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Happy New Year!

Celebrate Vienna 125

Did you know that until the 1800's Vienna was known as Ayr Hill? Did you know that the First Battle of Manassas during the Civil War took place near the Park Street railroad crossing where the Vienna Community Center now stands? Transportation? A trolley line came in 1903, furnishing hourly rides to and from Washington, D.C. Vienna once was home to saw and grist mills, blacksmith shops, wheelwright shops, a tomato canning factory, a lime kiln, a wood and coal yard, and a broom factory.

Today, with about 16,000 residents, Vienna retains the small-town charm with big-city amenities; a combination that we all treasure. So, on Saturday, February 28, 2015, Vienna's 125th birthday, we'll "Celebrate Vienna 125" with an event featuring a reenactment of the 1890 incorporation, bonfire, food, period music, and much more. Other events will take place throughout the year so we can "Celebrate Vienna 125." As events approach, we'll let you know more in the newsletter, at viennava.gov, on social media, and through our other communications vehicles.

**Vienna Theatre Company Presents:
Ken Ludwig's *Be My Baby***

John, an irascible Scotsman and an uptight English woman, Maude, are brought together when his ward marries her niece and the young couple decides to adopt a new born baby. The older couple has to travel to California to pick up the child and bring her home to Scotland but John and Maude despise each other. While in California, they learn some startling lessons about life and love. This is sure to be an enjoyable romantic comedy!



From left to right: Actors Allison Shelby, Casey Bauer, Danny Issa & John Barclay Burns portraying the characters Maud, Gloria, Christy & John
Photo credit: David Segal Photography

Holiday Closings

Town offices will be closed on Thursday, January 1, for New Year's Day. Refuse will not be collected; however, both the Thursday and Friday routes will be collected on Friday, January 2. Residents should hold yard waste, bulk and brush materials until their next regular collection day as crews will focus on recycling and trash collection on Friday.

Town offices will be closed on Monday, January 19, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Refuse will be collected as normal.

Director: Suzanne Maloney
 Performance dates and times:
 8 p.m.: Jan 23, 24, 30, 31, Feb 6,7; 2 p.m.:
 Feb 1, 8. Ticket prices: General Admission
 \$14.00 Vienna Community Center, 120
 Cherry St. SE. Tickets are available to
 purchase in advance at VCC or at the
 door. To reserve tickets email vtcsnows@
 yahoo.com. For more information: visit
 www.viennatheatrecompany.org

Town Council Actions

The following items are extracts of recent Town Council actions and are not official meeting minutes.

The most recent approved Town Council minutes, agendas and meeting videos are available online at www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=567.

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

October 27, 2014

- Approved purchase of the replacements for vehicles: #70, #2021 (to become #81), #2033, #60 and #71 for the Department of Public Works, under the VRP and ride the listed contracts for a total cost of \$140,940.36
- Awarded \$98,721 Mill Street NE design contact to RDA based upon RFP 12-01
- Increased the Sagres Construction Vienna Train Station Sidewalk Construction Project, IFB 14-15 to \$267,969
- Awarded IFB 15-07, Asphalt Repair and Remarketing, to Espina Paving, Inc. 15441 Farm Creek Drive Woodbridge, VA 22191, in the amount of \$58,540.00
- Public Hearing set for November 17, 2014 on a

Request for Approval of a Revised Site Plan and certain Site Plan Modifications for the expansion of the Vienna Community Center, along with a limited portion of 130 Cherry Street, SE, in the PR-Park & Recreation zone, and a portion of the W & O D Trail property zoned RM-2, Multi-Family Low Density.

- Approved the 2015 Town Council Meeting Schedule and Calendar.

November 3, 2014

- Approved the renewal of maintenance support for Granicus using Montgomery County contract #9346000023AA at a total cost, not to exceed \$23,182.44 from the accounts listed. \$21,000 from account #10217-

47215 and \$21,8244 from account #10217-43308.

- Approved the AEPA/Fairfax County Contract #4400002721 to Field Turf USA for installation of synthetic turf at Glyndon Park baseball field in the amount not to exceed \$455,396.35
- Approved FY15 spending with Cargill, Inc. for roadway deicing salt in the amount of \$70,000.00

Welcome New Businesses

These businesses received business licenses during the month of November.

Charles' Barber Shop Inc.

Barber Shop

272 Ceder Ln SE

(703) 560-9686

All Technologies, Inc.

