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Town Tree Canopy to Expand

Arbor Day weekend is going to be one for the record books in the Town of Vienna as a new Robinson Trust initiative takes root at East Creek Trail. The Trust is providing a municipal beautification grant to plant 75 native trees and shrubs along the trail near the intersections of East Street, NE, and Ayr Hill Avenue, NE, at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 27, 2024. Volunteers are needed to help plant the trees. To volunteer, email jeremy.edwards@viennava.gov or call 703-255-6336.

An additional 70 trees funded by the Robinson Trust will be installed this spring along the public right-of-way throughout the Town of Vienna, and another \$250,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds will also be used to pay for future street tree projects. The new tree plantings will help beautify Vienna and support the Town Council's efforts to restore the local tree canopy, which declined by 13 percent from 2011 to 2021 as a result of new development.

For more information, visit www.viennava.gov/arborday. 🌳



IN THIS ISSUE



Share Your Thoughts!

Here's your chance to tell the Town what you think about Vienna Parks and Recreation and share your vision for the future! Soon, a random sample of Vienna residents will get a survey in the mail asking for input to help inform the next parks master plan. The survey is designed to gauge satisfaction levels on current parks and recreation offerings and to find out what future services residents would like to implement to further enhance Vienna's quality of life.

After the statistically valid survey is complete, those who were not part of the random sample will have an opportunity to respond to the survey electronically. The link will be provided in the Vienna Voice, via social media and online at www.viennava.gov. All survey responses will be shared publicly.

Thanks for helping to shape the next Parks Master Plan – Our Plan to Play! 📌



Usher in Spring with the Walk on the Hill

Explore some of the town's most beautiful, historic properties during this year's Walk on the Hill, Sunday, April 28 from 2-5 p.m. in the Windover Heights neighborhood. Since 1974, residents and visitors have made the lovely pilgrimage to this historic neighborhood to participate in self-guided tours through dozens of participating yards and gardens offering inspiring views of glorious spring flowers, budding trees, live entertainment, exhibits and refreshments. For more information, visit www.viennava.gov/walkonthehill or call 703-255-6360. 📌



Vienna Vies for a Fitness Challenge Three-peat!

It's game on in the 2024 Mayors' Fitness Challenge, and Team Vienna is working hard to keep the trophy in town for the third year in a row! The Mayors' Fitness Challenge is a free, friendly competition between the Town of Vienna and the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church that encourages residents of all ages to get moving in the name of health, wellness and community pride. After all, bragging rights are on the line for the title of "Most Fit Community!"



The challenge began March 16 and runs through May 11, and participants can join Team Vienna at any time during the contest period. Town employees and businesses licensed inside Town limits are all eligible to participate. All you have to do is sign up and log your fitness minutes through a web form. Town residents can sign up online at www.viennava.gov/fitness. Businesses and Town employees must email lily.widman@viennava.gov to sign up.

Falls Church won the inaugural competition in 2021, and Vienna has been in the winner's circle since 2022. Let's get moving and keep the gold cup in Vienna in 2024! 📌



Updates from Vienna Parks & Recreation



Vienna Arbor Day Celebration

Friday, April 26, 2024

5 p.m.

East Creek Trail

Intersections of East Street, NE, and Ayr Hill Avenue, NE

***Enter at small 'Stream Valley Park' Sign on East Street**

Join local scouts, parks and recreation staff and local dignitaries for the 2024 Town of Vienna Arbor Day celebration! All will take turns planting a tree in conjunction with the national observance, which celebrates tree planting and preservation. Arbor Day's roots lie in the heart of Nebraska where the first Arbor Day was celebrated in 1872. Over time, the annual tradition spread to other states, and it became a national observance in 1970. Arbor Day is typically celebrated in most states on the last Friday in April, and this year's event in Vienna kicks off a broader community effort to plant and preserve trees (see story on page 1).

Stay in the Know with Vienna Happenings!

Event season is here! Keep up to date with warm-weather events like outdoor concerts, movies, festivals and more by signing up to get the Town's e-newsletter, "Vienna Happenings." To sign up, visit www.viennava.gov/happenings.

Spring Town Clean-Up Day

Saturday, April 6 • 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Vienna Town Green • 144 Maple Ave., E

Help clean up Vienna parks and trails! After meeting at the Vienna Town Green, volunteers are assigned a location in town that needs some attention. The parks and recreation department coordinates the event, providing supplies and assistance throughout the day. Preregistration is recommended, but not required. To register contact Brian Harrington at bharrington@viennava.gov or call 703-255-5755.



