Vienna. For event details, visit www.viennaoktoberfest.org. 🍷



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OCTOBER 7, 2023
11AM-7PM, CHURCH ST
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3 STAGES OF ENTERTAINMENT
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Halloween Parade Preps Underway

Want to enter a float or other feature in this year's Vienna Halloween Parade? Start planning your entry now and be sure to submit your application by the Sept. 15 deadline to the Parks and Recreation Department. This year's theme is "Cartoons and Comics."



Applications are subject to approval based on space availability as well as entertainment value, variety and adherence to the theme and parade guidelines. The parade steps off at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023. For more information and to download an application, visit www.viennava.gov/halloween. ↴

Chillin' on Church Comes to a Close

Say so long to summer with Vienna's last Chillin' on Church block party of the year! The final family-friendly event takes place on Friday, Sept. 15, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on historic Church Street. Everyone is invited to join in on the fun with live music from the Sudden M-Pac Band, food trucks, and beer and wine vendors. Admission is free. For more information, www.viennava.gov/chillin. ↴





Updates from Vienna Parks & Recreation

Teen Center Open House

Thursday, Sept. 7

2:30–7 p.m.

Parents and teens are invited to an open house at the Club Phoenix Teen Center in the Vienna Community Center basement. Explore this safe and structured environment where teens can socialize, build new skills, explore fun activities, and get to know more about themselves and the community they live in. Enjoy light refreshments and play games. Ask a staff member about volunteer opportunities and how to become a Teen Council member.

Teens on the Green

Saturday, Sept. 23

11 a.m.–2 p.m.

All are welcome to this free concert on the Town Green featuring fantastically talented Vienna-area teen musicians! Learn about youth resources, indulge in delicious treats, and enjoy some local fun activities.

Big Screen on the Green

Friday, Sept. 29

6:30 p.m.

Join us on the Town Green for a special motion picture presentation, “Sing 2,” sponsored by Navy Federal Credit Union and Longshore Properties. Theater owner Buster Moon sets his sights on producing a brand-new musical with his troupe in the glamorous Redshore City. To gain the support of a ruthless music mogul, he pitches that he’ll feature Clay Calloway, a legendary but elusive rock singer as part of the show. Now, all the group needs to do is find the recluse and persuade him to perform with them! Complimentary water and popcorn will be available while supplies last.

Drop-In Sports Fee Increase

Starting Sept. 5, drop-in sports fees at the Vienna Community Center will increase from \$3 to \$5 for people who live outside the Town of Vienna limits. Town residents may continue to participate in drop-in sports at no charge.

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. For quick updates, follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @TownofViennaVa.

Road Projects Enter Final Phase of 2023

Thanks to American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, the Town of Vienna will be able to repave or repair more streets than usual this fall. The work on 22 milling and paving projects is scheduled to begin the second week of September and will continue through the end of the year.

“This is the third phase of our efforts to repair or repave streets that were rated in poor or very poor condition by an independent survey expert using the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) and bring them up to high standards,” said Vienna pavement management coordinator Dione Shillingford. “ARPA funds will cover approximately \$500,000 in road repairs, and the Town’s Public Works capital and operations budgets will fund an additional \$450,000 in road projects.”

In addition to milling and paving, Shillingford says road markings on previously completed paving projects should be finished by mid-September. Shillingford says weather conditions and contractor shortages caused delays in the Town’s timeline for street markings. Once this year’s projects are complete, the Public Works Department will reevaluate the town’s road infrastructure to see which streets should get priority next year. 📌

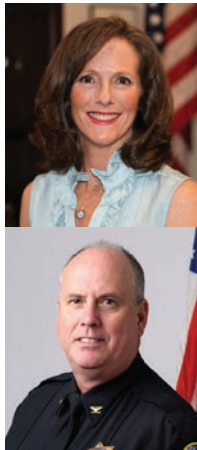


Mayor and Chief at Your Service - Law Enforcement and Behavioral Health

The state's new Marcus Alert initiative is the topic of the next "Mayor and Chief at your Service" forum. Mayor Linda Colbert and Chief Jim Morris will lead the discussion on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023, at 7 p.m. at the Vienna Police Department Community Room. Daryl Washington, Executive Director, Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB) will be speaking about his agency's role in the local partnership to divert behavioral health calls from the 9-1-1 public safety system to regional crisis call centers.

