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40 Years of Fun!

ViVa! Vienna is almost “over the hill.” Since 1984, people of all ages have come together to celebrate the warm-weather season in Vienna at this beloved Memorial Day weekend event. This year, the festival is set to mark its milestone 40th anniversary from May 25-27, on historic Church Street!

The whole family can enjoy seemingly endless carnival rides, games, live entertainment across three stages, and shopping booths and vendors (including arts, crafts and locally made artisan items). If that’s not enough, don’t forget about the countless culinary delights from all over the world with options for every kind of craving. On Monday, May 27, at 1 p.m., the main stage will feature a Memorial Day tribute to those who lost their lives in service to our country.

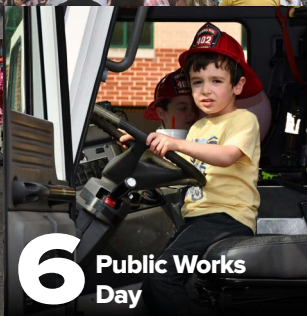
Returning this year is Brewfest Beer Garden on Mill Street, featuring an array of beer from local breweries, wine, more food options, and live music. While Brewfest is open to all ages, those who wish to purchase and consume alcohol must provide a valid I.D. to verify legal age, obtain a wristband and show the wristband when purchasing alcoholic beverages. All alcohol must be consumed within the restricted area of Brewfest.

This Town tradition is hosted by The Rotary Club of Vienna in partnership with the Town of Vienna. It serves as a major fundraising opportunity for the Rotary Club, which uses the proceeds to support charitable, educational and community groups in the Vienna area. In its inaugural year, 1984, ViVa! Vienna raised \$2500, enabling local children to attend summer camp. In 2023, the event raised nearly \$200,000 bringing the 40-year total raised to more than \$3 million! This year, for its 40th anniversary, Rotary hopes to raise \$250,000 for charitable causes.

For more information, including daily schedules, maps, and parking details, visit www.vivavienna.org.



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New Freeman Store Bridge Opens

Despite soggy weather, community members and local and state dignitaries turned out on Saturday, March 23, 2024, to celebrate the opening of the new Freeman Store pedestrian bridge. Construction was completed in November 2023, restoring an important link to the Town's history. The new ADA-compliant, steel and wooden passageway was constructed to modern-day standards and looks much as it did many years ago.

Since the Freeman Store opened in 1859, it has been a store, a home, a train depot, a hotel, a hospital, an officers' quarters, and a fire department, and the pedestrian bridge over Piney Branch to the store's side entrance has been an integral part of the structure. The bridge that existed prior to the new bridge collapsed in 2016, leaving only concrete footers behind. The new bridge was several years in the making and completion was delayed for COVID-19 pandemic-related reasons.

After a brief indoor ceremony and outdoor ribbon cutting to officially open the new bridge, participants returned inside to get the first look at the store's new museum exhibits, "Exploring Books Throughout Time" and "Vienna Unveiled Through Maps." Stop by and see them for yourself! The Freeman Store is open from 12-4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. 📍



Annex Building Comes Down

It's a work in progress, but the Town's Annex building demolition is underway. The Town's contractor began tearing down the building on Monday, April 15, 2024, and demolition and removal is expected to continue through May.

The Town Council voted to tear down the Annex building June 5, 2023, after an extensive feasibility study and a robust public outreach campaign were conducted to determine future use. With a price tag of more than a million dollars, it was determined to be too costly to bring the Annex building up to code for parks and recreation use, and the Council opted instead to start from scratch in accordance with community feedback.

The Town is still in the midst of the Annex Long-Term Use Study, and staff members are exploring alternative temporary uses for the property to ensure that it can provide benefits to the community until long-term plans are finalized and implemented. Temporary uses will require a conditional use permit, which the Town Council is expected to discuss at the May 20 Council meeting.

The Town bought the former Faith Baptist Church property in 2020, and it served as a temporary police headquarters while the new Vienna Police Department building was being constructed next door.