Service to Fed. Govt

133 Maple Ave E, 306

(703) 431-0587

Big Chicken Peruvian

Restaurant

262 Cedar Ln SE

(703) 992-6310

Black, White, And Zebra

Sales

396 Maple Ave E

(202) 552-9018

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Deadline for the February issue is January 10.

Upcoming Council Public Hearings

All public hearings are held at Town Hall, 127 Center St., S at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

January 26

- Sidewalk Master Plan

General Assembly Convenes January 28, 2015

The 2015 session of the Virginia General Assembly will convene on Wednesday, January 28. There are a number of online resources available on the Virginia General Assembly website at www.virginiageneralassembly.gov to assist citizens in taking an active role in the legislative process.

Vienna representatives are:

State Senator Chap Petersen, (804) 698-7534/
district34@senate.virginia.gov.

Delegate Mark Keam, (804) 698-1035/
delmkeam@house.virginia.gov.

The Vienna Town Council has conveyed the following legislative agenda for 2015 to the Town's representatives. The Town of Vienna:

1. The Town of Vienna supports legislation that would provide revenue sharing between Counties and Towns of the Commercial Transportation Tax imposed on commercial real estate properties (Commercial & Industrial Property Tax or "C&I taxes"). The Town of Vienna builds and maintains the streets and sidewalks. HB 2313 requires that counties ensure that the towns within their boundaries receive a proportional share of the revenues made available to the counties. C&I taxes will generate about \$55.5 million per year in revenues for the county with the new increase in the tax. Like the storm water tax collected, Vienna should have some input into how local improvements from these taxes are appropriated directly around the Town businesses that generate these taxes.

2. The Town of Vienna supports an amendment to Virginia Code §17.1-279.1 as follows:

§ 17.1-279.1. Additional assessment for electronic summons system. — Any county, towns within such county that operate a local police department, or city, through its governing body, may assess an additional sum not in excess of \$5 as part of the costs in each criminal or traffic case in the district or circuit courts located within its boundaries in which the defendant is charged with a violation of any statute or ordinance. The imposition of such assessment shall be by ordinance of the governing body, which may provide for different sums in circuit courts and district courts. The assessment shall be collected by the clerk of the court in which the action is filed, remitted to the treasurer of the appropriate county, town or city, and held by such treasurer subject to

disbursements by the governing body to a local law-enforcement agency solely to fund software, hardware, and associated equipment costs for the implementation and maintenance of an electronic summons system. (2014, c. 325.)

3. The Town of Vienna requests language to be added to specifically include "new sidewalk projects" as eligible for HB 2313 funding. An expanded sidewalk network provides transportation options and reduces motorized vehicle use and congestion.

4. Vienna requests language be added to HB 806, a bill to require VDOT to follow localities tree replacement policies when building project in a locality. The new language should make clear that when a locality is administering a project, VDOT tree replacement policy review is not required.

5. In support of the funding necessary for the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority as set forth in HB 2313, the Town of Vienna opposes any revisions which reduced funding to localities in order to address the shortfall in state revenues.

6. The Town of Vienna supports restoration of full 599 funding to localities.

7. The Town of Vienna opposes any proposed reduction or elimination of the taxing authority of localities, including Business, Professional and Occupational License (BPOL) tax, Machinery and Tools (M&T) tax or excise tax, unless at a minimum, permanent suitable revenue-neutral replacement sources are provided.

8. The Town of Vienna supports a change to the VDOT local road maintenance funding formula from lane mileage to lane volume: or, in the alternative, request changes that provide additional funding to localities that maintain their roads and have roads that exceed the statewide average traffic volumes for such types of roads by more than 20%. In addition, the Town of Vienna supports a change to the composition to the Commonwealth Transportation Board to have greater representation to the urban/dense suburban areas of the Commonwealth.

9. The Town of Vienna requests an amendment to the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC)

whereby building permits for residential structures in specific zoning districts have a project time limit for completion and issuance of an occupancy permit for any new structure or addition to an existing structure.

10. The Town of Vienna requests the General Assembly to provide adequate funding for water quality improvements to localities for sewage treatment plants, urban stormwater, combined sewer overflows (CSOs), and sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) as mandated by federal and state legislation, regulation and policies. (On the VML 2015 LA)

11. The Town of Vienna requests amendments to Title 25.1 of the Virginia Code relating to eminent domain appraisal process that would require parties in condemnation proceedings to agree upon a single independent appraiser to determine the fair market value of the property in question.