Marcus Alert is the name commonly used for the Marcus-David Peters Act, the Virginia law that requires 9-1-1, crisis call centers, law enforcement and behavioral health agencies to work together to improve responses to individuals in behavioral health crisis in Virginia communities. The Act was named for Marcus-David Peters, a young, black biology teacher killed by Richmond Police in 2018 during a mental health crisis.

Find out how local law enforcement and behavioral health agencies have been working together to provide appropriate behavioral health responses in the community. The Mayor and Chief will also be available to answer questions about any matter in Vienna. Refreshments will be served. The Vienna Police Department is located at 215 Center St. S., Vienna. 📍



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, Sept. 1, from 9-10:30 a.m. at 29th Parallel Coffee, 106 Lawyers Road. Stop by, grab some coffee, 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, Sept. 15, 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). 📺



Word from Juan

Safeguarding Children from Internet Predators

One of the most evolving online threats to children is the very technology that enables the digital world to thrive. While technology has many benefits, it also has made it easier for offenders to harm kids. Those who seek to exploit children use Internet apps to produce, sell, share and trade child sexual abuse materials, and to find and groom children for sexual abuse. Facebook alone flagged a staggering 73.3 million pieces of content under "child nudity and sexual exploitation" in 2022. Instagram, YouTube, Twitter, TikTok, Reddit, Snapchat, Discord, and LinkedIn have also removed millions of posts and images that fall foul of community guidelines regarding child abuse.

Adult predators communicate via social media websites that are popular with young people and pretend to be their age. You may not think this could happen here, but it has. According to the F.B.I., an estimated 500,000 predators are online every day. More than 50 percent of online sexual exploitation victims are between the vulnerable ages of 12 and 15.

Social networking can be a great way to share information in a friendly way, but there are also some serious risks. To safeguard your children, help them create social media accounts and consider using parental control apps. Teach your children exactly how social media works and how to explore the web safely. At first, children require constant monitoring. But by teaching them smart ways to use the Internet, they will be able to safely navigate social media with limited oversight as they get older. 📺

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.



Vienna Business Celebrates 70-Years



Talk about a business that has staying power! Merle Norman Cosmetics celebrates 70 years of history this month. Robbie and Sharon Holland have owned and operated the store for the past eight years, carrying on the family business his mother opened decades ago in the Danor Plaza shopping center. Today the business serves generations of loyal patrons.

What's the secret to Merle Norman's success? Find out in our video series, "What's Your Story?" View it on the Town's YouTube Channel: <https://bit.ly/MNvienna>. 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.

Town of Vienna Holiday Hours

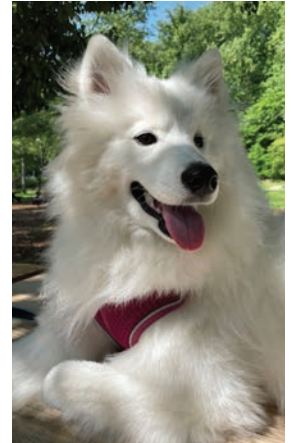
Town offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4, 2023, in observance of Labor Day. Regular waste collection will still occur. The Vienna Community Center will be open on a modified schedule from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. that day. For a full list of holiday schedules, visit www.viennava.gov/hours. 📺



Mayor's Pet of the Month

Meat Vienna's very own natural waste management specialist, Zoya Gandikota, a rescued, Samoyed mix who recently celebrated her first birthday! You might be wondering how this sponky pup has a job. Well, the answer is snacking! While she's out and about, Zoya loves to snack on her favorite treat—dead leaves and flowers off the ground, keeping the Town grounds clear. When she's not "on duty," Zoya loves to spend time at a park or trail here in Vienna.

Congratulations, Zoya! 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.