Vienna Theatre Company Presents: The 39 Steps

Performance Dates:

8 p.m. - Fridays and Saturdays, April 19-20, 26-27 and May 3, 4

2 p.m. - Sundays, April 28 and May 5, 2024

Tickets are \$16

In "The 39 Steps," a man with a boring life meets a woman with a thick accent who says she's a spy. When he takes her home, she is murdered. Soon, a mysterious organization called The 39 Steps is hot on the man's trail in a nationwide manhunt that climaxes in a death-defying finale! A riotous blend of virtuoso performances and wildly inventive stagecraft, "The 39 Steps" amounts to an unforgettable evening of pure pleasure! Purchase your tickets at www.viennava.gov/webtrac or in person at the Vienna Community Center. For more information, visit www.viennava.gov/theatre.

Share Your Story!

Do you have an inspiring story about how your family came to America? Liberty Amendments Month (LAM) is the perfect time to share it! Area residents and businesses are encouraged to help foster cultural awareness and community respect by sharing their unique family experiences through a new LAM interactive program called "Our American Liberty Stories." If you have an interesting story to tell about your family's journey to America, its path to citizenship, or what it means to be American, share it with us now through May 15. For more information and to submit your story, visit www.viennava.gov/story, or email lily.widman@viennava.gov or call 703-255-5738.

Summer Park Registration

Opens May 6!

Stake your claim to summer fun with Vienna Parks and Recreation programs, classes, camps and more! Registration starts at 8 a.m. on Monday, May 6 for Town of Vienna residents and at 8 a.m. on Monday, May 13 for folks who live outside of town. Register in person at the Vienna Community Center or online at www.viennava.gov/webtrac. Check out the Summer Program and Events guide online www.viennava.gov/parkguide, and start planning your summer fun strategy!

Seasonal Pickleball Hours in Effect

A new pickleball schedule is in effect at Glyndon Park from March 1- Nov. 30. For seasonal hours and to reserve a court, visit www.viennava.gov/courts or call 703-255-6360.

Last Call for Liberty Amendments Month (LAM) Presenters

Celebrating the history and cultures surrounding the passage of the 13th, 14th, 15th, and 19th Amendments, Liberty Amendments Month takes place June 15-July 15, 2024. Each week features programs, educational events, lectures and discussions, pop-up events, music and entertainment for the whole family! Volunteers, sponsors and organizations are invited to present LAM programs and events. Want to get involved? Visit www.viennava.gov/libertyamendments for more information and an application, or email lily.widman@viennava.gov or call 703-255-5738. Application deadline is April 3.



Vienna Green Expo

Thursday, April 18, 7-9 p.m.
Vienna Community Center

Wise owls know going green is easier than you think! Join dozens of local exhibitors who will offer information on

- ▶ energy efficiency and solar power
- ▶ water conservation
- ▶ planting natives and eliminating invasives
- ▶ living with wildlife
- ▶ bee keeping ▶ composting ▶ ...and more!

Plus – check out the live birds of prey exhibit and the “Ask Me Anything” environmental sessions! For more information visit www.viennava.gov/expo.



The Green Expo is sponsored by the Town of Vienna Conservation and Sustainability Commission.



Taking the Guesswork out of Recycling

BY MALA PERSAUD AND BILL COMERFORD, CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Ever wonder what happens to those recyclables you place curbside each week? The process is so seamless that most people never give another thought to what happens when the hauler takes them away. A visit to the Republic sorting facility in Manassas—where much of Vienna’s recycling goes—was an eye-opening lesson about the work that goes into sorting through the tens of thousands of pounds of recycling Northern Virginia residents generate every week.

The job should be to sort only through plastic bottles, jugs, aluminum cans, paper and cardboard and send them off for processing by other facilities. However, non-recyclable waste, such as shredded paper, plastic wrap, broken furniture, yard waste and clothing is often put into curbside bins, which makes sorting more difficult.

The first view of the process was that of two-story-high mountains of plastic, paper, cans and cardboard waiting to be put onto the conveyor belt for sorting. Then the overwhelming pile is gradually dropped onto a conveyor belt for sorting by workers. Non-recyclables are pulled by hand off the belt at various stages of the operation and sent to a landfill. Jugs, jars and bottles are all different types of plastic that must be separated from each other, baled, and sent off to different specialized recycling facilities.