12. The Town of Vienna opposes any changes to investment policies of the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) that would jeopardize the Pool's rating or compromise the long-term stability of the Pool.

13. The Town of Vienna opposes any bill that reduces or eliminates local land use authority.

14. The Town of Vienna supports revenue sharing mechanisms between localities and the state.

15. The Town of Vienna endorses and supports the Legislative Policy Statement adopted by the Virginia Municipal League for the 2015 legislative session.

16. The Town of Vienna supports the Northern Virginia Cigarette Tax Board's legislative agenda:

i. No changes to the cigarette tax code that eliminates the Northern Virginia Cigarette Tax Board or limits the power of the Northern Virginia Cigarette Tax Board.

ii. No changes that would limit any municipality's ability to impose or collect a cigarette tax.

iii. Support allowing all municipalities the authority to impose a cigarette tax.

iv. Oppose any legislation that would allow the State to collect the cigarette taxes for localities.

v. Support any legislation that combats illegal cigarette trafficking.

Are Your Trees Safe From Ivy?

By Susan Stillman, Community Enhancement Commission

Do you hear the choking sound? I guess there isn't really a sound so much as the fact that you can see the English Ivy choking the trees we love in Vienna. Now that the leaves have all fallen, if there is green in a tree, that green is some sort of an evergreen vine, most likely ivy. This is a great time of the year to note where ivy is climbing because it is so obvious. It is also a great time of the year to cut the ivy at the base of the tree cutting off its nutrient supply and killing the ivy that is choking

your tree. The added weight from the ivy is also making the dying tree more susceptible to falling in a storm.

Over and above their ecological value, trees increase the resale value of your home, the trees' shade cool your home in the summer, cutting your electricity bill. And consider the cost of doing nothing. Your tree was killed by ivy so you have to pay to have your very valuable tree removed. This is not an inexpensive

service and generally something you can't do yourself. If you don't have the ability or the inclination to manage the ivy on your property it makes sense that the lawn services would offer this service.

Vienna is a Tree City USA. People want to live in Vienna because of all the beautiful trees. Let's keep this beautiful tree canopy by managing the ivy on our property.

Leaf Collection Ending

Town crews expect to complete all three leaf collection passes by the end of December. If you have leaves after loose leaf collection has been completed, you will need to bag your leaves in clear plastic or kraft bags and place to the curb for pickup on your regular collection day. For information on leaf collection, please visit the Town's website at <http://www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=163> or call the Department of Public Works at (703) 255-6380.

Order **free leaf mulch** from the Town of Vienna by February 27!

Dog License Due by January 31

Town dog licenses must be renewed by January 31, each year. The license fee for each dog is \$10. A current rabies vaccination certificate must be shown if the rabies vaccination expires by January 31, 2015, or for any dog new to town. Applications are available at Town Hall, by mail and online at www.viennava.gov. For more information, call (703) 255-6323.

January Town Meetings

Meetings are at Town Hall, 127 Center Street S, at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Monday, 5th: Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, 6th: Windover Heights Board of Review, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, 8th: Town/Business Liaison Committee, 7 p.m.

Monday, 12th: Town Council Work Session, Includes Mid-Year Financial Review, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 13th: Vienna At Your Service, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 14th: Planning Commission

Thursday, 15th: Board of Architectural Review

Wednesday, 21st: Board of Zoning Appeals

Thursday, 22nd: Community Enhancement Commission, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, 26th: Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, 27th: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committees, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 27th: Transportation Safety Commission

Wednesday, 28th: Planning Commission

First Night and Vienna's Quasquicentennial – Two Great Celebrations

By James Cudney, Chairman, Town/Business Liaison Committee

While ringing in a New Year at Vienna's 2nd Annual First Night Celebration, we take pause and remember all the wonderful things that 2014 brought us and look forward to a rich and rewarding 2015. At this year's celebration, we also kick off the Town of Vienna's 125th Anniversary (aka Quasquicentennial)!

The First Night Celebration takes place on Church Street between Dominion Road and Mill Street, including Vienna Presbyterian Church and Concord Lodge. While standing at these crossroads, let's take a moment and envision the past: 125 years ago, this was one of the hubs of commerce in Vienna.

In 1890, the Freeman Store sold general merchandise and was located next to the Alexandria, Loudoun & Hampshire Railroad Train Depot (to become

Washington and Old Dominion Railroad). At this crossroad was also the library, Vienna Presbyterian Church, and Bouton Hall which housed a store, post office and dance hall (in 1910, Bouton Hall would be purchased by Concord Lodge and a portion is now leased to Pennywise). Throughout the first part of the century, farmers throughout the region would travel to this destination for goods, commerce, and levity.

