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The Vienna Community Center is on the Move



In preparation for the expansion and renovation, the Community Center will be closing its doors on September 4. We thank all Vienna residents for their patience and understanding during this process. Beginning September 8, the Community Center will be located at Cedar Park Shopping Center, 262-M Cedar Lane SE, Vienna, VA 22180 and office hours will be from 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., Monday- Friday. Saturday and Sunday the Community Center will be closed.

Various classes will be held at Vienna Baptist Church, Vienna Presbyterian Church, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, Patrick Henry Library, Town Hall and Bowman House. Please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360 with any questions regarding the specific locations of classes and programs, or check out the Parks and Recreation brochure. Club Phoenix will also be moving to the Cedar Park Shopping Center for the duration of the Community Center renovation project. The Teen Center staff will continue to provide the youth with stellar activities. The Teen Center hours of operation will be Monday - Thursday, 2:30 - 6:30 p.m. and Friday 2:30 - 10 p.m.

Labor Day Holiday Closing



Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 7, in recognition of Labor Day. Refuse will be collected as normal for residents.

Afternoons on Church St: Sept 27
Theme: "Mugs and Mums"
Sponsor: Caffe Amouri & Chase the Submarine
Detailed information on page 5

Sign Up For Vienna Alerts!

Click on the green "Vienna Alerts" button at the bottom of the Vienna website to sign up and receive personalized notifications from the Town.

The Mayor's Walking Group

Walk with the Mayor starting September 18! The group meets every Friday in Town Hall at 9:30 a.m. Each unique walk will be about 2.5 to 3 miles.



Curious to know what life was like in 1890, the year Vienna was established?

The United States stopped minting \$1 and \$3 gold coins and 3 cent pieces. Also, Rock Creek Park in Washington, D.C. was established when President Benjamin Harrison signed legislation creating natural preservation in the wooded valley.

TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS

No Approved Minutes Available

Proper Battery Recycling

“Lithium Ion Battery.” You might have come across this phrase while scanning the owner’s manual of your newest tech gift from last holiday. Sure, rechargeable batteries are great and quite common. However, in a world of constant updates and pressure to keep our hardware relevant, we generally lack the time to consider certain hidden risks which leads to dangerous consequences.

Many rechargeable batteries fall under a specific category of battery known as Lithium Ion (also referred to as Li-ion battery or LIB). The lithium ion battery found in your electronics such as cell phones, laptops, iPads, tablets, iPods and digital cameras is probably the most familiar to you.

Recycling is an important responsibility, but tossing a lithium ion battery into your recycling is harmful. It is especially risky when Li-ion batteries are mistakenly put into a recycling bin and end up bouncing around in the back of a dry recycling truck. Pressure or heat, particularly during the summer, can cause them to spark and set off a chain reaction. This leads to disaster when that battery is in the back of a full recycling truck, surrounded by dry paper and cardboard. In fact, lithium ion batteries are one of the leading causes of recycling truck fires.

A suggested cause for improper disposal of Li-ions is likely due to a common misconception. When an item states it is “recyclable” many assume that you can recycle it with your Single Stream Recycling; this is not the case. When an item is “recyclable”, that simply means it can be recycled in some way; it doesn’t mean it can be put in with your Single Stream recycling. Rechargeable, lithium ion batteries can be recycled, but only at specified locations. Cell phone batteries can be dropped off for recycling at a variety of places, including the Department of Public Works counter right in Town Hall.

Discover Vienna

In honor of Vienna’s 125th jubilee year, the TBLC would like to invite Town residents and visitors to re-discover all the hidden and not so hidden gems in Vienna by engaging in a Cultural Heritage Scavenger Hunt. We would like to encourage you to get to know the local businesses, the people who work here, and to visit stores that have been here for a long time but that are not part of your regular shopping route.

From now until Labor Day, we invite you to find as many different cultural heritage roots in our Vienna business community. Exciting prizes for the most different discoveries await! Visit viennava.gov for more information.

TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

Vienna, Virginia

September 2015

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Deadline for the October issue is September 10.

No public hearings currently scheduled for September.

COMMENT FROM THE COUNCIL TABLE

By Carey Sienicki, Town of Vienna Councilmember

Ladies and Gentlemen, your attention please!

It is a phrase that we are all accustomed to hearing for the finale under the big top, three-ring circus or captivating magic show.

This month marks the start of new technology, so Vienna's ladies and gentlemen have the opportunity to acquire "Vienna Alerts." This new notification system gives real-time information on special Town events, weather alerts (geo-targeted), emergency announcements, public safety education, government closures, Town service reminders and more. Residents can receive customized messages that will go to your preferred method of communication, i.e. mobile app, text, e-mail or a telephone call, throughout the year. Simply "login" to manage your account, or "sign-up" to set up a new account. I expect "Vienna Alerts" will be a valuable tool as we are moving into the new school year.

