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Honor a volunteer community-maker

Help Town Council recognize and thank some of the outstanding volunteers who work so hard to make Vienna a better place to live. Nominations for outstanding volunteers are being accepted through March 3. The Town will honor these special people at a community ceremony on April 12.

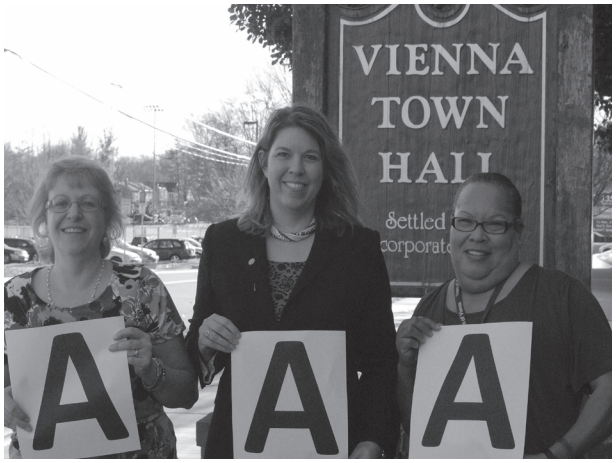
Nomination forms are available at Town Hall or online at **ow.ly/VRdhq**. Completed forms are due to the Mayor's Office by March 3. For more information, call 703-255-6311 or email **mayor@viennava.gov.**

Town Hall Meeting: Legislative Agenda
9 am • January 23
Town Hall, Council Chambers
See p. 2 for more info.

Town earns AAA – twice!

After re-evaluation by two of the country's top financial rating firms, the Town of Vienna has received affirmation of its AAA general obligation bond rating with an outlook that has been upgraded to stable. AAA is the highest rating available.

Standard & Poor's and Moody's issued their ratings in early December as part of the Town's plan to offer before the end of 2015 approximately $6.5 million in green bonds to help finance the community center renovation and other environmentally beneficial capital projects. (More information about the bond issuance will be in the February issue of this newsletter.)



Making the grade *Finance Department staff members, from left, Marion Serfass, Karen Spence, and Liz King celebrate the Town's AAA bond rating.*

"We're really excited," says Finance Director Karen Spence. "These ratings are very important because the higher the rating, the more likely we are to receive a lower interest rate on our bonds. With this rating, we should receive the best rates the market can bear. And lower interest rates result in lower debt payments."

The agencies' ratings considered not only Vienna's local economy, but also the Town's financial management policies and practices.

The AAA rating with a stable outlook, according to Standard and Poor's (S&P) summary, reflects the Town of Vienna's very strong economy, budgetary performance and flexibility, fiscal management, and liquidity. "We view the town's management as strong with 'good' financial policies and practices," says S&P.

"Vienna's strong financial position," notes Moody's, "is supported by a history of conservative budgeting."

The last time that the Town of Vienna's bond rating was re-evaluated was in 2011.

Council teams with state representatives to put Vienna's needs before General Assembly

by Adam Kincaid, Town Staff

Transportation, water quality, and community development are among the issues that Town Council has requested local state representatives address during the upcoming 2016 General Assembly session.

At a November 9 work session, Town Council presented its 2016 Legislative Agenda to Sen. J. Chap Petersen and Del. Mark Keam and arranged for the state representatives to return to Town Hall to discuss goals, strategies, and legislative realities during a Town Hall meeting at 9 a.m. Saturday, January 23. Citizens are invited to attend the Town Hall meeting to learn more about Vienna's 2016 Legislative Agenda and to share feedback with government representatives.

Council placed a heavy emphasis on transportation in its agenda requests. Rather than calculating Virginia Department of Transportation road maintenance assistance based on lane mileage as is currently done, Council suggests that lane volume would be a more suitable measurement. Council is also seeking additional funding for new sidewalk projects to address pedestrian access and connectivity to public transportation in an effort to reduce motor vehicle traffic and congestion.