Fast forward to today. The Town of Vienna business and political leadership have worked hard over the past 125 years to make the town an exceptional place to live, shop, and play. We are proud to receive many recognitions such as being #3 on the 2013 list of "Best Places to Live" by Money Magazine. Small business, smart political leaders, and caring residents have helped shape

the spirit of this town.

What does the future hold? The Town of Vienna will change significantly over the next 25 years. With the adoption of the Maple Avenue Vision, a new dedication and passionate interest in Public Art, and a commitment for Economic Development, this town will continue to enhance its image as a destination for shopping and dining.

We are excited to watch these enhancements unfold and look forward to our upcoming Sesquicentennial (150th anniversary). We know Vienna will have grown significantly and positively due to the activism of our small business, political, and resident leadership.

If you have a choice Shop Local, Shop Vienna! Every dollar you spend in town helps shape our future.

Nominate Your Favorite Business for a Community Service Award

The Vienna Town/Business Liaison Committee invites nominations of businesses and business owners for the 2015 Carole Wolfand Community Service Award. The award is given each year to a Town business entity or owner in recognition of outstanding contributions to the community life and spirit of Vienna.

To nominate a business or owner, submit: (1) business name of nominee, (2) business address of nominee, (3) business phone number of nominee, (4) description of contribution/action to be considered and why (200 words or less), and (5) name, address and phone number of nominator.

Submit entries by March 6, to Town/Business Liaison Committee, c/o Stephanie Baynes, Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center Street South, Vienna, VA 22180 or email to sbaynes@viennava.gov. Put "TBLC award" in subject line.

Christmas Tree Collection

The Department of Public Works will collect Christmas trees during the month of January. Simply place your tree to the curb on your regular refuse collection day. Trees should be unadorned (no tinsel) and not wrapped in plastic or placed in bags. Questions? Contact the Public Works Department at (703) 255-6380.

Town of Vienna Kids Adventure Race Wins Award

The Town of Vienna's Kids Adventure Race was named the Best New Special Event for populations under 25,000 by the Virginia Recreation and Park Society. Vienna introduced the first Kids Adventure Race in 2013; attended by 95 children, ages 5 to 13, who enjoyed a run exclusively for kids that was fun, safe and physically challenging.

The goal of the untimed race was to provide a fun and active event that every child could complete no matter how long it took. It was a challenge course designed to have the kids problem solve and think about ways to work together to finish the race. Each participant received a t-shirt and a medal.

The one mile race was held at a local park and used natural as well as man-made obstacles. The course included old tries, extra mulch to build an up and over obstacle, hay bales to build a maze, snow fencing, and other odds and ends. The next Kids Adventure Race will be held sometime in September of 2015.

Vienna Business Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following Vienna businesses who will celebrate milestone anniversaries in January 2015:

55 Years

American Legion Post 180

40 Years

Creative Framing Inc
Oakton-Vienna Veterinary Hospital

35 Years

D.S. Patterson Co
Guarantee Shoe Repair

30 Years

Rian Associates

25 Years

A Synagogue Catering LLC
Japan Focus
Jas Roofing Co
Mark Eckman Attorney At Law
Park Street Barber Shop
Referential Systems, LLC

20 Years

Fairfax Maid Services
Hickory Management, Inc
Karin's Florist, Inc
Kelsoft, Inc

15 Years

Evolution Health & Fitness
Gloria's Coiffure, Inc
Hua Lee Lim
J.D.A. Custom Homes, Inc
Pass, Inc
Tim's Interior Renovations

10 Years

Bransan Ventures, LLC
Bruce Macpherson Illustration
Catherine Dehoney Development
Chiron Group, LLC
Drs. Ham and Durr
Moto Photo
Rudy's Friends Dog Training
Yas Bakery

5 Years

Apex Hand Therapy
Christine E. Doyle
Clarence A. Robinson, Jr
CVS/Pharmacy #1403
CVS/Pharmacy #1847
Dobson, Davanzo & Associates
Elizabeth Corrigan
Great Harvest Bread Co
Holly Avesian
Katherine A. Ferguson, M.D
Laser Plus Lasertherapy & Skin Care
MC3 Environmental, LLC
Miley, LLC
Neighborhood Choice Realty
Network Security Services LLC
Operational Excellence, LLC
Pelvicore Physical Therapy
Protective Management Corporation
Salwa Hashish
The Artful Gift Shop
Vienna Leash
Walgreens #13589

Safe Winter Driving Tips

Provided by the United States Department of Labor, OSHA

With snow and ice storms possible this early in the winter season, it's important to remember some safe driving tips when you have to navigate hazardous road conditions. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recommends the Three P's of Safe Winter Driving: Prepare for the trip, Protect yourself and Prevent crashes on the road.