Speaking of the new school year, I am pleasantly surprised to see how many

families are now choosing to walk and bike children to school. The end of last year marked several successful walk and bike to school events. Vienna Elementary School even garnered 70% of the student population biking on one day! The Town and new Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committees are encouraging walking and biking; under the Transportation and Safety Commission they have safely expanded the pedestrian and bicycle network. This has inspired me to take more opportunities to exercise or make those quick jaunts or errands across Town by walking or biking. I am amazed that walking or biking time can be comparable to driving, and noticing different views, items, and details along with a little exercise make for nice benefits. September is Bicycle and Pedestrian Awareness Month in Virginia, so I encourage all residents to take advantage of our bicycle and pedestrian network, and to pay extra attention to our littlest citizens as they adjust to their new routes to school.

One final note regarding the Town notification system, you may choose



to also subscribe to the Vienna Police Highlights. I am always astonished reading the number of vehicular accidents that are deemed "failure to pay full time and attention." September is a month that is full of activity, as many people return from their "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer" and pastimes to get back to the "daily grind" of work and school. In reality, we can all be preoccupied at one time or another, hurried by new schedules or increasing daily events. As the "dog days" of summer come to an end and our Town citizens move into the next school year, a little patience and extra caution is especially important.

Hope to see you out and about around Town, on the roads and sidewalks a bit more this year, but of course with all our attention.

Where Does My Water Come From?

By Desiree DiMauro, Community Enhancement Commission

You wake up in the morning, stumble to the sink to brush your teeth, and then jump into the shower. Have you ever wondered, where does all this water come from? Well, if you live in the Town of Vienna, your water comes from the Potomac River above Great Falls! It's then piped to the Corbalis Treatment Plant. This plant treats up to 150 million gallons of water per day! Once the water is ready for drinking and home use, it's piped to the residents of Vienna, as well as nearly 1.5 million other people in Northern Virginia by Fairfax Water. Fairfax Water tested over 360 samples taken in the Town of Vienna to help ensure the quality of the water shipped to your home in its state-certified laboratory. It takes approximately 131 miles of pipe to bring drinking water to residents within the Vienna water service area. Each spring, the water distribution system in Vienna is flushed (you'll see the fire hydrants being flushed). Also annually, the Town of Vienna produces a Water Quality report to inform you about the quality of our drinking water (it's posted on the Town website). This high-quality water brought directly to your home ensures clean drinking water and alleviates the need for those wasteful, single-serving plastic water bottles. Did you know it takes 3 liters of water to make a 1-liter plastic bottle of water? So fill up your reusable bottles at your kitchen sink and help protect the environment!

September marks Virginia's Annual Bicyclist and Pedestrian Awareness Month.

This month we celebrate the Town of Vienna's growing bicycle and pedestrian network and remind motorists to share the road.

Did You Know?

In April 2014, the Mayor and Town Council established the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) to provide citizen input in planning pedestrian and bike infrastructure improvements, and promoting pedestrian and bike initiatives in the Town of Vienna. These advisory groups report directly to the Transportation Safety Commission, which then reviews any recommendations and reports to the Mayor and Town Council. The BAC/PAC meet the last Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. Feel free to email tsc@viennava.gov for more information. Highlights of BAC/PAC efforts include:

BAC	PAC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Recommending improvements to bicycle parking in the Church Street business district. •Recommending temporary detours for bicyclists using the W&OD trail during large Town events. •Evaluating expansion of bike parking requirements for new commercial and multi-family construction that is not covered by the MAC. •Applying for the League of American Bicyclists (LAB) Bicycle Friendly Community certification. •Developing a Master Bicycle Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Developed recommendations for the Town's first Pedestrian Master Plan, which was approved by Council in February. •Applying for "Walk Friendly" recognition, a national recognition program developed to encourage towns and cities across the U.S. to establish a high priority for supporting safer walking environments. •Building an inventory of the Town's sidewalk projects to help prioritize connecting and expanding the Town's sidewalks.

Safety Tips

Last year, 102 people died and 2,352 were injured, walking or riding their bicycles on Virginia roadways. Increasing your knowledge of roadway regulations and safe behaviors can help reduce those numbers. Join the Town of Vienna as we work to educate our community during September. Here are some basic tips that help make roadways safer for all users:

Drivers	Cyclists	Pedestrians
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Allow a safety cushion. Slow down, wait until the roadway is safe for passing cyclists and walkers, and pass with at least 3 feet of clearance. •Yield right-of-way to pedestrians in marked and unmarked crosswalks. •Minimize your distractions. Distracted drivers are more likely to hit bicyclists and pedestrians. •Do not assume ill intent and become frustrated by bicyclists or people walking or running. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Cyclists can protect themselves by wearing a helmet, bright clothing, using flashing lights during day and night, and securing loose pant legs or other loose clothing. •When permitted to be on sidewalks, bicycles should yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and give an audible signal before overtaking and passing a pedestrian. •To find more info, visit: http://www.wodfriends.org/accessibility/safety/ and http://www.virginiadot.org/programs/bk-laws.asp#Rights and Duties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Pedestrians can improve safety by wearing bright colors during the day and reflective material or blinking lights at night. Light colored clothing is slightly helpful in making you visible at night, reflective tape or reflective fabric is much better. •Pedestrians must travel against traffic when walking in the road, use sidewalks whenever available, and use marked crossings whenever possible. •For more info, visit: http://www.drivesmartva.org/?/outreach-and-education/toolkits/