Vienna's Legislative Agenda highlights the importance of the Town's water in all its various forms, from urban stormwater to sewage treatment to general overflows. Council suggests that additional local funding would improve day-to-day management of water systems and allow localities to better meet state and federal quality regulations. The bottom line is that the Town would prefer to monitor and manage its water quality locally rather than focus on quality goals mandated for downstream major water sources, e.g. the Chesapeake Bay.

Construction impacts water quality, and Council has expressed the need for contractors to better address this issue. Contractors currently are within their rights to apply credits earned outside of localities where they may be working. "Off-site credits don't necessarily help towns and cities meet their local water quality goals," says Town Attorney Steve Briglia, who added that the Town of Vienna recommends amending current practices to better ensure that pollution reductions actually occur locally.

Other topics addressed in Vienna's Legislative Agenda relate to:

- advertisement of public hearings
- local land-use authority
- state and municipal fiscal relationship
- construction project bids.

"The Town appreciates Del. Keam's and Sen. Petersen's advocacy of our Legislative Agenda," says Mayor Laurie DiRocco, "and we look forward to working with them to craft legislation to support the Town and its residents."

Community Center Renovation & Expansion Update

Construction progress as reported at the December 7 Town Council work session included:

- 90% completion of interior demolition
- installation of fire hydrant and sanitary sewer on Park Street
- grading of and base for moved section of W&OD trail – to be followed by bollards and asphalt surface
- mechanical units removed from the roof
- installation of vents and waste and supply pipes in restrooms
- installation of duct work throughout the building.

Coming up next are:

- installation of stormwater drains on south side of the building
- removal of asphalt on north side of building in order to grade for future parking
- removal of the old trail section and remaining trees
- dismantling of light poles on south side of the building.

Community center renovation is projected to be substantially complete at the beginning of 2017 with grand re-opening targeted for the spring.

Mayor @ Your Service January 12

Local historian to present 'Downfall: The Empire's Last Stand'

Jim Lewis

"Downfall: The Empire's Last Stand" – nope, that's not the title of the next sequel in the *Star Wars* series. Rather, it's the title of the hour-long presentation to be made by local historian Jim Lewis at the January 12 Mayor @ Your Service forum. The 7:30 p.m. presentation will reveal the frightening and fascinating story of what might have been had "the largest invasion that never happened" been launched against Japan in 1945.

As the Allies had all-but-won the war in Europe at the opening of 1945, the United States turned its attention to the Pacific Theatre and specifically to the largest planned amphibious invasion in history.

"This was going to be far larger than D-Day and far worse," says Lewis, adding that more than 1 million casualties were anticipated among American/Allied troops alone. "Everybody believes that the A-bomb saved us, but that's just part of the story. There's more to the story than people know, and everyone finds the material enthralling."

Operation Downfall actually called for two invasions: Operation Olympic, an invasion of southern Japan in November 1945, and, if necessary, Operation Coronet, which would have targeted Tokyo in March 1946. Each invasion on its own would have dwarfed the June 1944 Normandy invasion, says Lewis.

As it turns outs, says the history enthusiast, U.S. intelligence had drastically underestimated Japanese defenses. As an example, Lewis notes, intel estimated that Japan had 2,500 planes remaining when in actuality there were approximately 13,000 aircraft. "This intel misinformation would have cost many more lives than ever anticipated," he says.

To learn more about the fascinating story behind the invasion that never happened, you'll have to attend Lewis' January 12 presentation at Town Hall.

A ninth-generation Virginian, Lewis, who lives in Reston, worked for Xerox for 32 years before retiring eight years ago. His journey to historian began with curiosity about "holes" in his backyard that turned out to be Confederate earthworks, as documented by the Fairfax County Archeology Department. Since then Lewis has been associated with the Hunter Mill Defense League and other historical organizations, which has resulted in numerous documentaries, publications, and 11 historical markers along the 7.2-mile Hunter Mill Road. He's also been active in conducting a variety of historical tours, most notably the well-known Hunter Mill Corridor Historical Tour, which he continues to offer in the spring and fall.

