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Town Council election: May 3

Candidates who wish to be on the ballot for the May 3 Vienna Town Council election must file all required documents with the Fairfax County Office of Elections by 7 p.m. March 1. Documents are available at elections.virginia.gov.

The mayor's position and three Council seats, those currently held by Linda Colbert, Edythe Frankel Kelleher, and Pasha Majdi, are up for election this year. Kelleher, who has served on Council since 2002, has announced that she will not seek re-election. Colbert and Majdi have announced that they do plan to run as has incumbent Mayor Laurie DiRocco. (The other three Council positions will be on the 2017 ballot.) The mayor and Councilmembers serve two-year terms.

The mayor's position is voted on separately from other Town Council positions. For Councilmember positions, the top three vote-getters among candidates assume office; there are no geographical areas or specific posts assigned to each seat. Candidates must be residents of the Town of Vienna, have lived in Virginia for at least one year, and be qualified to vote.

Since the Vienna Community Center, where elections are usually held, is closed for renovation, voting will take place at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park Street NE. Registered Town of Vienna voters may cast their ballots from 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 3.

The last day to register to vote to be eligible to participate in this election is April 11. To vote in the Vienna Council election, you must be a Town of Vienna resident, at least 18 years old by election day, and a U.S. citizen. The deadline for applying for an absentee ballot by mail is April 26.

Both the elections.virginia.gov and Fairfax County Office of Elections (fairfaxcounty.gov/elections) websites provide additional information about candidate qualifications and voting.

Newsletter changes on horizon

Citizens will notice that their next issue of the Town of Vienna newsletter is going to look, well, different. The Town's public information office is implementing design changes that will provide, we believe, a refreshed, professional, and engaging look.

Look for your redesigned and renamed newsletter to arrive around the first of March. We'll be that chock-full of community news publication with a green accent color on white paper stock. Other changes being incorporated include a more active, journalistic reporting style; more and larger photos; and a new name that better brands our publication and offers a hint of personality. Additional graphic tweaks may be incorporated over the next few months as we adjust to our new look.

We look forward to continuing to provide you with accurate and engaging information about Town events, programs, policies, and initiatives. Our goal is that the redesigned newsletter reflect the professionalism and high standards of the Town of Vienna and, more importantly, function as an effective communication tool that not only provides timely information, but helps to strengthen Vienna's sense of community.

Vienna's very own time machine, the Freeman Store, has a lot of history and a lot to offer. See story on page 6.

Vienna first Virginia community to issue green bonds

When the Town of Vienna issued approximately $6.2 million in general obligation bonds just before the end of 2015, it became the first Virginia local jurisdiction to offer bonds with a green designation. In addition, thanks to its recently reaffirmed AAA rating from both Standard & Poor's and Moody's, the Town was able to receive an extremely low interest rate.

The Town's bonds, designated to help pay for renovation and expansion of the Vienna Community Center, which will be LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) silver-certified, as well as stormwater and water and sewer improvements, were issued at a true interest cost of 2.16%. By comparison, on the same day, December 9, U.S. Treasury bonds were on the market at 2.32%.

"This is great news for the Town of Vienna," says Mayor Laurie DiRocco. "We're now reaping the benefits of our fiscally conservative policies and practices. The local economy certainly helped us achieve such an amazing interest rate, but Vienna also has worked hard to manage its finances well. Our practices and policies show a great deal of fiscal responsibility and maturity. I'm very proud of our Council and staff."

Green general obligation bonds are issued for qualified projects that in some way protect or enhance the environment. The green designation, says Finance Director Karen Spence, attracted environmentally conscious investors who want to finance green-friendly infrastructure.

"The Town's very attractive AAA bond rating coupled with the green designation," she says, "encouraged many investors to bid on the bonds."

While the green designation didn't impact the interest rate the Town received, Spence adds, it did expose the Town to a group of niche investors.

The Town will use 86% of bond proceeds for the community center project with the remainder of funds designated for stormwater and water and sewer improvements.

Vienna to host Supervisor Hudgins at Hunter Mill District Community Summit

Are you interested in learning how your county tax dollars are spent? Would you like to learn more about Fairfax County's budget process? Want to find out what's in store for next fiscal year? Would you like an opportunity to present your ideas to county leaders? If any of these questions pique your interest, then the February 20 Hunter Mill District Community Summit should be on your calendar.