Afternoons on Church- “Mugs and Mums”

Caffe Amouri and Chase the Submarine will sponsor the latest Afternoons on Church Street event. Businesses on Church Street along with the Town of Vienna invite and encourage residents to attend this fun filled event taking place on Sunday, September 27 from 1 to 5 p.m. The Town of Vienna will close Church Street to vehicular traffic. Church Street businesses will be open and residents can expect to enjoy entertainment, food, wine and beer tastings.

The Freeman Store grounds will host activities such as crafting lavender sachets, planting milkweed seeds, and learning about butterflies and metamorphosis. Parks and Recreation will provide a moonbounce, cornhole, balloon animals and face painting will be done by the Girl Scouts. Throughout the duration of the event, residents will enjoy music from “The Restless” Band. Additionally, Historic Vienna Inc will host a book sale. Hope to see you all there!

#ViennainWhite

On September 12, the Town will host the Evening in White celebration. Our sold out event will take place from 7 p.m. to midnight, and will involve music and many guests. We ask for the Town’s patience as we anticipate a high level of outdoor noise during this event.

The Evening in White is an elegant experience. We ask all guests to secure their white attire well before the event. Also, please keep photo identification handy. There will be 100% ID checks for all guests as the Evening in White celebration is a 21 and older event. Tables, seating, and illuminated ambiance will be orchestrated by the Town, but guests should provide their own picnic dinner, glassware, napkins, and utensils.

Event location, parking, and check-in information will be revealed at 8 a.m. on September 12th. Join in on the fun the day of the event and tag all social media pictures/posts with #ViennainWhite!

September Town Meetings

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

- **Tuesday, 1st:** Review Windover
- **Tuesday, 8th:** Heights Board of Review, 7:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, 9th:** Vienna At Your Service, 7:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, 9th:** Planning Commission
- **Thursday, 10th:** Town/ Business Liaison Committee, 7 p.m.
- **Monday, 14th:** Town Council Meeting
- **Wednesday, 16th:** Board of Zoning Appeals
- **Thursday, 17th:** Board of Architectural
- **Monday, 21st:** Town Council Work Session
- **Wednesday, 23rd:** Planning Commission
- **Thursday, 24th:** Community Enhancement Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- **Monday, 28th:** Town Council Meeting
- **Tuesday, 29th:** Bicycle Advisory Committee, 7 p.m.
- **Tuesday, 29th:** Transportation Safety Commission

9/11: A Day of Remembrance

The Town of Vienna’s annual “A Day to Remember” Patriot Day Community Commemoration will be held on Friday, September 11. The public is invited to remember those who lost their lives and to show support for those engaged in the ongoing fight against terrorism.

The ceremony will be held on the Freeman House lawn, 131 Church Street NE, beginning at 9 a.m. This event is sponsored by the American Legion Dyer-Gunnell Post 180 and the Town of Vienna.

Vienna At Your Service

The Mayor’s Vienna at Your Service will return on September 8th at 7:30 p.m. Make sure to attend and learn about bicycle and pedestrian safety awareness. Hope to see you all there!

Welcome New Businesses

These businesses received business licenses during the month of July.

**Goldberg Services
Incorporated**
Consultant
131 Park St NE
(703)-309-9131

U.S. Taekwondo Academy
Martial Arts
262 Cedar Ln SE
(571)-730-4778

BPL Counseling LLC
Psychologist
131 Park St NE
(571)-215-1653

Living With Spirit LLC
Reiki
311 Maple Ave W
(703)-779-7961

NY Bagel Cafe & Deli
Restaurant
431 Maple Ave W
(571)-281-2053

Anti Aging Facial Center
Salon/Spa
226 Maple Ave W
(703)-899-5119

2016 CALENDAR DEADLINE

Attention Vienna non-profit organizations! September 8 is the deadline to submit information about your community events

for next year to be published in the 2016 Town Calendar. Address calendar items to the Public Information Office, Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center Street S, Vienna, VA 22180, fax (703) 255-5729 or e-mail pio@viennava.gov.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The following businesses will celebrate milestone anniversaries during the month of September:

25 Years:

- Donna F. Bruch
- Finn's Pool & Spa Service, Inc

20 Years:

- Jose D. Martinez

15 Years:

- David M. Wiedeman
- Merle L. Litowitz, PHD, PLC
- Z&M Services

10 Years:

- A Piano Tuner
- Lofty Salon
- Robin H. Feldman

5 Years:

- Alex Borowsky, CPA
- Katharine Thomas
- Landscapes By Peel LLC
- McGillicuddy Associates, Inc
- Tam Minh Tran Nguyen
- Zurka Interactive LLC

The Shop Vienna Website Connects Shoppers to Visible and Invisible Local Businesses

By Patricia Anderson, Town/Business Liaison Committee

This article is a celebration of our own Town of Vienna entrepreneurs and the role the Shop Vienna website plays in making local small businesses, including solopreneurs, more visible to the shopping public.