> **"This was going to be far larger than D-Day and far worse."**
> *-Local Historian Jim Lewis*

Following a 2013 bucket-list trip to Europe, Lewis developed two World War II presentations, "What Our Boys Faced on D-Day" and "D-Day (+1) thru the Battle of the Bulge," which he has presented regionally many times. The "Downfall" presentation was developed by popular demand, he says, as those who attended his lectures requested information about the end of World War II.

Mayor @ Your Service is a regular forum hosted by Mayor Laurie DiRocco through which citizens can learn about Town departments, services, and issues as well as information of general interest.

Resolve to have fun in 2016

by Adam Kincaid, Town Staff

If you've resolved to get off the couch and try a new activity, learn something new, or meet new folks in 2016, the classes offered by Vienna's Parks and Recreation Department this winter can help you quickly and successfully achieve your goal.

The Parks and Recreation Department is offering nearly 100 classes, camps, events, and trips for people of all ages – from newborns to mature adults – through the winter quarter.

Never too old to exercise *The Town of Vienna offers fitness classes for people of all ages.*

"What's really great," says Parks & Recreation Director Leslie Herman, "is that classes not only offer an opportunity to exercise or learn a unique skill, they also allow participants to create a bond with one another and the larger community. Classes offer a great way to meet and make new friends."

When Gloria Deuel moved to Vienna from Florida nearly two years ago she met one of her new friends at the community center; the friend, as it turns out, also lives in her apartment building. "I meet people in classes and on trips [offered through parks and rec] all the time," says Deuel. "They're a great source for finding new friends."

Also new to the Vienna area, Helen Krikorian initially began taking a variety of different classes to explore her new environment; she found that she got to know her fellow students even better by going on parks and rec trips. Krikorian described the parks and rec staff as "a great source of information" and was pleased to have met "very pleasant people" when she first became a member of the community.

Vienna offers an array of adult art and fitness classes, including an expansive pottery program for all skill levels (e.g., beginner/intermediate wheel on January 4), painting and drawing (January 4 and 5), tai chi for beginners (starting January 22), Pilates with props and mats (January 12 and 13), and three variations of yoga (beginning January 9). You also can learn how to play guitar or Irish fiddle or how to trace your family roots (a six-week course starting January 23).

Offerings this winter for mature adults (those 50 and older) include senior fitness (January 5), a six-week memoir writing workshop (beginning January 14), and stress management (March 2). Also available are numerous lectures pertaining to health and well-being.

Teens are invited to participate in Club Phoenix, a free drop-in after-school center for students in grades 6 through 8. Students can work on homework, develop interest clubs and sports, and play games with friends. Registration forms may be picked up at the Parks and Recreation Department's temporary Cedar Park office or at **viennava.gov.**

For children, course offerings include three distinctive "doodlers" arts and craft classes beginning January 12, a clay studio on January 25, and Minecraft animation on January 23. For many of the participating children, these classes are the highlight of their week, and they eagerly look forward to a favorite activity and reconnecting with classmates and their instructor.

Never too young for social connections *Many of Vienna's programs are geared toward children.*

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Resolve to have fun, cont'd.

Shannon Lake, instructor of one of the hugely popular children's gymnastics classes, says that her classes offer more than instruction on how to execute somersaults or backbends. "This is a place where kids can feel positive about themselves," she says. "Here they have a place to be and a sense of belonging." Lake, who has taught Vienna parks and rec classes for 26 years, speaks from firsthand experience; she tumbled in Vienna parks and rec classes as a 5-year-old herself. Community Center Assistant Manager Nick Jones, who oversees all parks and rec facilities, noted how the recurring role of each instructor becomes part of the identity of each class and fosters the relationships participants form.

"While it may be a desire to learn something new, move in new ways, or build upon existing skills that initially brings people to class," says Recreation Program Coordinator Brandy Wyatt, "it's the relationships they develop that keep people coming back."