Town of Vienna Mayor Laurie DiRocco will offer a presentation about Town highlights, projects, and activities as part of this annual community summit, which will take place from 8 am-noon Saturday, February 20, at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Station, 120 Center Street. The summit will be hosted and moderated by Fairfax County Supervisor Cathy Hudgins.

In addition to the mayor's presentation:

- County Executive Ed Long and Management and Budget Director Joe Mondoro will provide an overview of the FY2017 county budget.
- Fairfax County Schools budget will be discussed.
- A Hunter Mill Huddle will feature a discussion focused on "Bridging the Funding Gap in the County" with Hudgins and representatives from Fairfax County Public Schools, county service providers, and the business community.

Information about Fairfax County departments, services, and partners also will be available. For additional information, contact the Hunter Mill District office at 703-478-0283 or email huntermill@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Community center costs expected to increase

At its December 14 and January 4 meetings, Town Council approved change orders totaling $57,215 for the Vienna Community Center renovation project. After four months of work on the project, it has become clear that additional change orders will be needed and that expenses for the project are likely to exceed the $10.4 million budgeted amount due primarily to incomplete and uncoordinated pre-construction contract documents.

Parks and Recreation Director Leslie Herman and Project Manager Brad Macomber, both of whom started with the Town just as construction was getting underway in September, anticipate that at least $400,000 in additional costs will be needed to complete the project.

"They say that hindsight is 20/20," says Town Manager Mercury Payton. "Design and construction are complicated issues that require special skills. In the future, the Town has learned, it's well worth the upfront cost to obtain the services of an objective program manager early in the process to work with us through design, contract documentation preparation, permitting, and budget-setting as well as construction."

Of the original $10.4 million project budget, $8.9 million was designated for construction. The Town plans to use 2014 and 2016 bond funds to pay for the majority of the project. Any unforeseen costs were to be funded through a 3% contingency fund (about $286,000).

Now, additional costs above that 3% contingency are anticipated and will be paid using general fund reserves. According to American Institute of Architects best practices, contingencies for construction projects such as the community center are often set as high as 15%.

As the community center renovation moves forward, says the Parks and Recreation Department's Herman, the Town is looking for places to make changes in order to save money (for example, water service has been consolidated from two lines to one and modifications to interior finishes have been made). Such cost-cutting efforts recently netted $21,530 in credits, reducing the effective cost of change orders to date.

"We're still optimistic for a spring 2017 opening," says Herman. "We're all working hard to ensure that the Vienna Community Center is going to be a vibrant, functional, and attractive facility that will provide additional services and programs to a wide variety of users. We're very grateful for the many community partners who are working with us to make this happen."

Community Center Renovation & Expansion Update

Most recent project progress as reported at the January 11 Town Council work session included:

- removal of wood light poles in the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority's parking lot
- removal of wood power poles for the Vienna Youth Incorporated (VYI) building
- installation of fire hydrant
- connection of sanitary sewer to the main at Park Street and installation of two additional manholes
- installation of duct work on first and second levels
- installation of masonry for opening and wing walls
- installation of waste and supply plumbing pipes.

Delays were reported for:
- trail work so that the contractor can use the parking lot entrance to access the stormwater management structure in front of the VYI building
- demolition of the existing stormwater structure until delivery of the new structure.

Looking ahead, next steps in the project include:
- installation of stormwater management structure on the west side
- installation of stormwater piping and water line along the south side
- relocation of existing W&OD trail to a temporary location in order to provide access to the west side of the building
- installation of footings and foundation walls once permit is issued.

A community center renovation update is presented each month at 6:30 p.m. prior to the Town Council work session. The public is encouraged to attend these updates in Council Chambers at Town Hall.

Order free leaf mulch by the end of February

Leaf mulch can be a key component in a healthy garden or landscaping. It can thwart soil erosion, add helpful organisms, and control weeds in your yard. Perhaps the best news is you can obtain leaf mulch for free if you order from the Town before the end of February.

To place your order, call 703-255-6388 and leave your name, address, daytime phone number and the number of loads to be delivered. One load is estimated to be 2.5 cubic yards (equivalent to 33 store-bought bags), and half loads are also available. Orders may also be placed online at viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=164.

Please note the following important conditions: All mulch deliveries are based on availability of mulch, and mulch deliveries will be placed only in the driveway. Additionally, once mulch is delivered, it becomes property of the homeowner, and the Town will not remove any excess mulch ordered.