Council Candidates Air Their Views at Forum

Here's your chance to hear from all Vienna Town Council candidates and to ask questions! The North East Vienna Citizens Association (NEVCA) is hosting a Candidate Forum for those running for a seat on the Town Council. This year's forum will be held at **7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 13**, in the Vienna Community Center Auditorium, 120 Cherry St., SE. Each candidate will be invited to make brief, opening remarks, followed by a structured question-and-answer period. Attendees are invited to submit their questions to a panel of forum moderators.

Meet the Candidates for Vienna Town Council

For the first time ever, the Vienna Mayor and Town Council races will be on the General Election ballot on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023. The change from a May to November election cycle was made to conform to a 2021 Virginia law requiring municipal elections to be held in during the General Election. All seats will be on the ballot in this year's race and in future elections, which will be held every two years.

Mayor Linda Colbert is running unopposed this year. Eight Town Council candidates are running to fill six seats, including three current Councilmembers. Here is some biographical information provided by each of the 2023 candidates:

Sandra Allen

Hometown:

I was born in Bolivia; now a naturalized U.S. citizen.

Lived in Vienna since 2003.

Education:

BS in Business Administration, Marymount University, Arlington, Va.

Profession/Career: Full-time mother, caregiver, advocate and analyst (in that order).

Public Service Experience:

- Catholic Chairity Thanksgiving food distribution volunteer
- Public/Private school volunteer leader, i.e. Minority Achievement Program
- Hunter Mill District volunteer for the County's Budget Committee and Diversion First program
- Neighborhood Watch Program organizer and leader
- Vienna Pedestrian Advisory Committee volunteer
- Fairfax County Election Officer volunteer
- Initiated local UN Youth Empowerment and Women Empowerment in Schools program
- Prepared/Coordinated Latino Voters at Risk event
- Advocated for sidewalks in our neighborhood, now installed on one side

Awards/Honors:

Mayor's Volunteer Recognition Award - I was recognized for my work in the community by Mayor Seeman on April 9, 2002.

Family: My mother, my two adult children and my two dogs make my family unit.

Hobbies/Interests: Jogging, biking, playing tennis and swimming. I enjoy working with computers and solving issues that arise in our day-to-day activities.

Favorite spots in Vienna: I currently don't have a favorite spot in Vienna, but when my children were young, Nottaway Park and Yeonas were our spots for baseball games/practices; Vienna Woods/Dunn Loring were also our favorite spots during summer swim team/tennis season.

One thing people would be surprised to know about you:

My sister and I live in the same area, and people were surprised to find out we are related. I look Hispanic and she does not.

To learn more about Sandra Allen and her political platform, visit her Facebook page: @SandraAllen.



Charles "Chuck" Anderson

(Incumbent)

Hometown: Born in rural West Virginia (Camden-on-Gauley); raised in Blissfield, Michigan.

Lived in Vienna since 1997.

Education:

- BA in History and Political Science, Williams College, Williamstown, Ma.
- MA in Philosophy, Politics & Economics, Oxford University, (Exeter College) England

Profession/Career:

- Principal and co-founder of Capital Trade, Inc. 1992-present
- ICF Consulting Associates, Senior Vice President 1988-1992
- Coopers & Lybrand, Director, 1984-1988

Public Service Experience:

- US House of Representatives Office of Legislative Information-Legislative Information Specialist, 1981-1982
- US Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, International Trade Analyst 1982-1984
- Town of Vienna
 - » Windover Heights Board of Review, member, 2006-2015
 - » Planning Commission, member 2008-2015 (chair) 2012-13
 - » Town Council, 2020-Present
 - » Liberty Amendments Month, Leadership Committee 2021-Present

Professional Affiliations:

- Historic Vienna, Inc. member
- NEVCA member
- Windover Heights Civic Association, Executive Committee member
- Falls Church Presbyterian Church, Elder, Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, Welcome Table Chef
- Boy Scouts: Den Leader, Assistant Scoutmaster

Awards/Honors: Multiple awards in International Trade regulatory consulting

Family: Married to my wife, Laura, since 1988. We have two adult children, three cats and a dog.

