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Swinging Forward: The Future of Vienna Parks & Recreation

What will the future hold for Vienna's parks and recreation programs? Find out what community members said in two rounds of surveying on Sept. 23, 2024, at 6 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. After delving into the survey results, attendees will have an opportunity to share more feedback and discuss funding options that can help bring the community's parks and recreation vision to life.

Your perspective is critical and will help inform the first-ever Town of Vienna Parks and Recreation Master Plan: "Our Plan to Play." The long-range plan will serve as a blueprint for Vienna's future parks and recreation offerings. Don't miss this chance to make your voice heard and contribute to our town's future! For more information, visit www.viennava.gov/plantoplay 📍



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Oktoberfest Returns!

Cheers, beers and volunteers are on tap for Saturday, Oct. 5 as Oktoberfest returns to Vienna's Church Street! This festive fall event features live entertainment on three different stages, two beer and wine gardens, multinational food vendors including traditional German fare, and lots of free, family friendly games and activities. There's also a free shuttle to Oktoberfest from the Vienna Metro and James Madison High School, and a new bike garden for people who want to ride to the event and park their bikes. 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!

Oktoberfest is an annual charitable fundraiser presented by the Vienna Business Association in partnership with the Town of Vienna. Volunteers are needed to keep the event running smoothly. To learn more about Oktoberfest and volunteer opportunities, visit www.viennaoktoberfest.org. 🍷





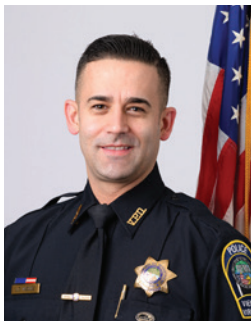
Mayor and Chief at Your Service: Mental Health and Suicide Prevention for our Youth

Tuesday, Sept. 10, 7 p.m. • Vienna Police Department Community Room

In this eye-opening, public forum, Mayor Linda Colbert and Police Chief Jim Morris lead a discussion on a growing problem in the Vienna community - adolescent, and teen mental health concerns. The Eric Monday Foundation and Fairfax County Community Services Board representatives will be on hand to highlight the pressures young athletes and other middle and high school students face, how to spot the warning signs of a mental health problem, interventional resources available to help families address these health concerns, and the importance of engaging in open conversations about mental health. The police department's newest K-9, a therapy dog, Marlin, will also be on hand to help demonstrate how a supportive environment can help take down the stigma and foster courageous conversations about mental health. 📌



Word From Juan



Violent Online Groups Target Minors

Posting or direct messaging images and videos on social media, dating apps and other online sites may seem harmless, but the FBI warns that malicious groups are using such content for criminal activity. These groups are highly manipulative and target victims between the ages of 8 and 17 years old especially those who struggle with a variety of mental health issues, such as depression and suicidal tendencies.

The groups use extortion and blackmail threats to manipulate minors into producing inappropriate material they then use to further blackmail the victim. The violent online groups use many names, including 676, 764, CVLT, Court, Kaskar, Harm Nation, Leak Society, and H3ll, but continuously evolve and form subgroups under different names. They operate on publicly available platforms, such as social media sites or mobile applications.

To help avoid being targeted, it is especially important for parents to monitor their children's online activity and to educate them about the risks associated with sharing personal content:

- Be cautious when posting online, as content can be captured and distributed by malicious actors without consent.
- Regularly search for personal information online to monitor exposure.
- Set privacy settings on social media and use reverse image search to track unauthorized content.
- Be cautious when interacting with strangers online and secure your accounts with strong passwords and multi-factor authentication.
- Research the privacy policies of social media platforms before sharing personal content.

Parents should also know the warning signs of potential self-harm including:

- Behavior changes, such as becoming withdrawn, moody or irritable.
- Significant changes in sleeping or eating habits.
- Unkempt appearance.
- Fresh cuts, bruises, burns or other wounds.
- Threatening to commit suicide or openly talking about not being wanted or needed, or death and not being around.

If you are concerned about your child's mental health, or suspect self-harm or suicidal thoughts, consult with your family doctor or health care provider for an initial evaluation or a referral to a mental health professional. If you believe you have been targeted with this type of crime, report it to the Vienna Police Department. 📌



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.