The Urban Dictionary defines the term solopreneur as “an entrepreneur who works alone running a business single-handedly.” Many solopreneurs in the Town of Vienna work from home offices and because they have no store front, they may be invisible to those who are trying to shop locally. The Shop Vienna website offers a solution.

Solopreneurs who have business licenses with the Town may register with Shop Vienna and create their own searchable webpages with information about their businesses, including photos, first look contact information, specials for local residents, coupons, and job listings. The cost for the listing is modest – only \$25 per year. The Town is currently upgrading the website for mobile devices and search engine optimization, making it an even better marketing tool for Vienna businesses and an even better search tool for potential customers.

A quick perusal of the Shop Vienna website may surprise

you with the number and diversity of locally owned small businesses. The website currently lists over a thousand businesses, including 12 accountants, 15 attorneys, 19 automotive shops, 133 repair and personal service establishments, and 75 restaurants. Whether you stroll down Church Street or your neighborhood street, you are likely passing locally owned small businesses. The next time you are searching for a retailer or service provider, let the Shop Vienna website connect you to a local business.

Small business owners are imaginative, optimistic risk takers. Town of Vienna is unique in the support it gives to small businesses through the Shop Vienna website, ribbon cuttings and sponsorship opportunities at Town events. Show our local businesses you appreciate them by shopping locally in Vienna. Find those local businesses by logging onto the Shop Vienna website at viennava.gov

If you have a choice, Go Local. Shop Vienna!



Everything You Want to Know about Roundabouts

Have you ever been caught in the long backup on Locust Street SE waiting to turn onto Park Street? In the afternoon, waiting traffic can back up for a city block!

Help is on the way! Vienna's first mini-roundabout will be installed this fall. Cars traveling on Park Street will have to slow down and the stop sign for Locust Street traffic will be removed. Motorists will move through the mini-roundabout slowly without stopping, eliminating the traffic backup. Pedestrians will also be safer because the crosswalk will be moved back so those walking will be more

visible to motorists. The below article, published by Federal Highways Administration, should help answer many of the basic questions and concerns you may have on how to use the roundabout if you are a pedestrian, bicyclist or traveling in your vehicle.

Similar mini-roundabouts have been successfully installed at hundreds of locations throughout the country. A "before" traffic study is now complete and an "after" study will be conducted to measure the traffic improvements in Vienna.

Roundabouts can make intersections safer and more efficient for all road users. Slower speed and fewer conflict points make them safer, and the ability for vehicles to continue moving makes them more efficient.

Here are some facts about roundabouts:

- They are generally circular in shape, with traffic flowing in a counterclockwise direction around a center island.
- Entering traffic slows down on approach to the roundabout and yields to pedestrians at the crosswalk and traffic already circulating in the roundabout.
- Roundabouts come in different sizes – mini, single lane, and multilane.
- Roundabouts are proven to significantly reduce severe crashes – those resulting in injury or loss of life – by more than 80 percent!

Steps for successfully navigating roundabouts:

• For Drivers

- o Approach. Slow down on approach to the roundabout and yield to pedestrians that may be present in the crosswalk.
- o Enter. At the entry line, yield to any vehicles already in the roundabout then enter when there is a suitable gap in traffic. At multilane roundabouts, choose the correct lane (based on signs and pavement markings) on approach and enter that lane in the roundabout.
- o Proceed. Continue around the center island in a counterclockwise direction and do not stop in the roundabout. In multilane roundabouts, follow the pavement markings, and do not change lanes and pass other vehicles while circulating.
- o Exit. Upon coming to the correct exit, signal and proceed out of the roundabout. Yield to any pedestrians at the crosswalk.

• For Bicyclists

- o Bicyclists may ride in the roadway through the roundabout, obeying the same rules of the road as motor vehicles, or proceed along a side path and cross at the marked pedestrian crosswalks.

• For Pedestrians

- o Use the sidewalks or side paths provided around the perimeter of the roundabout. After deciding to cross, approach the marked crossing and wait for vehicles to yield.
- o Cross the first direction of traffic to the splitter island, wait for vehicles.

For more information about roundabouts, visit <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/intersection/roundabouts/>

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. Please call the Parks and Recreation department at 703-255-6360 with any questions regarding the locations of classes and programs.