Hobbies/Interests: Cooking, traveling, cycling, teaching youth and adult learning courses

Favorite spots in Vienna: W&OD Trail and the Vienna Inn

One thing people would be surprised to know about you:

I am a first-generation college graduate.

To learn more about Chuck Anderson and his political platform, visit www.ChuckforVienna.com, or see his Facebook page, [@chuckforvienna](https://www.facebook.com/chuckforvienna), or email him: chuckforvienna@gmail.com.





Roy James Baldwin

Hometown: Vienna, Va.

Lived in Vienna since 1980.

Education:

- BA in Political Science, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Ne.
- JD, George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C.

Profession/Career: Attorney

Public Service Experience:

- Board Member, Vienna Elementary School PTA
- Scoutmaster, Wesley UMC Cub Scout Pack
- Vestry Member & Lay Reader, Church of the Holy Comforter
- Member, Town Business Liaison Committee
- Member, Board of Architectural Review 2006-present (Current Chairman)

Professional Affiliations:

- Member, Vienna Business Association
- Member, Fairfax Bar Association
- Member, Virginia State Bar
- Member, American Bar Association
- Former Member, Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce & Chair of Governmental Affairs Committee

Awards/Honors: The one I'm proudest of is the ABA 9-11 volunteer award for serving as the financial guardian of a boy who lost his mother on American Airlines Flight 77, for whom I secured almost \$2 million in grants.

Family: Married to Sharon, father to Nathaniel and grandfather to Nicolas.

Hobbies/Interests: Travel, yard work, cheering for Warhawk athletic teams (so many champions!), babysitting my grandson, Wordle, and attending Holy Comforter Church.

Favorite spots in Vienna: Hawk & Griffin, Vienna Inn, Bruster's for a waffle cone (reminds me of Rehoboth!), Waters Field, W&OD Bike Trail, enjoying Oktoberfest, Chillin on Church, and all the other events on Church Street and the Town Green, and the Halloween Parade.

One thing people would be surprised to know about you:

In law school I researched British Law Lords opinions from the 18th century to provide the legal basis for a lawsuit by Maryland taxpayers against Spiro Agnew to recover the graft money he collected as governor of that state. He ended up paying almost \$300k to settle.

To learn more about Roy Baldwin and his campaign platform, visit www.roybaldwin.net or email him at roy@roybaldwin.net.



Ray Brill

(Incumbent)

Hometown: Lititz, Pa.

Lived in Vienna since 2005.

Education:

- BS, U.S. Air Force Academy
- MBA, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)
- JD, University of Florida Law School
- M.Div., Virginia Theological Seminary

Profession/Career

- U.S. Air Force pilot
- Science and Technology Committee Counsel, Subcommittee of Investigations and Oversight, U.S. House of Representatives
- Led two corporations.
- Retired pastor of Wesley UMC in Vienna (longest serving pastor in the church's 133-year history)

Public Service Experience

- Vienna Town Councilmember 2020-Present
- Chairman of the Board, Salvation Army chapter
- Chairman of the Board, Susanna Wesley House, providing transitional housing for homeless women
- Founding Scoutmaster of Troop 345 in Vienna
- Provide monthly meals for homeless at Lamb Center
- Initiated a program for 10+ years that provided \$30,000+ in clothing and gift cards to wounded combat veterans at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

Professional Affiliations:

- The Florida Bar
- Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church

Awards/Honors: The greatest honor is to serve, and in particular, Vienna and its residents.

Family: wife, Jane, two daughters, three granddaughters

Hobbies/Interests: Mentoring, helping those in need, traveling, playing the piano, and reading

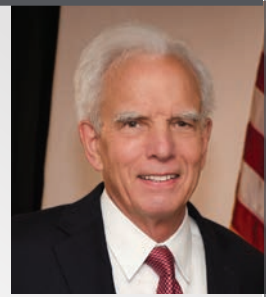
Favorite spots in Vienna: Wonderful restaurants, Town Green, Chillin' on Church, Farmers' Market, Oktoberfest, Halloween Parade, Viva Vienna

One thing people would be surprised about you:

I graduated from the U.S. Army Airborne School in Ft. Benning, GA and made five parachute jumps.