Stop to Smell the Flowers

If you've driven along Maple Avenue or walked around Church Street in recent weeks, you may have noticed that things seem just a little bit brighter and more vibrant. That's because Vienna's blooming with color thanks to the Vienna Town Council's Streetscape Planting Project!



Everyone's encouraged to see the blooms for themselves on a self-guided tour using the "Vienna in Bloom" Streetscape Tour Map and brochure, presented by the Town of Vienna's Economic Development and Parks and Recreation departments. Printed copies are available for pickup at Vienna Town Hall, the Vienna Community Center, or you can download one online: www.viennava.gov/streetscape.

And, while you are out and about admiring the blooms, don't forget to visit some of Town's local businesses! 📍

Open for business

Town of Vienna business licenses were issued in July to:

Beauty Mermaid, LLC
414 Yeonas Dr., NW
Online Sales

Marcillo Mitchel
Astrologist
165 Maple Ave., E

Vienna businesses with staying power

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

35 YEARS
CHURCH STREET GRAPHICS

25 YEARS
GIANT FOOD STORE #763
PEKING EXPRESS OF VIENNA
TROUSSEAU, LTD.

20 YEARS
DURON

10 YEARS
CAREY SIENICKI, LLC
CYBER THREAT SOLUTIONS, INC.
SAMSON PROPERTIES

5 YEARS
ANNA MIKHEEVA
BEST LIFE
FRESH NAILS & DAY SPA
PACE DENTAL
PLUM STREET STRATEGY, LLC
TRACE THE ZERO WASTE STORE, LLC

Get Ready for a Winter Wonderland!

Love the holidays? Bring your creativity and holiday spirit to life on the Freeman Store lawn! The Town will begin accepting applications for the 2024 Community Holiday Displays Sept. 15 through Oct. 15. Three displays that meet design guidelines will be randomly selected to transform the public green space into a winter-inspired wonderland from Dec. 2 to Jan. 10. A menorah, a dreidel and a winter solstice display were selected to be featured along with the Town holiday tree in the inaugural event last year. For more information about the selection process, design guidelines, and how to apply, visit www.viennava.gov/holidaydisplay.

We can't wait to see your festive creations! 📍





Updates from Vienna Parks & Recreation

Chillin' on Church

**Friday, Sept. 20
6:30-9:30 p.m.**

Vienna's favorite block party Chillin' on Church continues this the month on historic Church Street. This family-friendly event runs from 6:30-9:30 p.m. and is complete with live music from the Sudden M-Pac Band, food trucks, and beer and wine vendors. Admission is free. To learn more including the monthly live entertainment lineup, visit www.viennava.gov/chillin. Thanks to our title sponsor: Delta Dental.

Big Screen on the Green: "Trolls Band Together"

**Friday, Sept. 13
6:30 p.m.-Games & Snacks
7:30 p.m.-Movie begins**

This Trolls movie franchise feature finds friends Poppy and Branch as a couple. But as they get to know each other better, it is revealed that Branch was a member of the old popular boyband BroZone when he was younger. Not only that, but the group members are his real-life brothers. However, when they disbanded, Branch never saw his boyband brothers again until his brother Floyd is kidnapped. Branch mobilizes his family a rescue mission with adventures and great tunes like you've never seen before! Complimentary water and popcorn will be available while supplies last. Thanks to our series sponsor: Navy Federal Credit Union.

National Museum of the American Latino

**Wednesday, Sept. 18
9 a.m.-3 p.m.**

Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage month with this day trip to the Molina Family Latino Gallery, the Smithsonian's first gallery solely dedicated to Latino contributions to America located at the National Museum of American History. Learn how Latinos have contributed and continue to contribute to U.S. art, history, culture, and science. There will also be time to explore the American History Museum and its collections. Lunch will be on your own at the museum café. For adults ages 55+. Registration Deadline: Wednesday, Sept. 11. Register at www.viennava.gov/webtrac or visit the Vienna Community Center in person. Fee \$44 residents/ \$55 non-residents.

Halloween Parade Applications Due Sept. 20

Don't miss your chance to apply for your spot in this year's Halloween Parade! This year's theme commemorates the 25th anniversary of the Club Phoenix Teen Center with the theme "Party like it's 1999." The 2024 parade grand marshals are the Vienna Teen Foundation, founders of the Club Phoenix Teen Center. Applications are subject to approval based on space availability, entertainment value, variety and adherence to the theme and parade guidelines. For more



information and to download and application, visit www.viennava.gov/halloween. Hurry! The application deadline is Sept. 20, 2024.