Residents may pick up mulch themselves in any amount Monday through Friday through March 31 at 442 Beulah Road NE. Look for the sign "Free Leaf Mulch."

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 16, 2015

- Approved purchase of police department motorcycle #11, from MGB Cycles, LLC at a cost of $24,206.80.
- Approved $50,785 in payment to the Fairfax County School Board for utility and grading/construction easements.
- Approved performance bond and tree bond reduction for public improvements located at the 116 and 118 Tapawingo Road SE subdivision to a two-year maintenance bond amount of $7,181 ($5,835 performance bond and $1,346 tree bond) to be held until the remainder of public improvements are completed.
- Awarded an engineering services contract for Glyndon Street NE in the amount of $21,450 to Urban, Ltd.
- Endorsed the Pedestrian Advisory Committee's application to designate the Town as a walk-friendly community.
- Awarded IFB 16-08 to Angler Environmental, of Warrenton, in the amount of $1,205,030 (bid + 5% contingency) for Hunters Branch stream restoration.
- Endorsed a $350,000 VDOT, FY 2017-22 CMAQ sidewalk grant application for construction of sidewalk on Kingsley Road SW.

December 14, 2015

- Approved proposed subdivision and final plat for the two-lot subdivision of an existing lot located at 409 Beulah Road NE as RS-12.5 (55%) and RS-16 (45%), single-family detached residential zones.
- Approved the Versailles sign plan application.
- Approved the proposed resolution directing the director of planning and zoning and town attorney to promulgate appropriate form affidavits for use by parties making applications for rezoning, site plan modifications, subdivisions, conditional use permits, and/or variances.
- Approved salt brine memorandum of understanding with City of Fairfax and authorized the mayor to execute. It was further moved to approve expenditures in an amount not to exceed $5,000.
- Awarded IFB 16-09, Maple Avenue Repaving, to A & M Concrete, of Dulles, in the amount of $444,584.
- Accepted 301 & 303 Niblick Drive SE subdivision public improvements and approved reduction of the bond to a two-year maintenance bond of $4,602.56.
- Increased the Follin Lane construction contract with Jeffrey Stack, Inc., IFB 16-02, by $285,800. It was further moved to increase the Follin Lane engineering services contract with Urban, Ltd., RFP 13-05, by $15,000.
- Approved payment of an amount not to exceed $33,794.22 for community center change orders to Keller Brothers, Inc.

Where everybody knows your name

by Patricia Anderson, Town/Business Liaison Committee

Over the holidays, I had family visiting from Texas and, in addition to the mandatory trips downtown on the subway to see the museums, had the opportunity to show them my favorite places in Vienna. They were amazed to see our many locally owned businesses and our streets with 25 miles an hour speed limits. Apparently, where they come from, most of the businesses are national chains, and all of the roads are highways with 70 miles an hour speed limits.

I also have a friend who just moved to a condo in the heart of Vienna, and I am enjoying her impressions as she gets to know the Town. Much of her shopping is within walking distance of her condo, and she's discovering all of the businesses along Maple Avenue and Church Street on foot. She's also looking forward to the festivals and special events on the Town Green this summer.

It is fun appreciating Vienna again through the eyes of those new to the Town. It reminds me of how comfortable it is to call Vienna home. Great dentists, eye doctors, veterinarians, accountants, restaurants, bakeries, car repair shops, grocery stores, car washes, churches, you name it. A variety of trails to walk dogs, the convenience of being able to leave your car at a repair shop and walk home, and we even have wonderful Vienna-based charities serving diverse local and international populations and offering volunteer opportunities. Vienna is the kind of place where you can visit for 30 minutes with your eye doctor about his family and what you did over the holidays when you get your eyes examined.

Vienna reminds me of the lyrics to the theme song from *Cheers*: "Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name, and they're always glad you came." That's Town of Vienna in a nutshell. If you have a choice, Shop Local! Shop Vienna!

JMHS students take back the tap

by Jack Ruszkowski, CEC student representative

Reusable water bottles are in. Walk into any classroom at James Madison High School and you'll see these containers everywhere. Why the new trend? In part, it's cool. Students sometimes personalize their bottles with stickers of brands they like or places they've traveled. But, it's more than a fashion statement. It's about something bigger: solving the problem of disposable water bottles.