For Annex property status updates, visit www.viennava.gov/annexstudy. 📍





Traffic Signal Upgrades Begin

After a lengthy construction administrative process, work is now underway to upgrade 14 traffic signals along Nutley Street and Maple Avenue to modern-day standards. The Town’s contractor is focusing first on the two intersections that require full signal replacement, and will then begin adding updated equipment on the remaining signals along the two streets.



“Work at the intersection of Maple Avenue and Follin Lane and the intersection of Nutley Street and Tapawingo Road are very old and need to be replaced,” said Town transportation engineer Andrew Jinks. “Those locations require new concrete footers to be poured, new light poles, and boring underground to install new communication lines before updated signals can be installed.”

Jinks says the Maple Avenue, Follin Lane intersection will also get an additional feature to enhance pedestrian safety.

“That intersection currently has crosswalks, but no pedestrian crossing signals,” Jinks said. “The contractor will remedy that situation and install the crossing signals at the same time that the new traffic signal is installed.”

The technology currently used for the town’s main arteries was state-of-the-art when it was installed in the late 1990s, but the system was not designed to accommodate the volume of traffic that passes through Vienna today, and motorists sometimes grow frustrated by signal delays. Jinks says barring any unforeseen circumstances or weather delays, the new, more efficient signal system along Nutley Street and Maple Avenue is expected to be operational by May 2025.

For more information on the project, visit www.viennava.gov/signals. 📍

Come Out and Play!

**Parks and Recreation Community Meeting
May 16, 2024**

Location: Vienna Community Center

Time: 6-8 p.m.

The Town of Vienna is developing its first-ever Parks and Recreation Master Plan, Our Plan to Play, and you’re invited to participate in this community meeting to share your thoughts and ideas to help inform the plan!



A parks and recreation master plan outlines the goals and vision of a community’s parks, recreational programs, events, trails, and open spaces. It focuses on identifying specific strategies to better serve our community and helps facilitate a prioritized set of improvements that reflect the community’s shared values and needs.

Already, hundreds of residents have submitted responses to a statistically valid, random-sample survey, and this month, those who did not receive the questionnaire are invited to respond to an open online survey which will be posted on the Town’s website in May: www.viennava.gov/plantoplay. A survey link will also be made available in the June issue of Vienna Voice and through the Town’s social media channel. 📍

Warmer Weather Calls for Conservation

The U.S. population has doubled in the last 50 years, and water usage has tripled! Water usage always goes up in warm-weather months, which is why it is important to be good stewards of our natural resources and use water wisely. Conserving water saves property owners money on utility bills and reduces community expenses for water and wastewater treatment. It also reduces the cost of energy needed to heat and pump water, and it keeps the environment healthy by reducing the need to divert water from rivers, bays, and other water bodies.

Most household water usage comes from bathroom and kitchen fixtures, washing machines, and pipe leaks. Here are some

simple things you can do to ensure you are using water wisely:

- Monitor your water consumption. If your water consumption rises, check for leaks. Toilet leaks are the most common household leak.
- Purchase high-efficiency appliances and low-flow showerheads.
- Irrigate responsibly. Consider adding mulch to flower beds to make irrigation more efficient, learn about the “cycle-and-soak” irrigation method, and purchase native, climate-appropriate plants.
- Use a dishwasher rather than wash dishes by hand, and only run the dishwasher when it is fully loaded.



- Take showers rather than baths. A 10-minute shower uses 25 gallons of water, compared to 35 – 50 gallons for a bath.

For more water conservation information and tips on how to find leaks, visit: www.epa.gov/watersense. 📍

Updates from Vienna Parks & Recreation

Stay in the Know with Vienna Happenings!

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

Summer Park Registration Opens May 6!

Stake your claim to summer fun with Vienna Parks and Recreation programs, classes, and camps! 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 people 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 of fun!