HALLOWEEN PARADE VIENNA

October 28, 2015

Maple Avenue, 7 p.m.

Rain or shine.

This year's parade theme is
"Celebrating 125 Years of the Town
of Vienna"

Handbuilding Class will teach you various methods of handbuilding pots for both functional and decorative use and students will learn a variety of glazing and decorating techniques. Advanced students entering the class are encouraged to develop and work on specialized projects. This class will begin September 10 at 9:30 a.m. Location- Bowman House Arts and Crafts Center.

Adult Drawing will begin on September 15 at 7 p.m. Students will learn about line, contour, positive and negative space, shading, composition and perspective. Pencil, pen, conte and charcoal will be the primary tools used to create the basis for future work as well as finished pieces. Please bring an 11" x 14" sketch pad, one drawing pencil HB, one drawing pencil 4B and art gum eraser to class. Classes are held at the Bowman House Arts and Crafts Center.

Fit on the Green will be held on September 12 at 10 a.m. Join the Vienna Moms, Bounce Fitness and the Town of Vienna Parks and Recreation Department for a day of fun and fitness for the whole family. Activities will range from Zumba to youth dance as well as a special area for kids sponsored by Bounce Fitness. Our fun & exciting fitness obstacle course includes small hurdles to jump over, cones for coordination, agility ladders, tug-of-war, etc.

Beginner Tai Chi exercises help open and loosen joints, tendons and ligaments. Learn the exercises of Chuan-Si-Gong, which teach balance, flexibility, mobility and strength. Both

exercises will help instill quiet and peace in one's mind for better focus and concentration. This class begins on September 11 at 9:30 a.m. Location- Vienna Volunteer Fire Department.

Mature Adults

AARP Smart Driver is a comprehensive classroom driver retraining course, geared to the specific needs of motorists aged 50 and older. The course will cover the effects of aging and medications on driving, basic driving rules, license renewal, local traffic hazards, adverse road conditions and accident prevention measures. Advanced registration is required. This program will be held on September 28 at 10 a.m. at the PCC.

Just for Children/Teens

Music Together class is one program that a child can attend from birth through age five, to nine song collections. This basic class follows the recommendations of child development researchers—grouping children of a variety of ages because this fosters natural, family-style learning. Each child participates at his or her own level in singing, moving, chanting, listening, watching, or exploring musical instruments. This class begins September 15 at 9:30 a.m. Location- Vienna Presbyterian Church.

Act It Out takes an adventure every week through storybooks. In this acting class kids learn about character education topics such as respect, truth, peace, etc. This class will meet September 22 at 4:15 p.m. Location- Vienna Baptist Church

Let's Cook: Nacho Tuesday will be held on September 29 at 4 p.m. The motto of the day will be the cheesier and the gooier, the better. We will supply all of the chips and toppings from mild to spicy and you will supply the creative mixtures.

Trips

Fort McHenry & Inner Harbor Cruise will take place on September 2 at 8 a.m. Come stand with a Park Ranger behind the ramparts and unroll the full-sized replica Star-Spangled Banner flag where it flew in 1814. Hear about the inspiring connection between the 15 star/stripe Star-Spangled Banner Flag and Fort McHenry during the Battle of Baltimore. We will also learn about the War in the Chesapeake and find out about the series of events that placed the author of our National Anthem at the "key" place to see the Star-Spangled Banner. Our next stop will be to the Baltimore Inner Harbor for a 45-minute cruise through the harbor, including a boxed lunch. Pick-up location will be the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department.

Harpers Ferry Mountain Heritage Festival will take place on September 25 at 9 a.m. Leisurely stroll among the tents as you admire the many crafts, fine arts, and wine. Meet approximately 200 artisans and crafts persons carefully selected and prejudged, demonstrating and showcasing their work. Enjoy listening to the best live bluegrass music, taste wines from the area's foremost wineries and enjoy the many varieties of food that are available. Pick-up location will be the Vienna Volunteer Fire Station 400 Center Street S.



The poster for Oktoberfest Vienna features a large, stylized 'O' with a leaf design. The text 'OKTOBERFEST VIENNA' is prominently displayed in a decorative font. Below this, it says 'SATURDAY OCTOBER 3RD, 2015' and '11 AM - 7 PM'. The location is listed as 'HISTORIC CHURCH STREET • VIENNA, VA'. On the right side, there is a list of activities: 'BEER', 'WINE', 'FOOD', 'MUSIC', 'VENDORS', 'KIDS ACTIVITIES', and 'FREE ADMISSION!'. At the bottom, there are two small images: one of a hot dog on a grill and another of a crowd of people holding beer glasses.

Residential Construction within the Town of Vienna- Things You May Want to Know

By Bill Murray- Town of Vienna Construction Inspector

It is no secret that the Town is undergoing upgrades and renovations. Currently, there are 97 active residential construction sites in some stage of progress.