Americans alone drink 48 billion bottles of water annually; enough plastic to circle the globe 230 times. Much of this plastic ends up in the world's oceans and on our beaches where it causes serious problems for humans and wildlife. And, don't forget, that disposable bottle you toss out today will still be around in 3016.

JMHS students have a creative solution. Thinking globally and acting locally, the Students for Environmental Action club (SEA), led by seniors Katrina White and Sam Ressin, is taking advantage of the growing reusable water bottle trend to make a small but important difference. The plan? SEA recently coordinated installation of two bottle-filling water fountains at the school. To encourage use of the new spigots, the club plans, with assistance from the Sierra Club, to hand out reusable bottles to students this spring.

SEA began the project with a "Take Back the Tap" awareness week with posters, trivia games, and documentaries – all in the name of ditching disposable bottles. "The hope is to increase awareness at Madison this year, and perhaps younger generations can continue the efforts and pressure to reduce school sales of plastic bottles," says SEA leader Katrina White.

Freeman Store offers journey back in time

Vienna's very own time machine is located at 131 Church Street NE, that is if the time you want to travel to is the late 1800s. Step through the doors of the Freeman Store, operated by Historic Vienna, Inc. (HVI), and you may see Abram or Susan Lydecker speaking to visitors, sample a taste of hand-churned ice cream, or see antique country store and agricultural tools.

Originally built in the late 1850s by Abram and Susan Lydecker, from New Jersey, ownership soon transferred to Anderson Freeman, a young man from New York who clerked for the Lydeckers, married their daughter, and soon took over ownership of the store, which was renamed the Freeman Store.

The original Lydecker Store became a historic site – literally – soon after it was built. In 1861, a vote was held on the store's steps to determine if Virginia should secede from the Union, an initial step toward the American Civil War. Later it was used by both the Union and Confederate armies, with the Union using it as a hospital.

In 1894 Leon Lydecker Freeman, the Lydecker's grandson, took over ownership and operation of the Freeman Store. He served the Vienna community in a variety of ways, including as Vienna mayor and first president of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department as well as being part of Town Council and the Virginia House of Delegates. In 1929 the family store was closed, but remained a home and insurance agency.

Leon Lydecker Freeman passed away at 69 years old in 1941. His oldest daughter, Dorothy, sold the house in 1969 to the Town of Vienna. In 1977, the general store was restored. "Almost as soon as it reopened in the 1970s the Freeman Store once again became the heart of the community," says HVI President Anne Stuntz. "Special events at the Freeman Store bring families into the store and museum to learn about life in early Vienna."

Today – well, next month, really – visitors can visit the new "History of Agriculture of Vienna and Virginia" exhibit; browse in the "Little Library," Vienna's original library; enjoy delicious vintage stick candy; and purchase a variety of Vienna-related souvenirs, books, and historic building ornaments.

From the 17th century through the mid-20th century, agriculture was an important part of life in and around Vienna. From tobacco on large estates to wheat on small farms, agriculture had a significant impact on the local population and businesses.

"'The History of Agriculture' exhibit offers information about why farmers stopped growing tobacco and started growing wheat and why the soils became depleted in the early 19th century and then very productive by the mid-19th century," says HVI board member Jon Vrana. "Visitors will learn what agricultural product was produced more in Fairfax County than any other county in Virginia in 1900."

In celebration of the agriculture theme, Vrana adds, the store will nurture a new heirloom garden of tobacco, wheat, and Indian corn as well as host special farm day events where attendees can "get their hands dirty."

Included on the National Register of Historic Places and Virginia Landmarks Register, the Freeman Store and Museum is open 12-4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday from March through December. The store is open by appointment only in January and February while HVI creates another exciting historical exhibit. All proceeds from sales at the Freeman Store support HVI activities and programs.

Be a good neighbor, Vienna!

If and when the snow starts to fly (again) this winter, please help by shoveling the sidewalk in front of your house – and maybe your neighbor's house, too. Here's what might happen if you do:

- Folks will be able to get out and about safely more quickly and cases of cabin fever will be significantly reduced.
- You'll burn additional calories and maybe that swimsuit will fit better this summer.
- Your fingers will get a bit colder, but that feeling of doing something nice for someone else will warm your heart.
- Your neighbor will be so grateful that they bake you a batch of chocolate chip cookies.

We're just sayin'.... You never know where a good deed might lead!