Mayor's Fitness Challenge Homestretch Through Saturday, May 11



There's still time for you to participate in the Mayor's Fitness Challenge and help keep the trophy in Vienna. 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!" Town residents, 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. Hurry! The contest ends May 11.

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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.

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.

Senior Wellness and Safety Expo



**Friday, May 10
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Vienna Community Center**

Vienna Parks and Recreation presents the Wellness and Safety Expo for adults ages 55 and over at the Vienna Community Center. Attendees will benefit from medical

screenings and educational opportunities from many local vendors providing a wide range of resources to enhance the physical and mental well-being of older adults. This Wellness and Safety Expo will provide a wonderful environment to nurture personal interest, learn something new, foster friendships and gather vital information. For more information visit www.viennava.gov/wellness or contact Kathy Blevins at kblevins@viennava.gov or 703-255-7801.





Local Drinking Water Meets New Federal Safety Standards

On April 10, 2024, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced final national drinking water standards for six types of poly- and perfluoroalkyl substances known collectively as PFAS. These manmade chemicals are found throughout the environment after decades of use in industrial processes, and they can be harmful to human health at high levels. The new drinking water standards regulate the maximum containment levels (MCLs) of six PFAS compounds and establishes a health index for four other PFAS compounds.

Currently, the Town of Vienna purchases drinking water from Fairfax Water, which is distributed by the Town of Vienna’s water utility network to thousands of customers within and just outside Town limits. The Town of Vienna and Fairfax Water have been voluntarily testing for PFAS and all Town of Vienna drinking water test results show PFAS levels below the MCLs proposed by the EPA.

PFAS are used in coatings, paints, fabrics, and foams to resist heat, oil stains, grease, and water. They do not break down naturally and they build up in the environment over time, and water utilities are passive PFAS receivers as a result. Most humans are exposed to PFAS through food, consumer goods and drinking water.

The Town of Vienna recognizes that safe drinking water is vital in protecting public health, and the Town will continue to work with Fairfax Water and other regional partners to continue to provide customers with quality drinking water that meets federal safety standards. The Town of Vienna will also continue to stress the importance of protecting local water sources and the Town’s role in keeping drinking water supplies safe.

For additional information on Vienna’s drinking water quality, visit www.viennava.gov/water. To learn more about Fairfax Water’s PFAS monitoring, visit <https://bit.ly/ffxPFAS>. For more information regarding the new federal PFAS standards, visit <https://bit.ly/govpfas>.

Vienna Youth Players Auditions

Is there a budding actor in your family? Students ages 10 to 18 are invited to audition for Vienna Youth Players (VYP) summer production Newsies – a musical play based on the Disney film.

Audition Dates

Vienna Community Center Auditorium

May 25 - 12-4 p.m.

May 26 - 12-4 p.m.

May 28 - 4-5 p.m.

Callbacks: May 28 - 6-9 p.m.

For show dates and other details, and to sign up to audition for a part, visit www.viennava.gov/theatre. Prepare to sing about 16 bars (or 30 seconds) of song acapella. Wear comfy clothes and shoes that you can dance in.

Big Screen on the Green

Friday, May 17

6:30 p.m.

Town Green

(Bad weather location: Vienna Community Center)

Featured film: “Back to the Future”

Thanks to our series sponsor Navy Federal Credit Union!

Enjoy a movie under the stars at the Vienna Town Green. Complimentary water and popcorn will be available while supplies last. The May feature will help to kick off and celebrate ViVa Vienna’s 40th anniversary. Join us for kids activities, food trucks and information on Town services before the movie starts. Come dressed as your favorite character from the movie. For more information, visit www.viennava.gov/bigscreen.

Club Phoenix Teen Center Celebration

Friday, May 17

5-8:30 p.m.