Talented and caring builders, many of whom are Town of Vienna residents themselves, have begun reconstructing new homes in place of the deteriorating homes. During the process you may observe some unfamiliar activities and I would like to provide some insight into what to expect when a new home is being constructed.

The building process is a well-planned and thorough process involving many entities. This includes staff from within the Town of Vienna such as Planning and Zoning, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation, as well as Fairfax County.

Builders can elect to demolish the old home by hand or by using machinery which requires erosion and sediment controls. Trees may also be removed prior to erosion control installation. Demolition typically involves a large track hoe excavation machine if not done by hand. It munches and crunches its way through the home and then loads the rubble into trucks for hauling. This can be quite a sight, and viewing from a safe distance is usually permitted. Town agencies closely monitor the site throughout the entire process. The black fabric silt fence you see around the sites is intended to filter larger particles of soil runoff. It is not a wall or dam type of control, but a filter fabric which allows fine particles of soil and storm water to pass through. This can create brownish looking water and can sometimes be misinterpreted as mud running off site.

Town staff also makes sure that workers are adhering to the proper start and stop times for construction per the

Town's noise ordinance. The mere gathering on site or in the area prior to or after those hours is not considered a violation of law. The Town Police Department enforces this code.

All builders in the Town of Vienna typically require the use of concrete trucks, cranes, dump trucks, and other machinery to demolish and construct a new home. This can be a bit of an inconvenience for residents but is an essential part of the building process. Having a bit of extra patience, understanding, and being neighborly can go a long way to ensure a great working relationship with the contractors and builders. The neighborly behavior is a two-way street, and it takes both residents and contractors to make sure the building experience is as painless as it can be. It is not a perfect science and issues can always be resolved if everyone involved is polite, respectful, and patient.

After a home is completed, it is checked again by Town agencies and Fairfax County to ensure it has been built as specified on the plans. The new grading of the lot should not result in any concentrated flow of storm water runoff, but merely sheet flow runoff.

As time marches on we all need to be mindful of the fact that structures deteriorate and need to be repaired or replaced. The Town government and staff work very hard to keep Vienna ranked as one of the top locations to live in the United States. It takes a village to progress and if we can all be patient and understanding with the temporary inconveniences, Vienna will forge ahead and continue to be great. For detailed information on residential construction, please visit <http://www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=1209>.

Carfit

HELPING MATURE DRIVERS FIND THEIR SAFEST FIT

PRESENTED BY FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE, VIENNA COMMUNITY CENTER AND SHEPHERD'S CENTER OF VIENNA-OAKTON

CarFit is an educational program that offers older adults the opportunity to check how well their personal vehicles "fit" them. CarFit is an individualized, personal instruction course that educates drivers on how to best position themselves (by adjusting the car's safety features) to maximize their safe driving experience. It uses a 12-point checklist to verify the driver's awareness of the car's safety features and operator controls. This event will be held Wednesday, September 30, 2015, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Parking Lot. For a free appointment, contact the Vienna Community Center at 703-255-6360. Learn more about the program at www.carfit.org.

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

The Town of Vienna Community Band is seeking enthusiastic new musicians in all sections. We are especially looking for clarinets, bassoons, oboes, and tubas. If you are interested, please attend any 6:30 p.m. rehearsal on Sundays at the American Legion Post 180 Event Hall upper-level (330 North Center Street, Vienna, VA 22180). Our first rehearsal of the 2015-2016 season is on Sunday, September 13. For more information on the Vienna Community Band, please visit www.viennacommunityband.org.

The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna (SCOV), is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to promoting and supporting purposeful independent living for mature adults through: volunteer opportunities, transportation assistance, support services, lifelong learning and cultural enrichments opportunities. Our events for September include:

SCOV will hold an open house and registration for the fall semester of its Adventures in Learning classes on Thursday, September 17 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Classes will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursdays from September 24 to November 12 and include Bridge, T'ai Chi, a Health series, National and World Affairs and a section of Potpourri topics. The fee is \$40.00 for all eight weeks of classes. For more information, call (703) 281-0538 or visit www.scov.org for class schedule.

SCOV's quarterly luncheon, Lunch n' Life will be on Monday, September 21st, noon – 2 pm. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church (DeSales Hall—8601 Wolftrap Road, Vienna) Join us for a delicious lunch followed by a performance by "The Cameo Jewels", an exclusive group of women who have competed in Ms. Senior America state and national pageants. The multi-talented performers entertain with songs, dance, impersonations and audience participation. \$10 per person; reservation and prepayment required by Sept. 14th. Call 703-281-0538 to register.