Partners in a healthier natural water system

by Adam Kincaid, Town Staff

The Chesapeake Bay watershed is home to more than 17 million people in six states and the District of Columbia. As such, protecting its water quality is a regional, even a national, issue. But it's also a vital local issue, especially considering that everyone in the watershed – and that includes Vienna residents – lives within a few miles of one of the 100,000 streams, creeks, and riverbeds that, according to the Chesapeake Bay Program website, serve as pipelines from communities to the bay. The Town of Vienna is working with other local governments to do its part.

The Town is currently working to extend a Fairfax County-led restoration effort that was completed at Wolf Trap Creek in 2013. Within the Town limits, approximately 1,000 feet of stream restoration is under design north of Follin Lane NE.

Vienna is set to begin construction on a similar improvement project along the Hunters Branch streambed, with a third potential project in early planning stages for Westwood Park near Creek Crossing Road NE.

Such projects, says Deputy Public Works Director Michael Gallagher not only enhance water quality in the Chesapeake Bay, they also provide positive local benefits. Stream restoration projects, he says, "improve crucial local wildlife habitats while also providing pleasing amenities for the local community."

Instead of a sharp, deep chasm where water collects, these improved streambeds allow water to flow through the natural floodplain in the surrounding area, providing a better water flow to trees and plants.

Public Works Director Dennis Johnson notes that "a shallow bank and good water flow can do wonders for the health of a stream's ecosystem." Improvements undertaken by Fairfax County at Wolf Trap Creek nearly three years ago have allowed the Town of Vienna to host a fishing rodeo at the creek over the past two years.

Similar work is poised to begin at Hunters Branch. Council awarded the restoration project to Angler Environmental in November. The project area will be replanted with native trees, shrubs, and herbaceous materials that will provide stability to the channel bed and banks as well as significant habitat benefits as both food and cover. Once work gets underway this winter,

the project is expected to take about eight months.

In addition to improving water flow along streambeds and creating sustainable habitats for vegetation and biological ecosystems, local governments' efforts help reduce harmful pollutants, such as nitrogen and phosphorus.

Following completion of the Hunters Branch project, the Town of Vienna plans to undertake similar stream restoration at Westwood Park. The Department of Public Works is awaiting word from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality on its Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF) grant application. If approved, the grant would provide 50% of funds required for the project; Fairfax County, through its stormwater service district tax, would provide the remaining funds needed.

Vienna businesses with staying power

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

40 Years

- Vienna/ Fair Oaks Hearing and Speech Center

25 Years

- Robert P. Sileo, M.D., P.C

20 Years

- David Miller & Associates

10 Years

- Gamestop #5100
- Lofty Boutique Salon & Spa
- Lovely Nails

5 Years

- Edible Arrangements
- EMT Productions
- W.I. Basnight. Jr. & Associates

Open for business

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

Bleu Spruce
Online Sales
417 Park St SE
571-781-0135

Elegant Aesthetics
Aesthetician
352 Maple Ave W
202-550-4870

JJ Massage LLC
Massage Therapy
111 Berry St SE
571-596-6389

Long & Foster Realtors
Property Management
374 Maple Ave E
703-356-6520

Nonnie Importers
Imports
361 Maple Ave W
703-255-9400

NY Bagel & Deli
Restaurant
431 Maple Ave W
571-218-2053

South Block
Coffee Shop
227 Maple Ave E
703-244-6207

Tysons Eyebrows
Eyebrow Threading
167 Maple Ave E
571-217-4243

Who is Carole Wolfand?

Each year in the Town of Vienna a business receives an award for exemplifying great community spirit. The award is named in honor of a former Town/Business Liaison Committee (TBLC) member who embodies just such community spirit.

Not only a successful businesswoman, Carole Wolfand has worked closely with a number of community organizations in and around Town. Serving on several boards and commissions within the Town of Vienna, Wolfand has exhibited the same community spirit recognized by the award named in her honor.

"Carole Wolfand is one of my heroes," says James Cudney, current chairman of the Town/Business Liaison Committee. "Not only is she extremely successful in business, she truly gives back to the community. She served as chairman of the Town/Business Liaison Committee for more than 10 years as well as on the Maple Avenue Vision Committee, Vienna Business Association, and the Mayor Jane Seeman Memorial Commission, which resulted in establishment of the Vienna Public Arts Commission."