Past, present, and future Club Phoenix members are invited to stop by the Teen Center to celebrate its 25th anniversary with a Teen Wellness Festival from 5-6:15 p.m. The event features vendors, lite refreshments, and entertainment plus a look at what’s in store for the center for the next 25 years! After the festival, participants are invited to the Club Phoenix Awards ceremony from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Community Center auditorium. The awards honor the hard work and diligence of our Club Phoenix Teen Center members, Teen Council, volunteers, and staff members. The Phoenix Awards will feature live music and dance performances from talented youth groups in the Town of Vienna. For more information contact Ianna Alhambra at 703-255-5736 or ianna.alhambra@viennava.gov.

Town Manager Takes the Mound

Check out the Baltimore Orioles’ new secret weapon! Vienna Town Manager Mercury Payton, a lifelong Baltimore Orioles fan, was selected to throw out the first pitch at the April 1 game at Camden Yard and set the pace for the O’s with a strike! (At least that’s how the Orioles’ mascot saw it.) The Birds defeated the Kansas City Royals with a walk-off home run!



May Flowers Usher in Spring Native Plant Sale



Three great things happen on the first Saturday in May this year – The Kentucky Derby, opening day of the Vienna Farmers Market and the Spring Native Plant Sale sponsored by the Town of Vienna Conservation and Sustainability Commission! The sale will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., SE and will feature seasonal plants that are native to the region. All plants are raised and sold by Hill House Garden Nursery and include flowering perennials, native shrubs, and small trees available for purchase.

During the sale, attendees can enter a free drawing to win a native tree and take full advantage of the Vienna Farmers Market, located in the Vienna Community Center parking lot. Each Saturday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., the market offers fresh produce, honey, homemade goods and more.

For more information about the Spring Native Plant Sale, email CSC@viennava.gov or call 703-255-6300. To learn more about the Conservation and Sustainability Commission, visit www.viennava.gov/csc. 📍

You're Invited!

Public Works Open House
May 16, 2024
Northside Property Yard
600 Mill St., NE
2-6 p.m.

All aboard for fun with Public Works Day at Northside Property Yard! This year's Vienna Public Works Department open house features big trucks, public safety displays, giveaways, snacks and more. Kids and kids at heart can climb aboard some of the Town's big trucks, tour the facility, and get an up-close look at the heavy machines, vehicles and equipment used for everything from trash removal, to leaf collection to snow removal to public safety. Meet public works employees and ask them anything. The event is held in conjunction with National Public Works Week. For more information, call 703-255-6380 or visit www.viennava.gov.



Earn Tax and Energy Credits with Solar Power

If you think solarizing your home is financially out of reach, think again. Solarize Virginia makes transitioning to solar easier and more affordable for Vienna residents and businesses, and solar power can drastically reduce your family's utility costs as well as your family's carbon footprint.

Vienna resident Chris Thayer went solar more than two years ago through Solarize Virginia, a community-based outreach initiative managed by the Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP) and promoted by the Town of Vienna's Conservation and Sustainability Commission. Though the initial cost was pretty steep, he knew the energy-efficient move would help the environment, qualify him for tax credits, reduce utility costs in his all-electric house, and eventually pay for itself.

"Most months my wife and I pay very little because our solar panels generate a good bit of energy," Thayer said. "Our highest bills come during the winter months when there is less daylight to generate energy, and even then, the bills range from around \$100-\$160, compared to more than \$300 before solar."

Thayer also realized another benefit. "Some of the electricity we generate goes back to the power grid," Thayer said, "and every once in a while, I get a small payment from the sale of SRECs (Solar Renewable Energy Certificates). That's all handled automatically."

Thayer says with the year-to-year savings and ongoing tax credits, the solar energy panels will probably pay for themselves in another four to five years.

You can sign up for Solarize Virginia through June 30, 2024. The program includes free assessments to ensure eligibility; pre-vetted installation contractors who are experienced, highly qualified and insured; discounted rates with minimal up-front costs; and ongoing support and education. To sign up for a free solar energy assessment, visit www.solarizeva.org, or sign up to learn more via a virtual Solarize Virginia information session at www.solarizeva.org/events.