Prepare

- **Maintain Your Car:** Check battery, tire tread and windshield wipers; keep your windows clear; put no-freeze fluid in the washer reservoir and check your antifreeze.
- **Have On Hand:** Flashlight, jumper cables, abrasive material, shovel, snow brush and ice scraper, warning devices (like flares) and blankets.
- **Stopped or Stalled?** Stay in your car, don't overexert; put bright markers on antenna or windows and shine dome light, and, if you run your car, clear exhaust pipe and run it just enough to stay warm.
- **Plan Your Route:** Allow plenty of time, be familiar with the maps/ directions and let others know your route and arrival time.
- **Practice Cold Weather Driving!**

- During the daylight, rehearse maneuvers slowly on ice or snow in an empty lot.
- Steer into a skid.
- Know what your brakes will do: stomp on antilock brakes; pump on non-antilock brakes.
- Stopping distances are longer on water-covered ice and ice.
- Don't idle for a long time with the windows up or in an enclosed space.

Protect Yourself

- Buckle up and use child safety seats properly.
- Never place a rear-facing infant seat in front of an air bag.
- Children 12 and under are much safer in the back seat.

Prevent Crashes

- Drugs and alcohol never mix with driving.
- Slow down and increase distances between cars.
- Keep your eyes open for pedestrians walking in the road.
- Avoid fatigue – get plenty of rest before the trip, stop at least every three hours and rotate drivers if possible.
- If you are planning to drink, designate a sober driver.

Community Volunteers to Be Honored

Mayor Laurie A. DiRocco invites you to nominate an outstanding volunteer in recognition of his/her service to the Town of Vienna. Mayor DiRocco plans to honor these volunteers at the Mayor's Volunteer Reception on Tuesday, April 14, 2015. Please fill out and return this form to Mayor DiRocco at the address provided below. Nominations must be submitted before March 1, 2015.

Nomination Form for Outstanding Volunteers

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please describe the nature of the volunteer work performed by the nominee on behalf of the Town of Vienna and why you feel he/she deserves special recognition:

Name of nominating person or organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please return this form before March 1, 2015 to:

Mayor Laurie A. DiRocco

Charles A. Robinson, Jr. Town Hall

127 Center Street South

Vienna, VA 22180

or email: mclark@viennava.gov

The Town in Action: Planning and Zoning

Every now and then, Department of Planning and Zoning staff is asked: “What does your Department do?” The official answer is the Department is tasked with providing short and long-term planning, along with zoning and code enforcement. But what does this mean in terms of everyday life for the Vienna resident?

Planning

In terms of planning, one of the most important documents the Town maintains is the Comprehensive Plan. Mandated by the state, the Plan provides short- and long-term goals and objectives for the Town in the areas of transportation, land use, the environment and sustainability, parks and recreation and public facilities and services. Guided by the Planning Commission and adopted by the Town Council, the plan reflects the vision of the community and the goals for the future of the Town. It is the role of the Department of Planning and Zoning to provide recommendations and technical expertise to ensure the Plan is accurate, comprehensive and recognizes where the Town is and where it wants to be.

Zoning

There are four key chapters in the Town Code that the Department is responsible for enforcing; 4, 13, 17 and 18. These deal with a wide range of issues including architectural standards for commercial buildings, weeds and grass enforcement, signs standards and subdivision regulations. There are various ways of enforcing these regulations. They include Boards and Commissions, building permit review and inspections. There are four Boards and Commissions that the Department staffs; the Board of Architectural Review, Windover Heights Board of Approval, Board of Zoning Appeals and the Planning Commission. All four boards and commissions are made up of residents and are tasked with reviewing a variety of applications, including subdivisions, variances, improvements within the historic district, commercial building design and signage.



New homes are reviewed for lot coverage requirements, yard setbacks and building height, among other zoning regulations.