Wolfand began her career in the Town of Vienna in 1973, right after college, working for Winslow Vienna Paint Company as a wallpaper girl. She went on to purchase the store with her husband, Bill Cramer, in 1986. A couple of years later in 1989, they opened two more stores. Currently, Wolfand and her husband have seven family-owned paints stores in Northern Virginia.

During her tenure on the TBLC, members of the committee annually awarded a Town business with a community service award. The award was named for Wolfand after her departure from the TBLC to recognize her outstanding contributions to the community life and spirit of Vienna. Each year a new recipient is selected for this award from among community nominations of business owners or businesses that model Wolfand's example of service and volunteerism.

Wolfand, says Cudney "is lovely and talented, and her cheery disposition has left an indelible mark on Vienna. It is her type of enthusiasm that has helped to create such a wonderful Town in which to live, work, and play."

Now currently serving in an advisory capacity with the Vienna Business Association, Wolfand advises businesses to get involved in their community. "One of the most important things in business is to invest in the community," Wolfand says, "If you don't give the community support, you won't receive support."

Nominations for the Carole Wolfand Award may be submitted by March 1 via email, snail mail, fax, or in person.

Submit entries to: the Town/Business Liaison Committee, c/o Stephanie Baynes, Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center Street South, Vienna, VA 22180 or by fax to 703-255-5729 or pio@viennava.gov (put "TBLC award" in subject line.) 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 contributions/actions to be considered and why (200 words or less), and (5) name, address, and phone number of nominator.

You can also nominate individual volunteers who've made a difference in the community using the form on the next page.

Play. Learn. Engage.

The Town of Vienna Parks and Recreation Department offers hundreds of classes, trips, and events each quarter. Here are some upcoming opportunities to learn something new, get engaged with the community, or take a little trip.

Senior scams

For senior adults, this free seminar at 10 a.m. Monday, February 29, will provide tips that will help you stay vigilant and avoid being taken advantage of. The class will take place in room 10 at 262M Cedar Lane. While the lecture is open to the public, registration is preferred.

Today's technology for baby boomers

Are you all thumbs when it comes to technology and devices? This class will teach you, in a user-friendly environment, how to more effectively use cell phones, computers, social media, digital cameras, GPS, and more. "Today's Technology for Baby Boomers and Beyond" classes will be offered from 10 a.m.-noon Tuesdays, March 8-29 at Town Hall. The registration fee is $120 for Town residents and $150 for nonresidents.

Think spring with a fun trip

Visitors to the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Philadelphia Flower Show are treated to fabulous design, live entertainment, gardening how-to workshops, and expert lectures. The 2016 show will "Explore America" and celebrate the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service. This bus trip is scheduled from 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Wednesday, March 9. Cost is $76 for Town residents and $95 for nonresidents.

Be enchanted by a performance of *South Pacific* at Toby's Dinner Theatre in Columbia, Maryland. Enjoy an exceptional buffet-style lunch as you watch love transcend both the harsh realities of war and social stereotypes in this Rodgers and Hammerstein classic, which won a Pulitzer Prize and 10 Tony Awards. Trip takes place from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 16. Cost is $95 for Town residents and $118 for nonresidents.

Register for classes and trips online at http://bit.ly/1Z3aHzl or call 703-255-6360 for more information.

Help honor community-makers

Nominate an outstanding volunteer in recognition of his/her service to the Town of Vienna. Volunteers will be recognized at the Mayor's Volunteer Reception on Tuesday, April 12. Please fill out and return this form to the address provided below. Nominations must be submitted by March 1.

Nomination Form for Outstanding Volunteers

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

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:

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Name of nominating person or organization: _____

Address: _____

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please return this form by March 1 to:
Mayor Laurie A. DiRocco
Charles A. Robinson, Jr. Town Hall
127 Center Street South
Vienna, VA 22180
or email mclark@viennava.gov

Happenings Around Town

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.

"Women in Batik" by Carol Higgs will be on exhibit **February 2-April 2** at the Vienna Arts Society Gallery, 513 Maple Avenue W. "Batik, an ancient art of decorating cloth with wax and dye, creates a unique visual effect of sparkling without glitter," says the artist. "Creating in batik reflects my love of the unique surprises in color, contrast, and intensity of this art form." The building in which the gallery is located is generally open 9 am-5 pm Monday-Friday, 10 am-4 pm Saturday, and 12-4 pm Sunday. For more information, visit **ViennaArtsSociety.org** or call 703-319-3971.