To register for your course this winter, sign up via the Town website (**viennava.gov**) with WEBTRAC. For more information, check out the winter 2016 guide on the parks and rec page at **viennava.gov.**

The Parks and Recreation Department is currently housed at the Cedar Park Shopping Center, 262M Cedar Lane SE, 2nd Floor, Units 4 and 7, through the duration of the community center renovation and expansion. Call 703-255-6360 for more information. Register for parks & recreation classes online at **viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=545.**

Safe Winter Driving Tips

The weather's been mostly delightful so far this winter. When it does turn frightful, the Occupational Safety Health Administration (OSHA) recommends the four P's of safe winter driving: **prepare** for the trip, **protect** yourself, **practice** your driving, and **prevent** crashes.

Prepare

- Maintain your car: Check battery, tire tread, and windshield wipers; keep windows clear; put no-freeze fluid in the washer reservoir; and check 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 the dome light. 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 maps/directions, and let others know your route and arrival time.

Practice

- During 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 and icy roads
- 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 a trip, stop at least every three hours, and rotate drivers if possible.
- If you are planning to drink, designate a sober driver.

Provided by the United States Department of Labor, OSHA

Help make Vienna a greener community in 2016

Susan Stillman, Community Enhancement Commission

Are you curious about the Community Enhancement Commission (CEC)? Our charter is to make Vienna a more sustainable community. To that end, our efforts are many and varied.

For example, we work to increase and preserve tree coverage in Town. As new homes are built, the Town enforces the new tree coverage code, which was initiated by the CEC. We're also studying ways to reduce energy use and waste in Town buildings, residences, and commercial buildings. The Virginia Municipal League, through its GoGreen Challenge, provides excellent guidance on this topic.

Further, CEC is working to have Vienna accredited as a National Wildlife Federation-certified community. We'll need a lot of resident participation to make this a success, and we urge you to join the effort.

The CEC sponsored the Solarize program in 2015 to help Vienna homeowners purchase solar panels and make their homes more energy efficient. Solarize Vienna will return in 2016 to encourage homeowners to take advantage of the Solar Investment Tax Credit, which sunsets at the end of the year. We also recognize homeowners and homebuilders who implement recognized efficiency programs through the Eco-Efficient Homes program.

With CEC's encouragement, several restaurants in Town are participating in the Virginia Green Restaurant program (**tinyurl.com/nucapyk**). Restaurants that participate in this program sport a Virginia Green decal and deserve your patronage.

In addition, the CEC works to improve recycling in Vienna. To find out more about the CEC and its efforts, visit **tinyurl.com/j68pf6m.**

The CEC is limited to 10 appointed members, but we aren't limited in the number of residents who can actively participate in our efforts. If you're interested in improving sustainability at the Town level, please join us at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month (except November and December when we meet on the third Thursday) in Council Chambers at Town Hall. Meetings are listed on the Town calendar; agendas and minutes are available at **viennava.gov.** We'd love to have you join us!

Nominate a community-minded business

Friderike Butler, Town/Business Liaison Committee

As we embark on a new year with fresh opportunities and new activities on the horizon, this is also a good time to look back on 2015 and reflect on all the blessings that are manifest in our community.

What was your favorite 2015 community event? Baseball games at Waters Field or Southside Park? Vi!Va! Vienna? Summer concerts on the Town Green or 4th of July festivities? Maybe it was Evening in White or Oktoberfest or perhaps the Halloween Parade, Church Street Holiday Stroll, or one of the many community races? Aside from bringing people together, each of these events requires extensive volunteer and sponsorship support in order to be successfully executed.

What other examples of community service or engagement come to mind? Do you know someone who took an extraordinary step out of their way to help another in need? Do you know someone who organized a fundraiser for a local charity? How about someone who saw a void in the community and filled it without fanfare on their own time and dollar? The sum of these activities and much more is what makes our community so special.