Permits

One of the main functions of the Department is to review building permits. Whether it is a deck, a new home or a new tenant layout for a commercial building, the Department must review and ensure that all proposed work complies with the Town's zoning regulations. We realize that applying for permits may not always be easy; knowing which zoning codes apply or even in which zone the project is located are common issues. To help make the process as painless and smooth as possible we encourage any who needs help to give us a call or check out any of our online building permit information guides.

The Department is also responsible for Geographic Information Systems (GIS) analysis and provides residents and Town staff with a variety of paper and interactive web maps. Have you ever wondered what your house looked like in 1937 or 1954? Thanks to historic aerials that were digitized, now you can find out. Head over to vienna-va.maps.arcgis.com, the Town's web map portal. Other maps include the Town's current pedestrian network, zoning map and a map showing public transportation options.

The Vienna Parks and Recreation Department Would Love Your Help

The Vienna Parks and Recreation Department has found a volunteer to manage the Community Learning Garden which is located behind the Community Center near the WOD trail. Now we need your help, too!

Interested in gardening or trying some backyard/patio/urban farming? Do you mind getting your hands dirty? Or, are you maybe just looking for a little exercise? We would love to have you lend us a hand and your experience. Over the winter we will be collecting creative ideas and doing some prep work but the real fun will begin in the spring! Contact Mary at marywoodsvienna@gmail.com

NEWS FROM VIENNA PARKS & RECREATION

All classes are held at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street SE, unless otherwise specified.

Register for Parks & Recreation classes online at: www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=545.

Family Skate Night begins January 16 and continues through March 27. Families can enjoy Friday evening skating from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in the Community Center Gymnasium. The cost is \$1 per person. Participants are required to bring their own skates and safety equipment.

The Getting Fiscally Fit seminar presented by the Foundation for Personal Financial Education will be held January 26 from 10-11 a.m. at the Community Center. In this highly informative workshop attendees will learn simple strategies they can start using today to take charge of their finances. Registration is required.

Your iPad: It's More Than Just For Emailing is a program that will be held January 13 to March 17 at 10 a.m. In this class, students will have amazing opportunities to create modern photo slideshows, design videos, produce digital art, post on blogs and social media, produce interactive presentations, and create many more multimedia products—all using the most modern digital apps and devices.

SPORTS AND FITNESS

Total Fitness Ultimate Cardio is a fun and challenging class designed to increase cardiovascular fitness along with developing tone through muscular training. This low-impact, high intensity workout is designed to meet the needs of all levels of fitness. Class begins January 3, for more information visit www.totalfitnessvienna.com

[totalfitnessvienna.com](http://www.totalfitnessvienna.com)

Mommy Boot Camp starts January 6. Register now to reserve your spot - kids of all ages are welcome. For more information, call (571) 214-6667 or visit www.mommybootcamp.org.

JUST FOR CHILDREN

Fun, Fitness and Games for Preschoolers will begin January 6 at 1 p.m. Preschoolers will run and play using a variety of sports balls and equipment. Please bring a water bottle to class.

Tumbles and Twists gives tots the chance to use their imagination to the fullest through creative movement, interactive songs, and tumbling and stretching. These exercises are designed to help them understand the movement abilities of their bodies. Class will begin January 5.

Imagineology: Creativity Using Digital Devices will begin January 14 at 4:30 p.m. In this class, students will have amazing opportunities to create Claymation videos, digital art, movies, digital storytelling, cartoon animation, voice recordings and much more!

JUST FOR TEENS

Adrenaline Dance Force Jazz begins January 13 at 5:30 p.m. Dancers will learn jazz technique, performance skills, showmanship and confidence. Come prepared

to warm up, learn technique and new choreography each week. Comfortable dance clothes and jazz shoes are recommended.

Club Phoenix Improv Show will certainly be a fun time! Come to the show with family and friends on January 16 at 5:30 p.m. The performers are local youth that have spent the past few months learning and practicing improv games and situations once a week.

Football Frenzy Night will be held on January 30 from 3:30 - 10 p.m. Grades 6-8 are drafted for this night of fun. We will be refereeing games and arts and crafts and we will even have plenty of yummy snacks.

JUST FOR MATURE ADULTS

A Pickleball Tournament will be held on January 17 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. The tournament will be a mixed doubles, single elimination, pick your partner tournament and will be open to the first 16 teams ages 50 and over. Registration is required.

Heart and Sole Chair Aerobics is a unique aerobic, strength and flexibility program of chair assisted exercise for persons with limited mobility, compromised balance or beginning exercisers. Unconventional exercise props enhance the workout. Class begins January 9 at 11:30 a.m.