To learn more about Ray Brill and his political platform, email him at BrillforVienna@gmail.com.

Candidates (continued on page 8)



Important 2023 Election Dates

Friday, Sept. 22 - Early Voting Begins

Monday, Oct. 16 - Voter Registration Deadline

Friday, Oct. 27 - Deadline to Request to Vote by Mail

Saturday, Nov. 4 - Last Day to Vote Early

Tuesday, Nov. 7 - General Election

For more election information, polling locations, voter eligibility and voter registration status, visit www.viennava.gov/vote or call the Fairfax County Office of Elections at 703-222-0776.

Candidates (continued from page 7)

Elizabeth Korondy

Hometown:

San Francisco Bay area, Ca.

Education: BS, Recreation, Hospitality & Park Management, California State University, Chico

Lived in Vienna since 2017.

Profession/Career:

- Business Broker, Owner of Inspire Holdings, LLC
- Account Executive at a Global Engagement Solutions Co.

Public Service Experience:

- Volunteer Coordinator - Vienna Oktoberfest
- Den Leader of Cub Scout Pack 1139

Awards/Honors:

The Mayor's Volunteer Award, 2021

Professional Affiliations:

Vienna Business Association Board Member

Family: I have two sons ages 13 and 10.

Hobbies/Interests: Drawing and painting

Favorite spots in Vienna: Vienna Community Center, Town Green, Maple Avenue, Church Street, Wolf Trap

What is something people should know about you:

I look for positivity in all things.

To learn more about Elizabeth Korondy and her campaign platform, visit her Facebook page: Elizabeth Korondy for Vienna Town Council.



Shelley Mountjoy (formerly Ebert)

Hometown: Vienna, Va.

Lived in Vienna since:

I grew up in Vienna and returned here as an adult.

Education:

MS in Telecommunications, George Mason University

Profession/Career:

- Former college professor within the Virginia Community College System
- Former web developer and instructional designer at Virginia Commonwealth University
- Currently taking time off to care for family and occasionally tutor students

Public Service Experience:

- George Washington University Student Association Senator, School of Engineering and Applied Sciences
- George Washington University Engineers Council, class representative
- George Mason University Graduate and Professional Student Association (GAPSA). Vice president and founding member



Shelley Mountjoy (continued)

Awards/Honors:

- Mayor's Volunteer Award for organizing a fundraiser to help food-insecure families
- As a college professor, I received recognition as faculty of the year and was awarded a grant to transition courses from textbooks to open-source materials.

Family: I have a 5-year-old daughter. We share our home with a rabbit and an aquatic turtle.

Hobbies/Interests: I am quite interested in art, enjoy exploring museums, and I participate in a book club.

Favorite spots in Vienna: It's difficult to choose, but certainly community-centered businesses such as Caffe Amouri and the Vienna Inn are among my top choices.

One thing people would be surprised to know about you:

Prior to my disability, I was very involved in automotive technology. I held Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certifications and would often participate in open-wheel (formula) racing.

To learn more about Shelley Mountjoy and her political platform, visit www.shelley4vienna.com.

Jessica Ramakis

Hometown: Fremont, Ca.

Lived in Vienna since 2010.

Education:

- BA in Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)
- MPP (Master of Public Policy), University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

Profession/Career: Civil servant in education policy

Public Service Experience:

- Educational Policy professional for 20 years
- Planning Commissioner, Town of Vienna
- Former PTA Board member for my children's school.

Professional Affiliations: Vienna Planning Commission member

Family: Married to Anthony Ramakis and mother to Henry and Vanessa.

Hobbies/Interests: I love to run with Moms Run This Town and have fun at Orange Theory. I happily spend time watching and cheering for my children and their teammates as they play softball, baseball, basketball, football, and soccer. I also enjoy reading.

Favorite spots in Vienna: The W&OD trail, Yeonas Park, Waters and Caffi Field, Bard's Alley, and Trace the Zero Waste Store.