The Vienna Arts Society, a 501 c 3 non-profit organization dedicated to "enriching our community through the arts", announces the following: September 1 – 26, 2015 events:

Gold Rush! Artwork with "gold" as the theme. This can be interpreted in many ways, gold colors, gold coins, golden hair, gold leaf, and much more from the imagination of our members. The show is open to the public, and visitors can also view small items of original art, scarves, jewelry, notecards etc. all hand made by VAS artists – great for gifts. Free and open to the public- Location: Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna VA 22180, Tuesdays – Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Contact: 703-319-3971 www.ViennaArtsSociety

Thursday, September 10, 2015, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. At the VAS monthly members' meeting, watercolor artist Rachel Kazan will demonstrate "Textures in Watercolor" Learn fun ways to use saran wrap, salt, rubbing alcohol and gesso to make wonderful textures in watercolor that can be used for rocks, mountains, water, feathers and other highly textured objects. In addition, you can use layers of saran wrap painting to create a batik effect in watercolor.

Rachel Kazan has studied watercolor painting and drawing at the Torpedo Factory and the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts and with local artists including Susan Herron, David Daniels, Gwen Bragg and Rachel Collins. She had solo shows at local venues in 2014 and 2015, and she won an Honorable Mention at the 2014 Vienna Treasury of Art show. Free and open to the public- Location: Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna VA 22180, Thursday, September 10, 2015 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Contact: 703-319-3971 www.ViennaArtsSociety

Until October 3, 2015. Ruth Ensley is the featured artist at the current VAS Gallery. Her works are interpretations of her experience while living in tropical countries for many years, watercolors of local flora and fauna

filled with vibrant colors. Works by other VAS artists are also in the show. Free and open to the public- Location: Vienna Arts Society Gallery on the Village, 513 Maple Ave. W. Vienna, VA 22180. Through October 3, Monday through Saturday. Contact for Gallery: (703) 319-3220

The Vienna/Oakton Vision Impaired (VIP) Resource Group will meet on Monday, September 21, 2015 from 10 a.m. - Noon at the Patrick Henry Library located at 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna, VA 22180. Our guest speaker is Kimberly Avila, a Ph.D. candidate at George Mason University. Also visually impaired, she will talk about Navigating the Path to Safer Mobility Options for Adults with Vision Loss. If you live in the vicinity and need a ride, please call: The Shepherd Center at 703-281-0538 (3 days advance notice required). For any VIP related inquiries, please contact: Chato Carter at 571-338-7006 or email chatovcarter@yahoo.com

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, September 1, 2015, 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/>

The Welcome Club of Northern Virginia is a social club offering activities that include monthly luncheons with program, a tea group, bridge/game groups, wine groups, a book review group, and a golf group just to name a few - truly something for everyone! Whether you're a new or long-time resident, new friendships await. Next luncheon is September 3rd. For information about the Club and how to register for the luncheon, visit www.welcomeclubnvirginia.com.

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HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Ayr Hill Garden Club members invite all youth to participate in Afternoons on Church activities provided by Ayr Hill Garden Club on the Freeman Store grounds - Sunday, September 27, 1-5 p.m., 131 Church St. NE. Activities will include crafting lavender sachets, planting milkweed seeds, learning about butterflies and metamorphosis. Free.

The McLean Branch of the American Association of University Women will hold the 46th Used Book Sale Friday, Sept 18 from 9 a.m. -7 p.m. Saturday, Sept 19 from 10 a.m. -6 p.m. and Sunday, Sept 20 from 12-4 p.m. at the McLean Community Center 1234 Ingleside Ave McLean, VA. Most books are \$10 a bag. Books for adults and children, CDs, DVDs, records, and recent textbooks will be offered for sale. There is a separate room for books for children. Proceeds support scholarships for women. For more info call 703-527-4206 or email aauwbookfair@gmail.com. Every summer for the last fifteen years the SunTrust Bank at 515 Maple Ave has generously allowed McLean AAUW to collect and store books at the bank. McLean AAUW deeply appreciates the ongoing support of Sun Trust.

Chapter 227, Vietnam Veterans of America Inc., invites all veterans, friends, and the general public to attend the September 17, 2015 chapter meeting at Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane, Cedar Park Shopping Center, Vienna, Virginia, at 7:30 p.m. Captain John Denkler, USN (Retired), will discuss U.S. military code breaking efforts of Russian Navy communications codes. 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.

Historic Vienna Inc celebrates the year's fifth Afternoon on Church Street, Sunday, September 27, 1-5 p.m., themed "Mugs and Mums." At 2 p.m., HVI members Jon Vrana and Leigh Kitcher, playing original storekeepers

Mr. and Mrs. Lydecker, will present "Vienna's First General Store" and discuss what it was like in 1859 for them to set up the store and meet the needs of Vienna's farming community. The Ayr Hill Garden Club will organize gardening related children's activities all afternoon. Come play old-fashioned games, and peruse our vintage items and used books for sale. Rain or shine. Freeman Store and Museum, 131 Church Street NE. www.historicviennainc.org

October 5 HVI Membership meeting. On Monday, October 5, 7:30 Vienna's own author Nedda Thomas Davis will present her new book *Hump Pilot*, about her dad's exploits during WWII flying dangerous missions over the Himalayas. Signed copies of her book will be available for sale. Her talk will be preceded by a brief membership meeting of Historic Vienna Inc. Everyone is welcome to attend. Town Council Chamber of Vienna's Town Hall, 127 Center Street, South. See www.historicviennainc.org for more details.