Club Phoenix Open House Thursday, Sept. 5 2:30-7 p.m.

Everyone is invited to the Club Phoenix Teen Center at the Vienna Community Center to learn about the exciting opportunities that await teen members! Club Phoenix is a 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 against your teens. Ask a staff member about volunteer opportunities and how to become a Teen Council member. No registration required. Just drop in!

Parent Discussion – Talk, They Hear You Wednesday, Sept. 11 7:30 p.m.

The Club Phoenix Teen Center is teaming up with the Fairfax County Community Services Board for the "Talk, They Hear

You" campaign. This enlightening presentation at the Vienna Community Center will help prepare parents to take action to prevent underage drinking and other substance use. Register for this free event at www.viennava.gov/webtrac.

Town Clean Up Day Saturday, Sept. 14 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Vienna Town Green
Help clean up Vienna parks and trails! After meeting at the Vienna Town Green, (144 Maple Ave. E) 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. Registration is recommended not required. To register contact Brian Harrington at bharrington@viennava.gov or 703-255-5755.

Get Weekly Updates with Vienna Happenings!

Sign up for Vienna Happenings e-newsletter for the latest news on fun things to do in the Town of Vienna! To sign up, visit www.viennava.gov/happenings.

When Disaster Strikes - Are You Prepared?



From derechos and tornados to blizzards, earthquakes, and fires, statistics show an uptick in natural disasters and other emergencies in recent years, and while more than 75% of Americans who responded to a nationwide survey report having supplies set aside for disasters, fewer than 50% have a household emergency plan. September is National Emergency Preparedness Month, which encourages everyone to be prepared for

disasters and emergencies not just in September, peak hurricane season, but all year long. That's because in some situations, it may be days before help can arrive.

"In widespread emergencies such as a hurricane or tornado, we have to prioritize calls, and we may not be able to respond right away to some situations because we just have too many calls for service, or because weather conditions, such as a blizzard, hinder our response time," said Vienna Police Chief Jim Morris. "That's why it's important for residents and businesses to be prepared to go it alone until help can arrive."

National Emergency Preparedness Month encourages individuals to stock an emergency supply kit, make a family emergency plan and make sure everyone in your household knows the plan and what to do in the event of an emergency. Public safety experts advise that this should be done now, before an emergency hits, using the following three steps:

Assess your needs. Everyone has unique needs. Whether you care for pets, have children, have a medical condition or a disability, it is important to know what your family will need to stay safe.

Make a plan. Once you've assessed your needs, you can plan for what you'd do, where you'd go and what to bring if a disaster strikes. Your emergency supply kit should include items that meet your individual needs. And be sure to sign up for local emergency alerts at www.viennava.gov/alerts.

Engage your support network. Get to know your neighbors because they, along with your family and friends, can be a support network before, during and after a disaster by providing emotional and practical support.

For more information about what to stock in your emergency kit, how to make a plan, and how to prepare for disasters, visit the federal government's disaster preparedness website, www.ready.gov.

You can also learn more about how Vienna Police and the Vienna Volunteer Fire departments process for local emergency responses by watching the latest "On Deck with Mercury" program online: <https://bit.ly/viennaemergency> 📺



Town Roundabout Keeps Traffic Moving

Many Vienna residents can recall the days when gridlock plagued the intersection of Park and Locust Streets at rush hour. The pre-roundabout intersection was a true test of patience as motorists attempting to turn left from Locust onto Park waited hopefully at the stop sign for a break in traffic to proceed home from a long day of work.

A roundabout installed in 2016 was designed to keep traffic moving while also improving bicyclist and pedestrian safety. Vienna Police Chief Jim Morris says the traffic feature took some getting used to at first, but once motorists learned how to navigate the roundabout, traffic flow improved and continues to move well with no major problems reported.

Now that school is back in session and more people are returning to the office after pandemic-related teleworking or hybrid schedules, traffic volume is ticking up toward pre-pandemic levels. So, it seems like a good time for a refresher on how to navigate this special traffic feature.