One thing people would be surprised to know about you:

My parents were both born overseas. My family's traditions have influences from Poland, England, Germany, and India.

To learn more about Jessica Ramakis and her campaign platform, visit www.ramakiss.com; or visit her Facebook page: Jessica Ramakis for Vienna Town Council, or email her at jessicaforvienna@gmail.com.





Howard Springsteen

(Incumbent)

Hometown: Old Tappan, NJ

Lived in Vienna since 1997.

Education:

- BA, Fairleigh Dickinson University, NJ
- MA in Public Administration, New York University



Profession/Career: Retired Fairfax County Government logistics manager

Public Service Experience:

- Vienna Town Council 2009-Present
- Transportation Safety Commission
- Hunter Mill District Transportation Advisory Committee
- Fairfax County Volunteer Fire Commission
- Madison High School Crew Booster Club
- Former Assistant Boy Scout Leader, Troop 152 Vienna
- Committee for Helping Others (CHO) Furniture Delivery Program
- Peace Corps Volunteer in Liberia
- Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Life Member (including serving as President & Deputy Chief)

Professional Affiliations:

- Community Helping Others (CHO Vienna)
- Friends of Liberia
- Vienna Presbyterian Church (VPC) Asset Committee
- Madison Crew Booster Club

Awards/Honors:

- Vienna Rotary Club Service above Self Award
- Town of Vienna Outstanding Volunteer Award
- Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Volunteer Operational Officer of the Year-Twice
- Vienna Fire Department Leon Freeman Award for Outstanding Service

Family: Married, father of two children.

Hobbies/Interests: Working around the house, helping neighbors, traveling and hanging out with friends.

Favorite spots in Vienna: Vienna Town Green, W&OD Trail, Caffé Amouri, Vienna Fire Station, Freeman House and Vienna Presbyterian Church

One thing people would be surprised to know about you: Along with the late Vienna Mayor Jane Seeman, helped launch the Vienna Turkey Trot fundraiser for the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, now a partnership with the Madison High School Marching Band.

To learn more about Howard Springsteen and his campaign platform, visit his Facebook page: www.facebook.com/SpringsteenforVienna.

Candidate for Mayor

Linda Jane Colbert

(Incumbent running unopposed)

Hometown: Vienna, Va.

Lived in Vienna since 1968.

Education:

- BA in Mathematics, University of Virginia
- MA in Education, Virginia Tech



Profession/Career:

- Retired math teacher, James Madison High School
- Current math and SAT tutor

Public Service Experience:

- Vienna Mayor (2020-2023)
- Vienna Town Council (2014-2019)
- Vienna Transportation Safety Commission
- Board Member, Madison High School Athletic Hall of Fame
- Vienna Presbyterian Church
- Board Member Fairfax Salvation Army
- Greater Tysons Community Coalition
- Tysons Transportation Service District Advisory Board
- M. Jane Seeman Memorial Committee
- Movers and Shakers
- Girl Scout Leader 13 years
- PTAs

Professional Affiliations:

- Virginia Municipal League
- Historic Vienna, Inc.
- Vienna Business Association
- Vienna Rotary Club
- Vienna Optimist Club

Awards/Honors:

- Eric Monday Foundation Take Down the Stigma Award
- Vienna Volunteer Award

Family: 35 years married to husband, Mike; adult daughters, Heather and Hannah, and son-in-law Nick; cat, Ginny

Hobbies/Interests: tennis, weights, walking, reading, gardening, concerts, theater, art museums, travel

Favorite spots in Vienna: The Town Green, Church Street, the many good restaurants, ice cream parlors, and shops, Vienna Woods Tennis and Swim Club

One thing people would be surprised to know about you: I am a former Collegiate National Power Lifting Champion.

To learn more about Linda Colbert and her campaign platform, visit www.lindacolbertformayor.com.

In-Person Early Voting Locations

Starting Sept. 22 through Nov. 4, registered voters in Fairfax County may vote at three polling places, including the one closest to Vienna:

Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Pkwy,
Conference Rooms 2/3
Fairfax, VA 22035

Hours:

Weekdays: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturdays, Sept. 23, Oct. 28, Nov. 4 - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 29, 1-5 p.m.