Ayr Hill Garden Club is offering a free (public welcome) special presentation Monday, September 28th @ 12:45 p.m. (snacks included before meeting start) Lutheran Emanuel Church (upstairs back room) 2589 Chain Bridge Rd, Vienna, VA 22181. LAND PRESERVATION IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA given by Richard Bliss Founder, Northern Virginia Conservation Trust (NVCT) The NVCT is an award-winning charity that saves nearby nature by helping local Northern Virginia governments and private landowners voluntarily preserve natural areas, trails, streams and parks--5,700 acres so far. His presentation will include pictures of completed and ongoing projects highlighting natural resources preservation as well as ecological and environmental restoration. Please rsvp to Emilielarson@rcn.com

The Vienna Business Association welcomes a very special speaker for its September meeting. Jim Kuiken is a highly successful former business executive, political candidate and international diplomat, law enforcement officer/agent, Director with Homeland Security

and retired multi-war combat wounded Marine. Now, as a writer and dynamic Public Speaker, his experiences as a young combat 'grunt' who moved up the ladder to become one of the most senior enlisted leaders in the Marine Corps gives him the 'boots on the ground' real-world perspective. He and his service dog, Freedom, dedicate much of their time to speaking about overcoming adversity, and helping Veterans and others with PTSD to find the road to recovery. The meeting will be held on September 11th from 11:30-1p.m. at the Patriot Hall at the American Legion Hall on Center Street. Registration is required: <http://virginia.viennabusiness.org/events/details/vba-lunch-meeting-jim-kuiken-920>

Stemtree Education Center will celebrate its official grand opening on Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 220 Maple Ave West, beginning at 6 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Stemtree takes a unique approach to providing students in grades K-12 with one-on-one instruction in science, technology, and engineering. The community is invited to see our facility first-hand and to learn how Stemtree differs from traditional stem centers.

Your old magazines and paperback books are welcomed by detainees at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center through the Literacy Project, sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Fairfax County Chapter. Regular donors may leave publications in sturdy plastic bags at the usual location on the last Tuesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Be sure to remove mailing labels from magazines.) First-time donors may call Florence Roseborough at (703) 281-2498 for information.

Volunteers are welcome to help tend the Community and Learning Garden for its last month of the season and prepare it for next spring. Suggestions, seeds, plants, materials, tools and supplies are all appreciated to create this lovely public space for us all to enjoy. For more information contact Mary at marywoodsvienna@gmail.com

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TTY Virginia Relay 711
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Vienna, Virginia 22180

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THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

From the Vienna Newsletter Archives

September 2005: The law requires drivers to stop for school buses taking on or discharging passengers and to remain stopped until the passengers are out of the street and the bus is again underway. Please remember stop at the curb before crossing the street, cross at least 10 feet in front of the school bus, and to walk facing the traffic.

September 1995: The Church of the Holy Comforter on Beulah Road celebrates its centennial this year. Among the congregation in 1895 was Rev. Johannes Adam Simon Oertel, an Episcopal priest who gained fame as an artist and wood carver. His work is in churches and cathedrals as far as England and includes his most famous painting, “Rock of Ages.”

September 1985: A Townwide traffic study is scheduled to begin this month. This professional study was commissioned by the Town Council to make sure that Vienna has adequate planning for the impact of traffic generated by the Vienna Metro Station and other developments. One principal criterion for the study is protecting the integrity of the Town’s residential neighborhoods, as well as moving traffic.

September 1975: Town Council awarded a \$310,404 construction contract to Owens and Dove, a Merrifield firm, for the improvements to the long awaited Malcolm Road-Lawyers Road Project in northwest Vienna. Malcolm Road will be improved from its present 18 to 20 feet width to 25 feet. Parts of Lawyers Road, adjacent to Malcolm Road, will be widened to a safer 30-foot width from its present 24-foot width. Both roads will include curb and gutter and some sidewalks. One of the most beneficial changes will be the increased sight distance on the two roads.

Vienna Farmers Market

You are welcome to the Vienna Farmers Market every Saturday at 8am-noon at Faith Baptist Church- Parking Lot, 301 Center Street South, Vienna, VA 22180

With over 30 amazing vendors from across the region, the Vienna Farmers Market provides the highest quality locally-sourced fruits and vegetables and delicious homemade eats. In addition, the Market features great entertainment and classes.

Fees from the Vienna Farmers Market are a major fundraiser for the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna, directly benefiting kids right here in Vienna.

Recycling at Northside Property Yard

Recycle used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries on Saturday, September 5, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill Street NE. Vienna. Free for Vienna residents.