Each year, Town of Vienna citizens are offered an opportunity to nominate a Vienna-based business or business owner, whom they believe deserves special recognition for an extraordinary community contribution. The Carole Wolfand Community Service Award honors a businessperson or business that went above and beyond, like its namesake, in giving back to the community and who represents community spirit at its best. The Wolfand Award winner will be recognized at the April 12 reception at which other community volunteers also will be celebrated

Click on the Carole Wolfand Award link on the Town/Business Liaison Committee page at **viennava.gov** for nomination guidelines. Nominations are due March 3. You also can nominate non-business community-enhancers for volunteer recognition by visiting the 2016 Mayor's Volunteer Reception page at **viennava.gov.**

Vibrations

A collection of tidbits of Town information with the potential for far-reaching impact – or that you just ought to know.

Vienna: One of Virginia's safest cities
The website SafeWise identified Vienna as one of the 10 safest cities in Virginia. In a listing released in November, Vienna was ranked #9. The website based its rankings on 2013 FBI Crime Report statistics, including number of violent and property crimes. Find more information at **safewise.com/blog/safest-cities-virginia-2015/.**

Way to recycle, Vienna!
Through its four quarterly Recycling Days in 2015, the Town of Vienna collected 500 gallons of waste oil, 43 gallons of antifreeze, and 21 car batteries. During the most recent community recycling day on December 5, recycling of electronic items (essentially anything with a plug) was offered for the first time. Citizen response to the e-recycling was so successful that the vendor couldn't fit all of the items dropped off on his truck and had to return for a second load. The e-cycler estimates that about two tons of electronics were collected. The next Recycling Day will be from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at the Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill Street NE.

Kudos
Congratulations to Maintenance Worker **Connor Duffy** in the Parks and Recreation Department. He has successfully completed a National Recreation and Park Association course and is now a certified playground safety inspector. The course provides comprehensive and up-to-date training on playground safety. Parks Maintenance Worker **Brian Harrington** is also a certified playground inspector.

Town tackles Christmas trees

Now that your live Christmas tree is past its prime, the Town of Vienna is here to help. Sanitation crews will collect Christmas trees on residents' regular refuse collection days throughout the month of January. Prior to placing Christmas trees at the curb for collection, please remove all decorations, tinsel, and any non-natural materials. Do not place trees in bags or wrap them in plastic sheeting or other materials. For more information, contact Vienna's Department of Public Works at 703-255-6380 or **dpw@viennava.gov.**

Appointed to serve
At its November 16 meeting, Town Council re-appointed **Dale Sawaya** to the Board of Architectural Review for a two-year term expiring in December 2017.

Stay Vienna Alert
Would you like to be updated about snow emergencies? Or would it be helpful to be notified about road closures around Town? Sign up for the Town's new and improved public alert system, Vienna Alerts, and you'll always be in the know.

With Vienna Alerts, subscribers receive emails, texts, and/or phone messages from the Town of Vienna as events arise. Subscribers receive messages about topics of their choice via the medium of their choice. Information categories include: special Town events, weather alerts, emergency announcements, government closures, and more. To sign up for or to manage your Vienna Alerts account, click on the Vienna Alerts link at the bottom of the **viennava.gov** homepage. For more information and support please email **ViennaAlerts@viennava.gov.**

Don't forget Fido

Your four-legged "best friend" is required to be licensed in the Town of Vienna. All dogs more than four months old must be licensed by February 1. Dog licenses are $10 for each dog and may be purchased in the Finance Department at Town Hall. A current rabies vaccination certificate (one that expires after February 1) must be shown.

Dogs certified to serve as guide dogs for the blind, hearing dogs for the deaf, and service dogs for those who are mobility impaired must be licensed, but are exempt from the license tax. Dog tags also are available by mail. Call 703-255-5733 for more information.

Recycling by the #s

500 gallons of waste oil

43 gallons of antifreeze

21 car batteries

2 tons of electronics

See story above to learn more about results of the Town of Vienna's 2015 recycling program.

Vienna businesses with staying power

Congratulations to the following Vienna businesses who will celebrate milestone anniversaries in January 2016.