The Federal Highway Administration provides the following tips for navigating roundabouts:

- Traffic flows in a counterclockwise direction around a center island.
- Slow down as you approach the roundabout, yielding to pedestrians who may be in the crosswalk.
- Yield to any vehicles already in the roundabout. As there is a suitable gap in traffic, enter the roundabout at the dashed entry line.
- Continue around the center island in a counterclockwise direction and do not stop in the roundabout.
- Signal to proceed out of the roundabout at your exit, again yielding to any pedestrians in the crosswalk.
- Bicyclists may use the roundabout, obeying the same rules of the road as motor vehicles or they may proceed along a side path and cross at marked pedestrian crosswalks.
- Using the crosswalk, pedestrians cross the first direction of traffic to the splitter median, wait for vehicles approaching from the other direction, and then finish crossing to the other side of the road.

For more information, visit safety.fhwa.dot.gov/intersection/roundabouts. 📺



Longtime Architect Member of the BAR Steps Down

For nearly 30 years, Paul Layer has served the Town of Vienna in many volunteer leadership roles. His experience as a professional architect served the Town well as he guided many local projects as a member of the Board of Architectural Review (BAR) from 2000 to 2024. He was recognized with a Mayor's Volunteer Award in 2018 for his work to help start the process of doing visual design guidelines for the Maple Avenue corridor. He was also instrumental in setting the Church Street design standards through his work on the award-winning Church Street Vision Plan, which was approved by the Vienna Town Council in 1999.

"With direction from the Vienna Town Council and the Town Business Liaison Committee, our sub-committee's goal was to reestablish the Church Street commercial corridor as a Town center with urban architecture that is reminiscent of the small-town American streetscape of the late 19th and early 20th century," Layer said enthusiastically. "With any project, I always try to work toward consensus if I can, and because we worked collaboratively and cooperatively as a team, we were able to accomplish wonderful things with the Church Street vision."

Originally called Georgetown Road, Church Street was the town's first thoroughfare, hosting the first business district and most of Vienna's churches. The Church Street Vision Project encouraged private property owners to develop, renovate and/or improve their properties in a way that fostered a pedestrian-friendly commercial corridor with a unique architectural theme. With recommendations from the Church Street Vision sub-committee, the Vienna Town Council adopted the zoning code changes that led to the historically themed streetscape that now serves as a welcoming atmosphere for both day-to-day business and beloved Town events.

Layer decided to step down from the Board of Architectural review earlier this year, and Mayor Linda Colbert recognized him for his decades of service. As he reflected on his work, he also expressed appreciation for the sense of community that attracted him to Vienna years ago.

"I grew up in a small town in Pennsylvania, and there was no central area of any kind," he recalled. "Vienna has a central, walkable town center that contributes to the sense of community here, and that's very special."

Layer is well-versed in Vienna's architectural history, which influenced his design recommendations, including his own design of two buildings in the 100 block of Church Street, NW.

"I am deeply grateful for being given the opportunity to contribute to the town's ongoing development over the years," he said with appreciation. "It has been a truly rewarding experience." 📌



Of Bambi, Bamboo, and Bittersweet

BY COUNCILMEMBER CHUCK ANDERSON



What do these three living things have in common? They are all common organisms in our area that displace

native flora and fauna. And they are not the only three invaders. Invasives, both plants and animals, are becoming more than a nuisance. Deer, for example, not only love hosta salad, but they also eat the undergrowth in natural woodland areas like Northside Park. If allowed to continue unabated, these hungry deer will wipe out the saplings and plants needed to become the tree canopy of the future. Overpopulation also leads to disease and hunger within the herd, and they threaten human health, too. We've seen an increase in traffic accidents involving deer on neighborhood streets in recent years. Deer are also often harbingers of deer ticks, which carry Lyme disease, and may be carried and dropped into your yard as deer pass through. While other nearby jurisdictions have established deer population management programs, Vienna has none. Consequently, we are a deer sanctuary island within a sea of deer population control.

Bamboo is another invasive that threatens the environment. Once established, bamboo will spread into public areas and neighbors' lawns. Because

bamboo root systems can burrow several feet deep, normal landscape barriers are of little use. I have seen bamboo also spreading into our natural woodland areas.

Oriental bitterweet, ivy, kudzu and other vine-like plants, have become all too common in our area. These plants envelope healthy natives and hasten their demise. And because of deer overpopulation, the next generation of trees are not there to take their place.