Solarize Virginia also offers virtual information sessions, including one on May 7 specifically for Fairfax County residents. To register, visit www.solarizeva.org/events. 📍





Green Tips for a Lush Lawn

Are you looking for a healthy, lush, green lawn? When it comes to using fertilizer, you can obtain the yard you've always wanted and help protect the environment, too! Follow these simple tips to create a healthy lawn that's less susceptible to weeds and disease:



- Apply fertilizers only when it's necessary and at the recommended amount.
- If rain is in the forecast, hold off on applying fertilizer or it will be washed away and pollute the waterways.
- If you need to fertilize early, limit it to a light feeding (half-pound of 10-10-10 per 1000 sq. ft.) after the initial flush of growth has subsided in May or early June. Fertilizing too early encourages leaf growth at the expense of root development.
- Leave your mowed grass clippings on the lawn. They can cut down on your need for fertilizer and provide nitrogen and other nutrients to the soil.

If you spill fertilizer on sidewalks or driveways, sweep it up and reuse it later. This way it won't get washed into our streams and rivers. 📌



Celebrate National Bike Month

May is National Bike Month, and Vienna's low-speed and low-volume streets, picturesque scenery, and parkland trails provide the perfect incentive to explore the area by bike! Ready to roll? Here are some of the local National Bike Month activities planned for Vienna:

Wednesday, May 8 – National Bike and Roll to School Day. Students are encouraged to bike to school, and several schools have "Bike Trains" where students meet up and ride together to school. Check your school for local dates, times, and locations.

Friday, May 17 – Bike to Work Day. Leave your car at home and bike to work during this free, regional event sponsored by the Metropolitan Washington Council of

Governments and the Washington Area Bicyclists Association (WABA). The Town's Bicycle Advisory Committee will host the Vienna Pit Stop from 6:30-9:30 a.m. at the Town Green. Bike techs will be on-hand to assist with minor repairs. To register, visit www.biketoworkmetrodc.org.

Sunday, May 19 – Family Bike Ride. Join the Town's Bicycle Advisory Committee for a fun, casual, family bike ride around Town. The six-mile ride from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. begins and ends at the Community Center and most of the ride will take place on Town streets. This event is free. Bring your bike, helmet (required), and a water bottle. Bike techs will be on-hand to assist with minor repairs.

Are you interested in more rides? Our town's three bike shops offer organized rides throughout the year, not to mention bike maintenance classes. For more information, contact the shops directly. 📌

Mayor's Pet of the Month

Meet Buddha! This Tibetan Spaniel is just like his name implies: he's soft, sweet, and a great guardian and teacher to the family's newest puppy, Falkor (also known as "Luck Dragon" from the "Never Ending Story"). Buddha sometimes gets mistaken as a puppy thanks to his playful demeanor, but the 19-year-old pooch has helped guide the Matanov family's two children, Landon and Skye, their whole lives.

Congratulations, Buddha! 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.



Open for business

Town of Vienna business licenses were issued in March to:

Client Center Nutrition, LLC
Home Business
506 Roland St., SW

Vienna Tobacco
Sales-Tobacco Products
401 Maple Ave., E

Hair Luv Studio, LLC
Hair Salon
262 Cedar Lane, SE, #101

Woodfire Brands, LLC
Bakery
303 Mill St., NE, #B

Maya's Mani Magic, LLC
Nail Technician
202 Cedar Lane, SE, #N-105

Vienna businesses with staying power

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

30 YEARS
ANIMAL DENTAL CLINIC, INC.

5 YEARS
**APOLLO III PRESENTS
ARLINGTON LASER SCULPTURE
CENTER, LLC**

25 YEARS
DAVE SHEPHERD MAGIC

**CLEAR THINK CORPORATION
INSERT HERO, LLC
JUSTICE AND EQUITY
SOLUTIONS, LLC**

20 YEARS
ANALYTEKS, INC.

**MAPLE TAILORING
RUSSELL CELLULAR/VERIZON
STUDY HOUSE EDUCATION
YAN'S ART STUDIO**

10 YEARS
**LESLIE L. MEYER
MAPLE MEDICAL GROUP**

Economic Development Week Highlights Town Businesses

Vienna businesses are sure to get a boost during Economic Development Week May 6-10, 2024! The Town's Economic Development Department has a robust week of activities planned to highlight Vienna's blooming business districts and educational opportunities to help local businesses thrive.