45 Years
Michael V. Farr, D.D.S., P.C

35 Years
Cooper's Security Alarm System
Irene Light Music Instruction
Jack Weil D.M.D

30 Years
Daniel H. Wagner Associates
Finance Business Forms Company
Griffin Communications
Irene B. Krebs, LCSW

25 Years
Nora Fashion
Waters Contracting

20 Years
Associated Resumé Writers
Bunaugh Construction Services
Cliff Dewitt Massage Therapist
Computer Technology Solutions
David Miller & Associates
Maria L. Zapata
Russell J. Heinen
Star's Beads, LTD
United Air- Temp

15 Years
Bennett's Nursery
Doodlebug Explorers Club
Kozusko Harris Vetter Wareh
Management Consulting for Development
The Kyllo Group

10 Years
Advanced Pediatrics Lab
Arlan K. Van Doorn, LLC
Element Consulting Group, Inc.
Kavita Malhotra O.D. PLLC
Nativescapes Horticultural Consulting
Ray Collins
Tango Enterprises, Inc.

5 Years
Absolute Training LLC
Call Joey Group
HRB Tax Group, Inc
Nutrition Ammunition LLC
Rudolph & Piana, D.D.S., PLL
S&H Plumbing, LLC
Skin Care Associates
Societal-Systems Research Inc.
US Home Construction, Inc.
Vega Pages
Vienna Family Dentists, PC
Viennahomestagers, LLC
Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC
Zam Peachy, LLC

Santa's Ride for Children

Santa, Mrs. Claus, Rudolph, and a group of very good-hearted, motorcycle-riding police officers gathered at the Vienna Police Department December 15 for the start of the annual Santa's Ride for Children. Thanks to the generous Vienna residents who donated nine boxes full of gifts that were among the items distributed to children at Fairfax Hospital and Georgetown Lombardi Cancer Center. Organized by the Fairfax County Motor Squad, Santa's Ride visits area elementary schools. Other participating law enforcement agencies include the Vienna and Fairfax City police departments, Fairfax County and Falls Church sheriff's offices, and the Virginia State Police.

Vienna's snow-fighters are prepared for 'battle'

If and when the snow starts flying this winter, the Town of Vienna's snow-fighters – staff in the Public Works and Parks and Recreation departments – are ready to do battle. Here's a "by the numbers" look at the tools they'll use to help them efficiently clear Town streets and public facilities:

20
plows and other street-clearing pieces of equipment

700
tons of salt

300
tons of sand

For the first time this year, the Town of Vienna will pretreat roads with a salt brine, obtained through a memorandum of understanding with the City of Fairfax. Also, if temperatures dip low enough, the Town will use magnesium chloride along with salt to treat the roads.

Speaking of Vienna's salt supply, did you know that it is extremely well-traveled? The salt is mined in upstate New York, barged up the St. Lawrence River and around Nova Scotia, where it travels down the Atlantic Ocean, finally making its way up the Chesapeake Bay to the Port of Baltimore. The salt is then trucked to Vienna for the final leg of the long journey.

Town Council Actions

The following items represent recent Town Council actions but do not constitute official meeting minutes. The most recent approved Town Council minutes, agendas, and meeting videos are available online at **viennava.gov/index. aspx?nid=567**. *All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.*

November 2, 2015

- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Vienna and Faith Baptist Church for Town use of the church's parking lot.
- Authorized a $107,522.76 purchase of four trucks within the Vehicle Replacement Program.
- Approved purchase of a 2016 Ford F-150 and a dump bed insert to replace vehicle #93 for $23,754.20.
- Approved an additional $24,000 for repair parts from Ferguson Waterworks, bringing the total FY16 spending to $43,500.
- Awarded an additional $30,000 for implementation of Tyler Munis software.

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Send community news to pio@viennava.gov.

Deadline for the February issue is January 8.

Open for business

Town of Vienna business licenses were issued in November to the following businesses.