“We need to understand the threat that these species pose to our green spaces and to human safety, and know what options we have for countering them.”

None of these invasive species are easy to control. But as stewards of Vienna's parks and green spaces, the Town Council, I believe, has a responsibility to educate ourselves on the problem, and search for possible solutions. We need to understand the threat that these species pose to our green spaces and to human safety, and know what options we have for countering them. Most likely, none of those options are cheap or easy, but we need to tackle this issue now so that human health and natural green spaces can be protected for future generations. 🇺🇸





MEET THE MAYOR

Go Native this Fall!

NEW DATE!

Everything is right around the corner and there's no better place to find all of sorts of native plant options for the planting season than at the Fall Native Plant Sale! So, get those green thumbs ready and head to the Vienna Community Center on Saturday, Sept. 14, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.



The sale is sponsored by the Town of Vienna Conservation and Sustainability Commission (CSC). Please note this date is one week earlier than originally scheduled.

Also, mark your calendar for the CSC's Native Tree Giveaway, Saturday, Oct. 19. The giveaway begins at 8 a.m. and goes until 12 p.m. or until the last tree is given away. Stop by early for the best selection of tree species. 📌



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. 6, from 9-10:30 a.m. at Chick-fil-A, 538 Maple Ave., W. 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, Sept. 20. Meet in front of Town Hall at 9:30 a.m.
- **Office Hours:** The mayor is available to meet in her office weekdays, by appointment. 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). 📌

Picture it!

Vienna, 1965. This convenience store was constructed in 1930 on the northwest corner of what is now Route 123 and James Madison Drive. It became Willie's Market in 1941 when Horatio Seymore Willie bought the building from Robert T. Ballard. Not long after this picture was taken, the store and surrounding 15 acres of land were sold to make way for Berkley Square Apartments, which were built in 1966. 📌

Mayor's Pet of the Month

Meet Stevie and Lena! This brother and sister duo were named after the famous singers Stevie Wonder and Lena Horne.

After the loss of their cat, Samantha Davis, Jr., the Hardman family's daughter, Ella, declared the family needed two kittens to replace Samantha. Stevie and Lena live up to their expectations and serve as the "purrfect" support animals providing an endless supply of unconditional love.

Congratulations, Stevie and Lena! You're the Mayor's Pets of the Month! 🐾

Nominations for Mayor's Pet of the Month are accepted on an ongoing basis. To nominate your pet, send an email to Mayor@viennava.gov 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.



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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 October issue is Sept. 10.**



HAPPENINGS around town

Historic Vienna, Inc. Exhibits

September

- **Poster Exhibit** - Stop into the Vienna Community Center to view a new poster exhibit featuring photos and information about Vienna history including the railroad, the streetcar, the Civil War, the history of the Freeman Store, and the 1861 secession vote held there.
- **Constitution Week** - Be sure to check out the Constitution Week Exhibit at the Community Center from Sept. 17-23, commemorating the 1787 signing of the U.S. Constitution. The Constitution Week Exhibit co-sponsored by the Fairfax County Chapter of the American Revolution.
- **Vienna Then and Now** - See how parts of Vienna have changed over the years with a new set of photos, "This is Vienna Then & Now" in the Vienna Rexall Pharmacy window located at 150 Maple Ave., W.

Lions Club Dining for Dollars Fundraiser

Tuesday, Sept. 10 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Enjoy a delicious meal and support a worthy cause at the same time 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 support Fairfax/Vienna area 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.

Sketch Artist Demonstration

Thursday, Sept. 12 7-9 p.m.

Join the Vienna Arts Society for this engaging session with Investigator and Certified Sketch Artist Kathy Franck of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office. Kathy's sketches have led to solving crimes in our region. She'll demonstrate her techniques and share how she became a Composite Sketch Artist at the Vienna Art Center, 243 Church St., NE, Suite 100LL, Vienna, Va.

American Legion Breakfast Buffet

Sunday, Sept. 15 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Welcome the fall season at the American Legion Post 180 Breakfast Buffet! Enjoy Vienna's own Gravy Lady's sausage gravy, Joe's famous made-to-order omelets, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, blueberry pancakes, biscuits, fruit cocktail, Post 180 Cake and more. Adults \$12, Children younger than 12, \$5. Proceeds will help support Girls State and area youth activities. For more information, call 703-409-3564. American Legion Post 180 is located at 330 Center St., N., Vienna, Va.