Additional in-person early voting locations are scheduled to open Oct. 26. For hours and the full list of dates, times and locations, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/early-voting.

HAPPENINGS

around town

Little Library Museum Open Sunday, Sept. 3 1-4 p.m.

Step back in time by walking through the Vienna Little Library Museum doors, and experience this historic landmark as it existed more than 100 years ago! The museum is open only on the first Sunday of each month, and it is one of the oldest museums of its type in Fairfax County. The Little Library is located at 164 Mill Street near the Freeman Store & Museum.

AAUW Membership Open House Saturday, Sept. 9 2-4 p.m.

Join AAUW's Vienna Area Branch for its membership Open House at Patrick Henry Library and find out how you can get involved in a variety of interest groups, public programs, and engagement in AAUW's advocacy for equity for women and girls in education, the workplace, and government (Learn, Earn, and Lead!). The local branch recently presented a series of book talks at the Club Phoenix Teen Center, introducing teens to five books about the fight for women's suffrage and the 19th Amendment. The branch will donate copies of the books to the library during its Open House. New members who join at the Open House will receive a discount on the first year's dues. For more information, visit <https://vienna-va.aauw.net>.

Art Exhibit Monday, Sept. 11 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Explore the new Vienna Arts Society (VAS) exhibit, "Artworks on Paper" featuring watercolors, hand-pulled prints and more.

Exhibit runs Monday-Saturday through Oct. 14 at the Gallery in the Village Green, 513 Maple Ave. W, Vienna.

Nothing Bundt Bingo Fundraiser Monday, Sept. 11 4-6 p.m.

Stop in for Bingo night at Foster's Grille – Vienna, for a chance to win delicious treats from Nothing Bundt Cakes and support the Shepherd's Center at the same time! Bingo is \$10 for 10 games, and all proceeds, including 20% of the food and beverage purchases from Foster's that night will support Shepherd's Center programs for older adults in our community.

Lions Club Dining for Dollars Fundraiser Tuesday, Sept. 12 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Enjoy a delicious meal and support a worthy cause by dining at Fosters Grille in Vienna on Sept. 12 and every second Tuesday of the month. Simply ask the cashier to put your receipt in the Lions' box, and Foster's will donate 20% of your purchase to Lions' youth, sight, hearing, and community programs. If you have used eyeglasses or hearing aids that you would like to donate, please bring them with you. For more information contact Lion Tom at golfertom1943@gmail.com.

Vienna's Fall Faire Flower Show Friday & Saturday, Sept. 15-16 12-4 p.m. both days; 6-9 p.m. Friday

Looking for some fall floral inspiration? Check out Vienna's Fall Faire Flower Show at the Freeman

Store and Museum located at 131 Church Street, NE! Enjoy floral table, pedestal, and container designs along with cut horticulture and vegetables in this judged flower show. Admission is free. The show is presented by the Ayr Hill Garden Club.

NOVA Family Fair Saturday, Sept. 16 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Join babycito and Postpartum Support VA at the first annual NOVA Family Fair at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department! Kids will have a blast engaging in free activities while parents meet local, family-focused businesses and learn about the services they offer, including daycare and nanny providers, doulas, sleep consultants, pediatric dentists, family fun providers and more! Kids entertainment includes face painting, a magic show and appearances by Elsa and Spiderman, and Kona Ice. This event is free!

Breakfast Buffet Fundraiser Sunday, Sept. 17 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

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

Third Thursday Evening with Art Sept. 21 4-7 p.m.

Mix and mingle with artists and this month's special guest, Hunter Mill Supervisor Walter Alcorn at the Vienna Art Center! Bring friends and family to view original artworks and hand-crafted gifts and enjoy a sip and a bite. The center is located in the Windover Professional Building, 243 Church Street NW, suite 100 LL. For more information on this and other Vienna Arts Society demonstrations, classes and workshops, visit www.ViennaArtsSociety.org or call 703-319-3971.

Mini Art Workshop Thursday, Sept. 28 5-7 p.m.