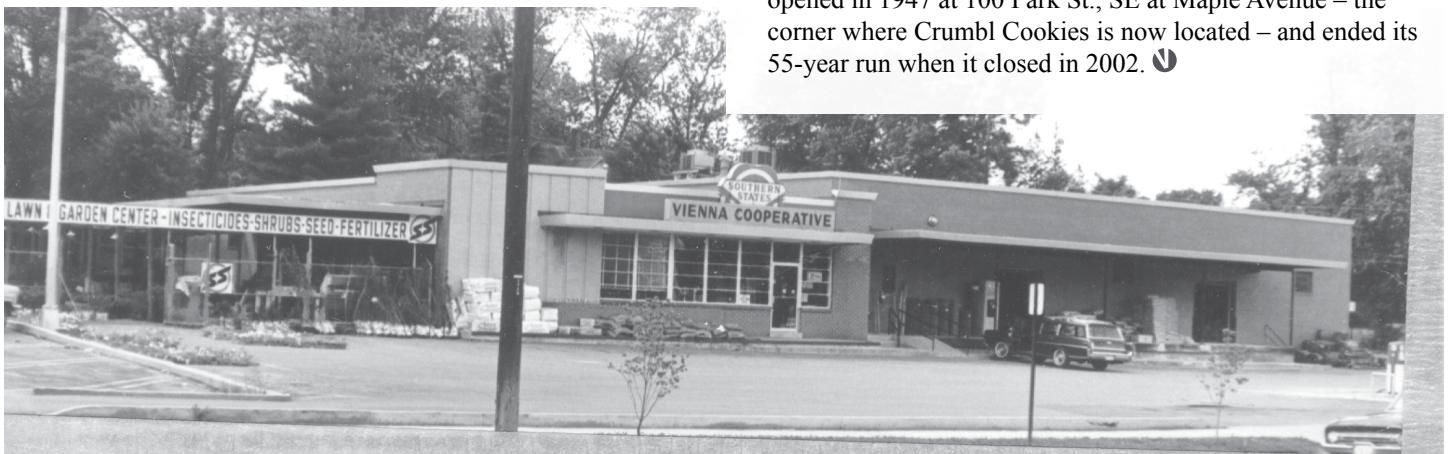
“We want the community to really understand that our economic development goals in the Town of Vienna are unique to our community,” said Economic Development Director Natalie Guilmeus. “Our small-town charm and one-of-a-kind businesses make up a very special brand that brings in visitors, boosts our economy and helps alleviate financial pressures on the Town and taxpayers.”

Residents can help keep Vienna's economy healthy by shopping locally as much as possible during Economic Development Week and the rest of the year. From unique gifts to everyday services to diverse dining options to suit every taste, Vienna businesses have a lot to offer. Best of all, they're just minutes from your door!

To learn more about Vienna Economic Development Week, visit www.exploreviennava.com.

Picture it!

Vienna, 1965. It's spring planting season, and Southern States Cooperative is Vienna's go-to place for lawn, garden, and hobby farm supplies. The Vienna location opened in 1947 at 100 Park St., SE at Maple Avenue – the corner where Crumbl Cookies is now located – and ended its 55-year run when it closed in 2002.





Beware: Financial Scammers are Targeting Students



As banking evolves with the times, so do the tactics that thieves use to steal your money. The scheme via electronic check deposits is complicated, and the result can be devastating.

The swindle usually begins when a fraudster posing as a hiring agent contacts people who are desperately looking online for a job or internship, like students or recent college graduates. The scammers tell the students they are candidates for a job, and conduct interviews via phone, text, or email - never in person.