Third Thursdays with Art

Thursday, Sept. 19

4-7 p.m.

All ages are invited to mingle with local artists and discover some spectacular artworks in the Vienna Arts Society's current exhibition, "The Good Earth," at the Vienna Art Center. Win a door prize and enjoy light refreshments during this very special evening with lots

of surprises. The center is located at 243 Church St., NE, Suite 100LL, Vienna, Va. For more information, visit www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

80th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, Sept. 22, 2024 11 a.m.

All are invited to the Vienna Assembly of God 80th Anniversary Celebration service. Share in this milestone anniversary in the life of the church as it acknowledges the faithfulness of God and the joy of being a part of the vibrant community of Vienna. Vienna Assembly of God is located at 100 Ayr Hill Ave., NE, Vienna, Va.

Elections in Fairfax County: Making Sure Your Vote Counts

Monday, Sept. 30 • 7 p.m.



Ever wonder what goes into managing an election? Join Jean Thompson, an employee of the Fairfax County Office of Elections and a member of the office's "rapid response team," at for this enlightening discussion at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E. She will discuss how the office ensures that elections in the county remain fair. The program is sponsored by the library and the American Association of University Women (AAUW), Vienna Area Branch.

Ayr Hill Garden Club Online Fall Bulb Sale Through Oct. 31

The annual sale happening now features a variety of unusual and new bulbs including American Natives and potted Peonies. Use this web address to order online at <https://ahgcbulbsale.square.site/>. Order pick up will be between 1 and 4 p.m. on Saturdays, Oct. 26 and Nov. 2 at the Freeman Store & Museum, 131 Church St., NE, Vienna, Va.

Freeman Store Book Cellar Celebration

Saturday, Oct. 12 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Vienna's beloved secondhand bookshop at the Freeman Store is marking its 8th birthday! Join in the Used Book Cellar festivities featuring a lively family-friendly celebration filled with exciting offers. For more information on the Used Book Cellar, visit www.HistoricViennaInc.org. The Freeman store is located at 131 Church St., NE, Vienna, Va.

CHO Christmas Store Dec. 6 & 7

The winter holidays will be here before you know it, and the Committee for Helping Others (CHO) is already hard at work planning its drives to help families in need this coming holiday season. Volunteers are needed to support the efforts as well as new toys and gift cards. Question? Call 703-281-7614, box #1. To learn more about CHO, visit <https://cho-va.com>.

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911
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703-255-5730 TDD
Non-emergency
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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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September TOWN CALENDAR

2	Town Offices Closed (Labor Day)
6	Meet the Mayor • 9-10:30 a.m.
7	Quarterly Recycling Day (NPY) • 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
9	Town Council Meeting • 7:30 p.m.
10	Mayor & Chief @ Your Service (VPD) • 7 p.m.
10	Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 p.m.
11	Patriot Day
11	9/11 Remembrance Day Ceremony (VCC) • 9 a.m.
11	Planning Commission • 7:30 p.m.
12	Town Business Liaison Committee Meeting • 7 p.m.
13	Big Screen on the Green (VTG) • 6:30 p.m.
14	CSC Fall Native Plant Sale (VCC) • 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
14	Town Cleanup Day (VTG) • 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
14	NOVA Model Railroaders and Caboose Open House • 1-5 p.m.
16	Town Council Conference Session (VPD) • 7 p.m.
17	Vienna Public Art Commission (VCC) • 7 p.m.

18	Board of Zoning Appeals • 7:30 p.m.
19	Board of Architectural Review • 7:30 p.m.
20	Mayor's Walk • 9:30-10:30 a.m.
20	Chillin' on Church (Church Street) • 6:30-9:30 p.m.
22	Start of Fall (Autumnal Equinox)
23	Town Council Meeting • 7:30 p.m.
24	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee • 7 p.m.
24	Transportation Safety Commission • 8 p.m.
25	Planning Commission • 7:30 p.m.
26	Conservation and Sustainability Commission (VCC) • 7:30 p.m.
30	Town Council Conference Session (VPD) • 7 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.
VCC, Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., SE
VPD, Vienna Police Department Community Room, 215 Center St. S
VTG, Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E