It was surprising to see how much of the waste is sorted by hand in difficult conditions that could be prevented if more residents reduced and recycled correctly. The biggest challenges for the plant are shredded paper, film plastics like plastic bags and wrap and shower curtains, all of which clog the machines and slow operations considerably.

You can help ensure a smooth process by reducing waste, and properly recycling. Don’t put anything other than what your hauler will accept in the recycling bin. In Vienna, it’s clean, dry plastic jugs, bottles and tubs, cans, and paper. Nothing food-soiled as it attracts pests at the recovery facility.

Taking pride in our collective roles as conscious consumers and stewards of the planet will go a long way toward protecting it for generations to come.

For more information, visit www.viennava.gov/recycling. ♻️





Gentle Reminder: Time to Tidy the Lawn, It's the Law

As warm weather approaches, homeowners and lawn services will be hard at work trimming hedges and mowing lawns. Overgrown grass and landscaping are unbecoming, and they create public health and safety risks. The Town's zoning ordinance requires property owners and managers to maintain lawn and grass areas at no taller than 6 inches in height. Property owners and managers are also required to keep shrubs, grass and other landscaping on their property trimmed so that they do not encroach into public sidewalks and streets. While most people take pride in keeping their property tidy, Town staff will enforce the regulations with those who do not comply with the law. For more information, contact the Town's zoning compliance officer at DPZEnforcement@viennava.gov.

For Yard Waste - Please Remember the Rules

Flowers are blooming, trees are budding, and spring cleanup season is underway throughout the Town of Vienna! Public works crews are ready to remove residential yard waste placed curbside, but please remember, there are limits to the weekly pickups.

Yard waste - Crews will pick up yard waste consisting of grass, leaves, small clippings, acorns and similar debris. (Sorry, sod, mulch and dirt are not picked up by the Town.) Yard waste should be dropped directly into a waste can or in kraft paper bags and placed curbside. Weekly yard-waste pickup limit is 20 bags per address weighing no more than 40 pounds each. Plastic bags are no longer accepted and will not be picked up.

Brush - Please keep brush separate from other yard waste and place it in a trash can or stack it neatly at the curb for pickup. Brush size is limited to 8 feet or less in length and 6 inches or less in diameter. The maximum weekly brush pile limit is 4' x 4' x 8' per address.

For more information about curbside trash, yard waste and recycling service, visit www.viennava.gov/recycling.



Keeping Your Drinking Water Safe

Each spring, the Town's water treatment process switches from combined chlorine to free chlorine to clean out the water distribution system. Public works crews also flush water mains at the same time to ensure the Town's 900+ fire hydrants operate properly. All of this may leave you wondering if your water is safe to drink during the process.

"You may notice a chlorine taste or odor in your drinking water during the time that free chlorine is used," said Emily Goodman, Town of Vienna Meters, and Water Quality Supervisor, "but the water is still absolutely safe to drink."

Goodman says if you do notice a change, you can reduce the chlorine taste or smell by running the cold tap for 2-5 minutes, refrigerating cold tap water in an open container, or using a water filter. All of these strategies will help improve taste during the water treatment period.

The process began on March 25 and will continue through May 6. The work takes place from 10:30 p.m. until 7 a.m. To learn more about Vienna's water main flushing program, visit <https://bit.ly/WaterMainFlushing>.



Get To Know the New Public Works Director: Five Minutes with Brad Baer

Tell us a little bit about yourself?

I'm originally from the Chicago suburbs, and I went to the University of Iowa and University of Wisconsin-Madison. I'm a 22-year U.S. Navy veteran and served in construction, facilities management, and public works positions both overseas and throughout the United States; which brought me to this area in 2016 where my family and I chose to settle down.

What attracted you to the job?

One of the highlights of my career was serving as the Public Works Director for a new Navy base, and I was attracted by the opportunity to serve at the director level

again where I could support the workforce, the community, and contribute to delivering the breadth of exceptional public works services for the Town of Vienna.

Life outside of Public Works. What are your favorite things to do or enjoy?

I love spending time with my family and supporting their sports and activities every chance I get. I'm a do-it-yourselfer, I enjoy doing home improvements and projects around the house. I have a lot of tools and several projects I started but haven't quite finished; including an old car I'm in the process of repairing (or taking apart) – I promise to finish what I start in Vienna!

What exciting initiatives you want to accomplish as the town's new Public Works Director?

Right now my focus is on a smooth continuation of services, projects, and the annual budget; while filling key vacancies. I'm always looking for ideas and efficiency in our processes, and I'm excited about capital improvement planning, shaping future initiatives and recapitalization of our infrastructure.