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna has an urgent need for volunteer drivers to take area seniors to medical appointments and other activities. Opportunities to volunteer for other services are available. No long-term commitment and hours are flexible to fit your schedule. We hope you can help. Visit our website at www.scov.org or contact the Volunteer Coordinator at (703) 281-5086 or email volunteer@scov.org

The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna will hold an open house and registration for the winter semester of its Adventures in Learning classes on Thursday, January 15th from 10 a.m. to noon at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. The classes will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursdays from January 22 to March 19 and include Bridge, T'ai Chi, a Health series, World Affairs and a section of Potpourri topics. The fee is \$40.00 for all classes. For more information, call (703) 281-0538 or visit www.scov.org for current schedule.

Epiphany Preschool, an outreach of Epiphany United Methodist Church, is now registering students for the 2014/2015 school year. To schedule a tour or for more information, please call the office at (703) 938-2391 or email at epiphanypreschool@vacoxmail.com

The 52nd Annual James A. Bland Contest, sponsored by the Vienna

Host Lions Club, will be held on Saturday, February 21, at 1 p.m. at the Vienna Assembly of God Church, 100 Ayr Hill Avenue. The contest will include vocalists and instrumentalists who will each present a song or piece of no more than eight minutes and will be judged by local experts in their field. Cash prizes will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place winners in each category. The 1st place winners move up to the next level of competition. Information and an application can be obtained by contacting Lion Susan Stiles at sandcs89@yahoo.com or (703) 938-1142. The deadline for applications is Monday, February 16.

PFLAG Fairfax, a community group for Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, and **FLY**, a social group for LGBTQ youth and allies ages 12 (with parental permission) to 19, will meet concurrently on Tuesday, January 6, 7:30-9 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, Program Building, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. FLY also holds Teen Lounges on the 3rd Friday of every month, alternating between movie and pizza nights at UUCF and outside venues. E-mail wf.pflag@gmail.com for information on both groups or visit www.pflagdc.org. Visit FLY on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/fly.pflag/>

Chapter 227, Vietnam Veterans of America Inc invites all veterans, friends, and the general public to attend the January 15 chapter meeting at Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D

Cedar Lane, Cedar Lane Shopping Center, Vienna, Virginia, at 7:30 p.m. Mike Walsh, Vietnam War veteran, will discuss his quest to document every Vietnam War Memorial in the United States. Admission is free. For information, call Len Ignatowski at (703) 255-0353 or visit the web page at www.vva227.org.

The membership serves as a "Fire Support Base" for veterans who are seeking closure on their Tour of Duty and a renewal of their Vietnam camaraderie. The chapter supports veteran's activities and non-veteran community projects.

The Vienna Arts Society, a 501 c 3 non-profit organization dedicated to "enriching our community through the arts" announces the following: January in the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna Winners' Wall The Vienna Arts Society showcases the winning artists from the 45th annual Treasury of Art, to include paintings by Artist of the Year, Helen Dilley Barsalou. Meet the artists at a reception, Friday, January 16 from 7 - 9 p.m. The exhibition is open Tuesdays - Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. through January 31.

Gentle Community Yoga Thursday mornings from 8:45 - 10 a.m. Surrounded by the ever-changing displays of original art in the light-filled gallery space, certified yoga instructor, Poonam Salona, leads a complete and gentle work-out. All levels welcome. Those new to Yoga

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will learn what it's all about and strengthen their core. Those with experience will find their level. Bring a mat and a towel or small blanket. (Donations gratefully accepted to benefit the fine arts in Vienna) Please register by emailing ArtCenter@ViennaArtsSociety.org

Artisit Demonstration Anabela Ferguson will present her style of painting as well as her skill in the craft of restoring and presenting fine art at the Vienna Arts Society's meeting, Thursday, January 8, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. All events are free and open to the public. www.ViennaArtsSociety.org, (703) 319-3971

The January 2015 meeting of the Fairfax County Chapter of the National Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) will be held Friday 2 January at 10 a.m. at the Penderbrook Community Center, 3704 Golf Trail Lane, Fairfax, VA 2003. Mr. David Meyer will present a program, "Friend or Foe? Methodist Circuit Riders in the American Revolution". These itinerant ministers covered large geographic areas as their congregations were widely dispersed over distant farms. Guest are cordially invited to attend as the meeting is a good opportunity to talk to others about joining the DAR. Please contact Mrs. Carol Galusha at cgalusha@verizon.net or 703-250-2699 if you are interested in attending or joining the DAR.