The Remedy
Boutique
509 Maple Ave W
703-282-2990

Freakyhealer
Life Coach
305 Jade Ct NW
516-343-9265

Basillini
Restaurant
235 Maple Ave E
240-604-3333

AT&T Authorized Retailer #1771
Sales
211 Maple Ave E
703-938-5000

Nautilus Aquatics
Sales
214 Dominion Rd NE
703-263-0427

Happenings Around Town

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 7:30-9 pm Tuesday, **January 5**, in the Program Building at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax (UUCF), 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. FLY also holds Teen Lounges on the third Friday of each month, alternating between movie and pizza nights at UUCF and outside venues. For information about both groups, email **wf.pflag@gmail.com** or visit **pflagdc.org**. Visit FLY on Facebook at **facebook.com/groups/fly.pflag/.**

Vienna Arts Society members' paintings with the theme "The Blues" will be on exhibit **January 5-23** at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant Street NW. All are welcome to an exhibit reception from 1-3 pm Sunday, **January 16**. Exhibit hours are 10 am-4 pm Tuesday-Saturday. For more information, visit **ViennaArtsSociety.org** or call 703-319-3971.

Fine arts photographer Robin Kent, best known for his landscape images of Washington, D.C., will speak about night photography at the **January 6** meeting of the **Vienna Photographic Society**, **vpsva.org/**. Kent recently has photographed subjects in unique locations, including high altitude monarch preserves in central Mexico, the Milky Way in remote areas of Yosemite National Park, and frozen landscapes of the Antarctic Peninsula. Kent's

photographs are included in collections of major corporations and local business organizations. His presentation is free and open to the public. To learn more about Kent and to view examples of his work, visit **photographybykent.com**.

Erin Garland, a docent with the National Museum for Women in the Arts, will present "Spotlight on Women Artists" during the **January 9** meeting of the **Vienna Branch of the American Association of University Women.** Garland will speak about works in the museum's collection with an emphasis on Washington, DC area artists. The meeting, which is free and open to the public, is from 10 am-noon at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant Street NW. For more information, email **ViennaAAUW@yahoo.com**.

St. Mark Catholic School, 9972 Vale Road, will host an admissions **open house** from 10:45 am-1:30 pm Sunday, **January 10**. For more information, email **mtierney@stmark.org** or call 703-766-3441.

"Nature's Treasures," the Vienna Arts Society's winter show will be on exhibit through **February 28** at Green Spring Gardens Park in Alexandria. All are welcome to an exhibit reception from 1-3 pm Sunday, **January 10**. For show times and directions, visit **fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring** or call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173.

Lorien Wood School, 8200 Bell Lane, will host two open houses for interested parents: the first at 7:30 pm Monday, **January 11**, and the second at 9 am Thursday, **January 21.** RSVPs are appreciated, but not required: 703-319-0440 or **admissions@lorienwood.org.**

The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna will host an open house and winter semester registration for its Adventures in Learning classes from 10 am-noon Thursday, **January 14**, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Classes (topics include bridge, tai chi, a health series, and national and world affairs) will take place from 9 am-2 pm January 21-March 17. The fee is $40 for eight weeks. Visit **scov.org** for a class schedule or call 703-281-0538 for more information.

Artist Elizabeth Witcher will demonstrate painting and drawing with inks during the Thursday, **January 14**, **Vienna Arts Society** meeting, which is free and open to the public. The meeting will be from 10:30 am-12:30 pm at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant Street NW. For more information, visit **ViennaArtsSociety.org** or call 703-319-3971.

Happenings Around Town notices are printed as a community service, and items are included as space allows. Submission may be edited. Listings do not constitute an endorsement of content nor necessarily reflect any policy or position of the Town of Vienna, Town Council, or Town employees.

Happenings Around Town

The American Legion Auxiliary will serve up a breakfast buffet from 8 am-noon Sunday, **January 17**, at Post 180, 330 Center Street N. Omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, and more will be served. Cost is $9 for adults, $3 for children, 12 and under. For more information, call 703-938-6580.