Learn to paint an egg in the exquisite Ukrainian style known as "Pysanky." Stephanie Cheeseman brings all materials you'll need to create your own work of art. For details and to register, visit the Vienna Arts Society website, www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

Vienna CROP Walk Sunday, Oct. 1 12:30 p.m.

Join the 2023 Vienna CROP Walk to support local and international hunger relief efforts. The walk begins at Emmaus United Church of Christ, 900 Maple Avenue, Vienna and is approximately 2.4 miles and takes about an hour to complete. A shorter, 1.2-mile walk is also available. There is no fee to walk, but walkers are encouraged to donate or to find sponsors who will make donations to support their efforts. You can even form your own team! Proceeds will benefit the hunger relief non-profit Church World Service, and Vienna's Committee for Helping Others (CHO). To register, donate, or for more information, visit <https://bit.ly/ViennaCropWalk>.



Open for business

Town of Vienna business licenses were issued in July to:

Blue Ribbon Barbershop, LLC
Barber shop
139 Church St., NW

Mynah Voices, LLC
Voice Lessons/Home Business
505 Woodland Ct., NW

Velocity Dance
Dance Studio
319 Mill St., NE

Maple Avenue Fine Arts Academy, Inc.
Musical Instruments
410 Pine St., SE

Soyol Erdene Tumurbaatar
Massage Therapy
320 Maple Ave., E.

Vienna businesses with staying power

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

50 YEARS
**ORTHOPAEDIC AND SPORTS
MEDICINE ASSOCIATES**

25 YEARS
C&L DECORATIONS, INC.
DOMINO'S PIZZA
YAMA JAPANESE RESTAURANT

10 YEARS
FLAGSHIP CARWASH
M SUISSA, LLC
MACHINE-M3, LLC
REFLEXOLOGY AND ACUPRESSURE
SKINFINITY, LLC
VA STRIPING, LLC

35 YEARS
ELIZABETH F. GEIGER ASSOCIATES

20 YEARS
PT AUTO EXPERTS, INC.
VITALITY CHIROPRACTIC, PLLC

5 YEARS
BEN & JERRY'S
HARMONY STRENGTH, LLC
SCALERGI, LLC
THE SWEETWOOD COLLECTION
THE WINE OUTLET

30 YEARS
ARTIFICIAL EYE CLINIC

15 YEARS
THE GRANT GROUP
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(Voice & TDD)

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Non-emergency
703-255-6366 voice
703-255-5730 TDD

Community Center
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TTY Virginia Relay 711
120 Cherry St. SE
Vienna, VA 22180

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Vienna, VA 22180-5179
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September TOWN CALENDAR

3	Little Library Open • 1-4 p.m.	18	Town Council Conference Session • 7 p.m.
4	Labor Day – Town Offices Closed	19	Vienna Public Art Commission (VCC) • 7 p.m.
5	Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 p.m.	20	Board of Zoning Appeals • 7:30 p.m.
7	Club Phoenix Teen Center Open House (VCC) • 5-7 p.m.	21	Board of Architectural Review • 7:30 p.m.
9	Quarterly Recycling Day (NPY) • 8 a.m.-2 p.m.	23	Teens on the Green (Town Green) • 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
11	Remembrance Day Ceremony (Town Green) • 9 a.m.	25	Town Council Meeting • 8 p.m.
11	Town Council Meeting • 8 p.m.	26	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee • 7 p.m.
12	Mayor & Chief at Your Service (VPD) • 7 p.m.	26	Transportation Safety Commission • 8 p.m.
13	Planning Commission • 7:30 p.m.	27	Planning Commission • 7:30 p.m.
14	Town Business Liaison Committee • 7 p.m.	28	Conservation and Sustainability Commission (VCC) • 7:30 p.m.
15	Mayor's Walk • 9:30-10:30 a.m.	29	Big Screen on the Green (Town Green) • 6:30 p.m.
15	Chillin on Church (Church Street) • 6:30-9:30 p.m.	30	CSC Fall Native Plant Sale (VCC) • 8 a.m.-12 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 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