After the “interview,” the students are always told they got the job or internship and have been hired. The scammers then email their victims forms, much like a legitimate hiring manager would do. The unsuspecting students email the completed forms back with personal information, and then receive images of checks via email, and are told to cut them to size and electronically deposit them in their bank account to pay for their work equipment.

The bank typically gives the students or graduates immediate credit because of their good relationship with the bank. The scammer then immediately instructs their victims to send payments to various vendor accounts to pay for their office equipment. After a few days, the bank attempts to verify the deposited checks and realizes the notes are fake. The bank reverses the transactions to each student’s account, and now the students owe thousands of dollars!

Young people, please beware! Legitimate hiring managers do not conduct final interviews via email or by phone. Most want to meet you in person, or at least via video call. And if your new job requires new equipment, the companies typically furnish that to you. As always, if an offer seems too good to be true, it is probably a scam. ⤵

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.



Mayor & Chief at Your Service

Get set for the second forum of the year featuring Mayor Linda Colbert and Vienna Police Chief Jim Morris on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 7 p.m. at the Vienna Police Department Community Room. The topic of this session will focus on phone and internet scams that have already cost Vienna residents of all ages hundreds of thousands of dollars. Learn about the latest scams, including one that targets recent college graduates, and find out how you can protect yourself from falling victim to these scams.

Afterward, Chief Morris and Mayor Colbert will be available to take questions on any Town topic. Refreshments will be served. The Vienna Police Department is located at 215 Center St. S., Vienna. ⤵



Vienna Rotary Bestows “Service Above Self” Awards

Congratulations are in order for **Town of Vienna Police** Sergeant Pete Elias, **Town of Vienna Parks and Recreation Administration Assistant Joy Harrington**, and **Vienna Volunteer Fire Department’s** Jessica Mesich for being named this year’s M. Jane Seeman “Service Above Self” Award recipients!

The **Rotary Club of Vienna Virginia** presented the awards on April 17 at Westwood Country Club. The Rotary also presented checks to both the Town and the Fire Department to support youth outreach and fire department infrastructure needs. ⤵





Calling All Artists - Proposals Wanted for Public Art

How would you beautify the brick trash enclosure outside the Vienna Community Center? If you're an experienced artist who is up to the challenge, the Vienna Public Art Commission (VPAC) wants to hear from you!

The Commission is accepting proposals from professional artists experienced in creating public art. While there is no specific requirement regarding theme or subject matter, the artwork should have the potential for becoming a landmark identifier and be suitable for display at a family friendly facility. The commission prefers submissions for clay, metal or wood art creations to enhance the appearance of the brick enclosure. The new feature will be the latest example of public art ranging from sculptures to murals throughout town.

The selected artist will receive artist fees and fabrication expenses. For more information about proposal requirements, visit www.viennava.gov/VPAC. The proposal submission deadline is June 15, 2024. 📍

MEET THE MAYOR

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

- **Meet the Mayor:** 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 Guilmeus 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, May 17. 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](https://www.facebook.com/TownofViennaVA). 📺



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HAPPENINGS

around town



2024 Vienna Farmers Market Opening

Saturday, May 4 • 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Join the Vienna Optimist Club for opening day of the Vienna Farmers Market in the Vienna Community Center parking lot! Stop by and explore dozens of local vendors featuring everything from fresh produce, flowers, baked goods and other unique offerings. Enjoy live music as you shop. The Vienna Farmers Market is open every Saturday morning from May through October. Proceeds support the Optimist Club's community youth programs.

NEVCA Membership Meeting

Thursday, May 9 • 7:30 p.m.

The Town of Vienna Parks Master Plan will be a main topic of discussion at the Northeast Vienna Community Association annual membership meeting at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., SE. Parks director Leslie Herman and deputy director Nicole Falceto will provide an overview of the upcoming Parks Master Plan project, with time for Q&A, after which ideas will be solicited from members and guests to rate level of support for potential action DPR could take to develop new parks and programs, and/or improve existing facilities, amenities, and programs. Door prizes will be awarded.