What was your first job?

I started working as a paperboy when I was in middle school, and I quickly learned that it is frowned upon to do your early-morning paper route on a motorcycle.



Your baseball walk-up song would be...

It's a toss up between "Takin' Care of Business," by Bachman-Turner Overdrive, or "Ain't No Rest for the Wicked," by Cage the Elephant, in respect for the military, first responders, and critical service providers (Public Works) who are always on duty regardless of the weather, time of day, day of the week or holiday! 🎸



"Mayor and Chief at Your Service" Encore Presentation

Community members filled the Vienna Police Community Room and took a long walk down memory lane at the first "Mayor and Chief at Your Service" event of the year on Feb. 13. It was an event of historic proportions as local Vienna historian and author, Jim Lewis, explored the life and times of Charles Russell Lowell Jr., a Civil War soldier, who had a special connection to Vienna.

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



Creating a Sense of Community through Public Art



BY COUNCILMEMBER
HOWARD SPRINGSTEEN

Last month Councilmember Ray Brill talked about **Keys that Make Vienna a Great Small Town**. This month I would like to talk about some of our town’s wonderful art organizations and give a shout out to the dedicated volunteers that provide public art to our community.

First is the Vienna Public Art Commission (VPAC), a Council-appointed body that meets publicly the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. Its seven members and two student representatives have spearheaded many wonderful public art projects over the years including the large mural behind the Vienna Shopping Center, the Liberty Amendments Month mural outside the Patrick Henry Library and my favorite, the “Taking Flight” bronze sculpture in front of the Vienna Community Center. Of course, the Love sign near the Northside Park bridge has become an iconic public art feature in our community and organizations and schools are encouraged to reserve dates to decorate the sign by submitting an application, which is available online: www.viennava.gov/love. Soon, Harmony Garden at Centennial Park will open offering a musical twist to the Town’s public art initiatives near the Caboose.

The Vienna Arts Society (VAS) also takes an active role in fulfilling its mission “to enrich our community through art.” The VAS Art Center serves as a place for the community to gather for monthly member meetings, which are always open to the public with free art lectures and demonstrations, receptions and other work. Classes and workshops for children and adults are offered there as well, and a community mixer from 4-7 p.m. every third Thursday of the month gives Vienna art lovers a chance to see art displays, meet the artists and connect with friends and neighbors. The Center artists, individuals and community groups may rent the Art Center for meetings, shows, classes, exhibits or special occasions by calling (703)-319-3971.

Finally the Vienna Public Art Foundation (VPAF) is a relative newcomer to town. The local non-profit (501c) charitable organization was established in recent years to raise funds to support public art projects in the Town of Vienna. The five-member foundation meets monthly. For more information about VPAF and to learn about its projects and how you can help, visit www.viennavapublicart.org. 📍



Fairfax County Offers Property Tax Relief/Exemptions

Did you know seniors, people with disabilities, veterans and others may qualify for real estate or personal property tax relief in Fairfax County? Tax exemptions are also available for active-duty military, and surviving spouses of a first responder or member of the U.S. Armed Forces killed in the line of duty. Property equipped with solar technology, vans used for van pools and vintage vehicles may also qualify for tax breaks.

Tax exemptions and credits are based on several criteria, including income and asset eligibility requirements. To find out if you qualify for a tax break and to learn how to apply, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/taxes/relief. 📍

Word From Juan

Stop Millionaire Phone Scams



Phone scams are on the rise, and fraudsters are getting good at tapping into their victim’s emotions to achieve their goal: stealing their hard-earned money! Even victims who have a heightened awareness of these fraudulent schemes have been fooled, because the scammers seem to have a plausible answer for every challenging question. In fact, some victims have unwittingly surrendered

millions of dollars, even here in the Town of Vienna.

You may be wondering why this type of crime is on the rise. Think about it: if you were a criminal and had to choose between robbing a bank or scamming someone online or on the phone, which would you choose? Scammers are choosing the latter because it’s easier, safer, and more lucrative. They can be based anywhere in the world and all they need is a computer and a cell phone to ruin someone’s life for their own financial gain.

Scammers are patient and methodical. They often look for people who are lonely, vulnerable, or going through a rough patch in their lives. They know how to manipulate your emotions and trick you into doing things that you wouldn’t normally do. They know how to make you feel love, fear, trust, or empathy and use those emotions against you. New technology like AI (Artificial Intelligence) makes it easier for them to impersonate someone they are not.