Register now for the 2015 Spring Baseball Season with Vienna Little League - home of the 9-10 year old Virginia State Champions! Registr-

ation is open to boys and girls ages 5-12. Visit www.vll.org to register online. Please see the VLL website for details about requirements for player age, level of play, and registration fees. Don't delay - registration ends and tryouts begin in early February!

Ayr Hill Garden Club invites you January 26th 1 p.m. to attend the presentation: Shade Gardening by Anne Alexander, a well known and much awarded, local D.C. Master Gardener. Anne will discuss the types of annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees appropriate for shade gardens and how to handle common shade problems such as dry shade, tree roots, wet shade, common shade pests, and landscaping the shade garden. Held @ Emmanuel Lutheran Church-Upstairs, 2589 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna, VA 22181 Light

refreshments served at 12:45 p.m. Please rsvp to emillielarson@rcn.com

A Breakfast Buffet, will be offered Sunday, January 18, from 8 a.m. to noon. Vienna American Legion Post 180, 330 Center St., N. Adults \$8, children 12 and under \$3. Get omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, etc. For more information, call (703) 938-6580.

Green Hedges School Open House, Join Us! Saturday, January 24: 9 AM Montessori Ages 3-5, Preparatory Grades 1 - 8. 415 Windover Avenue NW, Vienna, VA 22180. Challenging Academics Building Confidence & Leadership. New classroom building for Grades 1-3. Small class sizes, exceptional faculty, strong parent community. www.greenhedges.org

Vienna Green Business Recognition Nominations Due April 3

The Town of Vienna encourages local businesses to adopt sustainable and environmentally-friendly practices that protect the environment by conserving energy, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving water quality.

To help meet this objective, the Town recognizes businesses that adopt green practices. Generally speaking, being a green business means changing the way an organization purchases, develops, produces and provides products and services so it has a positive effect on the environment.

Participating businesses and non-profit organizations located in the Town are considered for this recognition. To submit a nomination, email pio@viennava.gov by April 3, 2015. Please title the email Green Business and provide the business name, contact and why they should be considered for a Green Business Award.

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THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

From the Vienna Newsletter Archives

January 2005: For the 11th consecutive year, the Town of Vienna has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. This award, for the fiscal year 2004-2005 budget, is the highest form of recognition for governmental budgeting.

January 1995: At its January 9 meeting, the Town Council adopted an ordinance to allow for the establishment of permit parking zones. Vehicles parked on the street in restricted areas will be required to display special decals. Temporary parking permits are available for guest of residents in the restricted areas. No permit is required for vehicles making delivery or service calls.

January 1985: The Town has received 2,474 responses to its citizen survey on the Town cleanup program. This response represents the views of about 47% of the households in Vienna. 94% of those responding indicated they want the cleanup service to continue in some form or another. 72% of the respondents said they were generally satisfied with the way cleanups are conducted.

January 1975: The Vienna Railroad Station was restored by Town personnel last summer so it could be used someday as a museum. In January, the Town Council approved a proposal submitted by the Northern Virginia Model Railroaders to use the building. Once interior improvements have been completed, the building will be open to the public.

Town Tests Rubber Sidewalk To Protect Tree

Vienna residents actively use our outdoor spaces. We want to be able to walk and ride our bikes around the community and to local destinations like the Community Center, shops and restaurants. Most Vienna homes and streets were built in the middle of the last century with spotty installations of public sidewalks. New sidewalks on an existing street must compete with utility poles, fire hydrants, water meters, and mature trees.

Vienna is a Tree City USA with a goal of preserving our existing trees and adding new street trees with sidewalk projects. Early in the design of a sidewalk, the Town Arborist evaluates the species, health, habitat and construction impact on existing trees, both public street trees and nearby trees on private property. Plans are adjusted to preserve as many healthy trees as possible by swinging the proposed sidewalk away from the tree roots. But sometimes there just is not enough room yet the existing tree is worth saving.

On the recent Ayr Hill Avenue NE sidewalk installation near the Vienna Train Station, Vienna conducted an experiment with a poured rubber sidewalk around a beautiful pin oak tree. The new sidewalk is very close to the tree trunk so the area around the tree was excavated by hand, roots were carefully hand trimmed, and a rubber sidewalk installed instead of conventional concrete. This rubber walk is porous and flexible to encourage deep tree root growth. The Town is hopeful this test will succeed as advertised and is another option to save more trees on future projects.