The Vienna Photographic Society will host a competition and critique of member-submitted photographs at its **January 20** meeting. The competition is open only to members, but the meeting is free and open to the public and will begin at 7:30 pm in the Auditorium/ Room 123 at Oakton Elementary School, 3000 Chain Bridge Road. The theme for the competition is open, but emphasis will be on neglect/decay and night. Award-winning international photographer **Denise Silva**, co-owner of Road Runner Photography Tours, will serve as the competition judge. Silva has captured images from all over the world, including Alaska, Iceland, and China. She says that "there is no better place to learn and develop your skills than in the field." **vpsva.org**

Pam Powers, consulting rosarian and president of the Arlington Rose Foundation will present "Joys and Pitfalls of Growing Roses in the Washington, DC Area" at the **January 25** meeting of the **Ayr Hill Garden Club**. Guests are invited for complimentary refreshments at 12:45 pm to be followed by the program at 1 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road. An award-winning exhibitor, Powers has grown roses for 25 years. Ayr Hill Garden Club members maintain six gardens in Vienna and typically meet on the fourth Monday of each month. For more information, visit **ayrhillgardenclub.shutterfly.com**.

Play Bingo to win Vera Bradley items and help raise money for the fight against breast cancer at 11:30 am Saturday, **January 30**, at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center Street. All funds raised will support the **Avon Walk for Breast Cancer**. Tickets are $30 in advance and $35 at the door. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. For tickets and more information, email **jenschwab84@yahoo.com** or call 571-277-2191.

Have an interest in fun, fitness, and friendship? **Northern Virginia Senior Softball,** a slow-pitch league for men 50 and older and women 40 and older, will offer free morning conditioning programs in **February and March**. Participants will then be placed on one of 26 teams in three leagues, based on skill level, for Tuesday and Thursday morning games through the summer and fall. For more information, visit **nvss.org** or call Dave Scheele at 703-524-5576.

The Vienna Woman's Club is hosting a Daddy Daughter Valentine Dance from 6-8 pm Friday, **February 5**, at Marshall Road Elementary School. The dance is for girls ages 3 through sixth grade; dads (or other special guys) are asked to dress to impress. Proceeds will fund elementary school library donations and college scholarships for area high school students. Tickets are $20/couple through January 10; after that, tickets are $25. Buy tickets at **vwcdaddydaughterdance.eventbrite.com.**

You can bet that there will be lots of fun when the **Rotary Club of Vienna** hosts **Casino Night** Friday**, February 26.** Festivities are from 7 pm-midnight at the Westwood Country Club, 800 Maple Avenue E., and the theme for the evening is "Taste of the World." Tickets start at $85 per person and include samples from the 15 participating restaurants, two drink tickets, and gaming cash. To purchase tickets, visit **viennacasinonight.com**; call 703-981-4911 for more information.

Register now for the **2016 spring baseball season** with **Vienna Little League.** Registration is open to boys and girls ages 5-12. Visit **vll.org** to register online and for details about requirements for player age, level of play, and registration fees. Don't delay, registration ends and tryouts begin in early February.

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January Town Calendar

1	Holiday: Town Hall Closed (No Refuse Collection)	
2	Refuse Collection for Jan. 1	
4	Town Council Meeting	8 pm
5	Windover Heights Board of Review	7:30 pm
11	Town Council Work Session	8 pm
12	Mayor @ Your Service	7:30 pm
13	Planning Commission	8 pm
14	Town/Business Liaison Committee	7 pm
18	Holiday: Town Hall Closed (Reg Refuse Collection)	
19	Public Art Commission	7 pm
20	Board of Zoning Appeals	8 pm
21	Board of Architectural Review	8 pm
23	Town Hall Meeting	9 am
25	Town Council Meeting	8 pm
26	Bicycle/Pedestrian Adv Committee	7 pm
26	Transportation Safety Commission	8 pm
27	Planning Commission	8 pm
28	Comm Enhancement Commission	7:30 pm

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