Lions Club Dining for Dollars Fundraiser

Tuesday, May 14 • 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Enjoy a delicious meal and support a worthy cause by dining at Foster's Grille in Vienna 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 to donate, please bring them with you. For more information contact Lion Tom at golfertom1943@gmail.com.

Third Thursday Evening of Art

Thursday, May 16 • 4-7 p.m.

Enjoy a sip and a bite while checking out the Vienna Arts Society (VAS) gallery and gift shop. This month we're celebrating our newest members, to include experienced artists as well as those just beginning their artistic journeys. The gallery is located in the Windover Professional Building, 243 Church St. NE, Suite 100. For gallery hours and information about upcoming events, visit www.ViennArtsSociety.org.

American Legion Breakfast Buffet

Sunday May 19, 2024 • 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Celebrate May 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 under 12. Proceeds will be used to support Girls State and youth activities. For more information call 703-409-3564. American Legion Post 180 is located at 330 Center St. N., Vienna, Va.

Madison Jazz Band Performance

Wednesday, May 29 • 7 p.m.

Enjoy great jazz music performed by the Madison High School Jazz Band at Vienna's own Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E. Support our local teens at this Night of Jazz performance while relaxing and grabbing a bite at a beloved music club venue. Tickets are \$15 each for general seating. For more information, visit www.jamminjava.com/shows/jmhs-jazz-band.

Where did you find Art today?

Have you found your canvas yet? Vienna Public Art friends are challenging Vienna artists of all ages to create their own art and share it with others on social media using #ViennaVAPublicArt. Kits with mini canvases and paints are placed in little libraries throughout town and at some of your favorite shops. We hope to inspire support for more Vienna Public Art projects. For more information, visit www.ViennaVAPublicArt.org. We can't wait to find your art!

Freeman Store Offers Seasonal Gift Ideas

Looking for a graduation gift? Something sweet to celebrate Mom? Head over to the Freeman Store for all your Vienna-themed and all-occasion gift needs. For those undecided, how about a gift certificate to the store's Used Book Cellar where your dollar can really go far? The Freeman Store and Museum is located at 131 Church St., NE. Open Wed-Sun 12-4 p.m. For more information, visit HistoricViennaInc.org.

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(Voice & TDD)

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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
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127 Center Street South
Vienna, VA 22180-5179
Monday-Friday • 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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May TOWN CALENDAR

3	Vienna Theatre Company Production (VCC) • 8 p.m.
4	Farmers Market Opens (VCC) • 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
4	CSC Spring Native Plant Sale (VCC) • 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
4	Vienna Theatre Company Production (VCC) • 8 p.m.
5	Vienna Theatre Company Production (VCC) • 2 p.m.
6	Town Council Meeting • 7:30 p.m.
7	Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 p.m.
8	Planning Commission • 7:30 p.m.
9	Town Business Liaison Committee • 7 p.m.
11	Wellness and Safety Expo • 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
13	Town Council Conference Session • 7 p.m.
14	Mayor & Chief @ Your Service (VPD) • 7 p.m.
15	Board of Zoning Appeals • 7:30 p.m.
16	Public Works Open House (NPY) • 2-6 p.m.

17	Mayor's Walk • 9:30-10:30 a.m.
17	Big Screen on the Green • 6:30 p.m.
20	Town Council Meeting • 7:30 p.m.
21	Vienna Public Art Commission (VCC) • 7 p.m.
22	Planning Commission • 7:30 p.m.
23	Conservation and Sustainability Commission (VCC) • 7:30 p.m.
25	ViVa Vienna (Church Street) • 10 a.m.-10 p.m.
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27	ViVa Vienna (Church Street) • 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
27	Caboose Open House • 1-5 p.m.
28	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee • 7 p.m.
28	Transportation Safety Commission • 8 p.m.

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings take place at Town Hall, 127 Center Street S.
Meeting schedule subject to change; check www.viennava.gov/calendar 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