The next time you get a phone call, an email, or a message from someone asking for money, gift cards, your bank account number or your credit card number, please be careful. No bank will ever call to ask for these things, and neither will any other legitimate business. The best way to be sure the person you are talking to is legitimate is to hang up the phone, and call the bank number on the back of your credit card or look up the business number yourself and call it back. If the bank or company reps or even your own friends and family say all is well, you’ll know you were being targeted by a scammer. Don’t let your guard down and don’t let your emotions cloud your judgment. Stay safe out there! 📞

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.



**Topic on deck:
FY25 Town Budget**

If you’ve ever wondered where your local tax dollars go, this is your chance to ask! Join Town Manager Mercury Payton and Finance Director Marion Serfass for an overview of the proposed FY25 Town budget and public input opportunities, and learn how local, state and federal tax dollars are used to keep the Town running.

On Deck with Mercury is a monthly community forum inviting residents to participate in an open discussion about Town accomplishments, initiatives, and projects. If you missed previous programs, including the last episode on updating Vienna’s Comprehensive Plan, you can still see them on the Town YouTube channel:

<https://bit.ly/MercuryOnDeck>. 📺

ON DECK
WITH MERCURY

6 P.M.
TUESDAY, APRIL 9

LOCATION:
MAGGIO'S AND
SKORPIOS RESTAURANT
421 MAPLE AVE., E.
VIENNA



Vienna businesses with staying power

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

35 YEARS
PRINCESS JEWELERS

30 YEARS
NORTHERN VIRGINIA CONTRACTING, INC.
SILVER STAR MOTORS, INC.

25 YEARS
EMCON CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION
WHITE SWAN, INC.

20 YEARS
FREDA SMITH VITTONI, LPC, LLC

10 YEARS
EARLY STEPS BILINGUAL PRESCHOOL II, INC.
LOMBARDI'S PIZZA

5 YEARS
ALGONQUIAN MECHANICAL, LLC
ASAH CREATIVE LAB, LLC
BALANCE ART ACUPUNCTURE, LLC
CABOOSE TAVERN, LLC
JUNIOR CONCRETE & STONE, LLC
LDK5, LLC
MAXZM, INC.
ODIN'S WARRIOR TRIBE
ORCHARD INVESTMENTS, LLC
ORGANIC NAILS & SPA
PRICE LAW, PLC
VIRGINIA TIRE & AUTO OF VIENNA



Picture it!

Vienna, 1920. The Egg-a-Day Farm reportedly named for a white, leghorn hen that produced 365 eggs in a year, was situated off Rt. 123 just outside the Town near 2584 Plum Tree Ct. That's generally between the present-day Flagship Carwash and Emmanuel Lutheran Church (with a long lane connecting the farm to Rt. 123). ↻

Mayor's Pet of the Month

It's double the adorable this month with Luna and Reggie! Luna is a 5-year-old chihuahua-yorkie mix and Reggie is a 16-year-old Turkish Angora. These easy-to-love members of the Tuazon-Rice family are best buddies and social butterflies who love making new friends with other kinds of pets. They both enjoy the outdoors, especially when they get to patrol the backyard and keep their owners safe, but they always find time to bring joy and emotional support to their families.

Congratulations, Luna and Reggie! You are 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 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.

MEET THE MAYOR

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, May 3, from 9-10:30 a.m. at Simply Social Coffee, 260 Cedar Lane, SE. 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. The next walk is on Friday, April 19. Meet in front of Town Hall 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. 📺

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



HAPPENINGS around town

Historic Vienna Program

**Thursday, April 4
7:30 p.m.**

George D. Oberle III and Annabelle Spencer of George Mason University present “Uncovering Hidden Histories in Southeast Vienna”. This presentation at Vienna Town Hall features a never-before-told story of an enslaved woman named Sarah Ann who escaped from the Follin plantation in Southeast Vienna on the Underground Railroad to Warsaw, NY. The presentation is free and open to the public.

VBA Get Healthy Vienna Expo

**Saturday, April 6
10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Here’s a chance to get connected with fitness and wellness option in the Vienna-Oakton area! Stop into the Vienna Community Center and learn about the vast array of Vienna businesses and organizations that can help you reach your fitness and wellness goals. The expo also features a Kids and Families Zone with children’s activities throughout the day. The Get Healthy Vienna Expo is presented by the Vienna Business Association (VBA).

Lions Club Dining for Dollars Fundraiser

Tuesday, April 9 • 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Enjoy a delicious meal and support a worthy cause by dining at Foster’s Grille on the second Tuesday of every 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 and hearing aids, please bring them with you to donate. For more information contact Lion Tom at golfertom1943@gmail.com

5K and 1 Mile Fun Run

Sunday, April 14 • 8 a.m.

Here’s a great way to get in some exercise and support Vienna Elementary School at the same time! Prizes will be awarded for the top three finishers in the 5K and 1-mile fun run. Learn more and sign up online: <https://sites.google.com/vespta5krun.org/5krun/home>

Paper Shredding Event

Saturday, April 20 • 9 a.m.-12 p.m.



Here’s your chance to purge some old tax files and other office paper! You’re invited to bring up to two copy-paper-sized boxes per car to this free paper shredding event at Vienna Volunteer Fire Department located at 400 Center St., S. All shredding will occur on site, and all standard paper documents, including staples and paperclips, old checks and checkbooks are accepted for shredding.

American Legion Breakfast Buffet Fundraiser

Sunday, April 21 • 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Celebrate Spring at the American Legion Post 180’s legendary breakfast buffet! Enjoy Joe’s made-to-order omelets, scrambled eggs, potatoes, bacon, sausage, pancakes, Vienna’s own Gravy Lady’s renowned sausage gravy & biscuits, fruit and Post 180 cake. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children younger than 12. For more information call 703-409-3564. American Legion Post 180 is located at 330 Center St. N., Vienna. Proceeds will be used to support local Girls’ State and youth activities.

Flower Show

Sunday, April 28 • 1-6 p.m.

Enjoy a special flower show, “Wildlife in Windover Heights” at the Green Hedges School, 415 Windover Ave., NW. This creative presentation during this year’s Walk on the Hill is hosted by District III of the National Capital Area Garden Clubs and will offer amazing floral designs that include locally grown plants. The show is free and open to the public. For more information, call Kate Abrahams at 703-304-1709.

Ayr Hill Garden Club Plant Sale

**Saturday, May 11
Preorder online through April 28**

Preorder plants for your garden and support the Ayr Hill Garden Club’s efforts to beautify five Vienna public gardens at the same time! The sale outside the Freeman Store & Museum features native Virginia plants that will attract beneficial birds and insects to your garden, and club-nurtured plants that grow well in Vienna. For pickup details and to preorder, visit <https://ahgcplantsale.square.site>. More plants/crafts and other vendors will be available on May 11 during your pick up!



Preschool Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, May 4 • 3 p.m.

Are you a former student or parent of FB Meekins Cooperative Preschool? Do you know someone who used to go to Meekins? We need you! In 2024, Meekins is celebrating its 60th anniversary in the Town of Vienna. We want to hear from former Meekins students and families to find out where they are now and to invite them to the celebration on the Meekins playground (900 Maple Ave., E, Vienna). Visit <https://bit.ly/meekins60> and share your story with us!

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Fire & Rescue
Emergency**
911
(Voice & TDD)

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

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

Vienna Town Hall
703-255-6300 voice
TTY Virginia Relay 711
127 Center Street South
Vienna, VA 22180-5179
Monday-Friday • 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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VIENNA
VOICE

April TOWN CALENDAR

2	Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 p.m.	18	Board of Architectural Review • 7:30 p.m.
6	Fishing Rodeo (Wildwood Park)	19	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 8 p.m.
6	Town Cleanup Day (Town Green) • 9 a.m.-12 p.m.	20	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 8 p.m.
8	Town Council Meeting • 7:30 p.m. (Public hearing on FY25 proposed budget, water & sewer rates)	24	Planning Commission • 7:30 p.m.
9	On Deck with Mercury • 6-7 p.m.	25	Conservation and Sustainability Commission (VCC) • 7:30 p.m.
10	Planning Commission • 7:30 p.m.	26	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 8 p.m.
11	Town Business Liaison Committee Meeting • 7 p.m.	27	Taste of Vienna (VFD) • 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
13	NOVA Model Railroaders Open House • 1-5 p.m.	27	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 8 p.m.
15	Town Council Work Session (VPD) • 7 p.m.	28	Walk on the Hill • 2 p.m.
16	Mayor's Volunteer Recognition	28	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 2 p.m.
16	Vienna Public Art Commission (VCC) • 7 p.m.	29	Town Council Meeting • 7:30 p.m. (Public hearing on FY25 Tax Rate)
17	Board of Zoning Appeals • 7:30 p.m.	30	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee • 7 p.m.
18	Green Expo (VCC) • 7-9 p.m.	30	Transportation Safety Commission • 8 p.m.

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