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.**

Help keep your heart healthy and mind stress free by participating in a **"Reduce Your Stress through Tai Chi"** informational demonstration from 10 am-noon Saturday, **February 6,** at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road. Wear workout shoes so that you can practice tai chi along with the instructors. Hosted by the **Vienna Branch of the American Association of University Women,** the demonstration is open to the public; light refreshments will be served. For more information, email **ViennaAAUW@yahoo.com.**

You're invited to a reception for the **Vienna Arts Society members' s**how "Poetry in Motion" from 4-6 pm Saturday, **February 6,** at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant Street NW. The exhibit is open 10 am-4 pm Tuesday-Saturday February 2-27. For more information, visit **ViennaArtsSociety.org** or call 703-319-3971.

Green Hedges School will host an **admissions open house** at 9 am Thursday, **February 11,** at 415 Windover Avenue NW. The school serves children ages 3-5 in a Montessori preschool and students in grades 1-8. RSVPs are appreciated, but not required; email **admissions@greenhedges.org.**

Oil painter **Dave Delano (delanoart.com)** will discuss his unique style of portraiture and figurative painting at the **February 11 Virginia Arts Society meeting.** The meeting, which is free and open to the public, 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.

Back by popular demand, garden lecturer **David Roos** will present on the topic of native plants at the **February 16 Five Hills Garden Club meeting.** The meeting, which is open to the public, begins at 10 am, with the program starting at 11, at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park Street NE. Roos, who received his training in landscape and design at the New York Botanical Garden, is known for his hands-on, commonsense philosophy and touches of humor.

Col. Ellen Haring (Ret.) will discuss her efforts to expand the rights and roles of women serving in the U.S. military at the **February 18** chapter meeting of **Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 227.** Veterans, friends, and the general public are invited to the 7:30 pm meeting at Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane. A West Point graduate, Haring served 28 years active and reserve duty with the U.S. Army. For more information, call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or visit **vva227.org.**

Floral designer and gardener **Babs McClendon,** a National Garden Club flower show and landscape design judge, will present **"Designing for Flower Shows"** at the **Ayr Hill Garden Club meeting** at 1 pm Monday, **February 22,** at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road. Guests are welcome, and complimentary refreshments will be served at 12:45 pm. For more information, visit **ayrhillgardenclub.shutterfly.com.**

Historic Vienna, Inc. will host a free information and training session on the **Library of Congress' Veterans History Project (VHP)** at 7:30 pm **February 24,** at American Legion Dyer-Gunnell Post 180, 330 Center Street N. The project's mission is to collect, preserve, and make accessible personal accounts of American wartime veterans so that future generations may hear directly from

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veterans and better understand realities of war. The Veterans History Project director will teach attendees how to collect veterans' stories, including how to conduct oral histories, and how to submit a collection to VHP. The public is invited and attendees need not be a veteran to get involved.

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.

The renowned political comedy troupe **Capitol Steps** will perform at 4 pm Sunday, **March 13,** in the James Madison High School auditorium. The show features songs from the troupe's current album, *Mock the Vote*, and offers tasteful lampooning guaranteed to leave both sides of the political spectrum laughing. Advance tickets are $30 for adults and $25 for students and those 65 and older; the same tickets are $40 and $35, respectively, at the door. Purchase advance tickets at **madisoncapitolsteps2016.brownpapertickets.com.** Proceeds benefit the **James Madison Crew Boosters.**

Residents are invited to **donate used books** to the Freeman Store, 131 Church Street NE, **through March 21** in preparation for the **2016 Historic Vienna, Inc. annual book sale fundraiser** April 2 and 3. (Members only will have access to a preview sale on Friday, April 1 – no fooling!) All donated books should be bagged or boxed and placed on the Freeman Store porch at any time or brought inside whenever the store is open. Please no encyclopedias, textbooks, or magazines of any kind. The book sale will be held at American Legion Dyer-Gunnell Post 180, 330 Center Street N. For information about donations or the sale, call 703-938-5187 or **visit historicviennainc.org.**

Free tours of the **Freeman Store and Museum** are open to scout groups, school field trips, and community organizations. Led by docents who enjoy making history fun and alive, these tours can be customized to the age, size, and interests of tour groups. Tours are by appointment only. For more information, call Nancy Moats at 703-281-1206 or 703-434-1147. By the way, a new exhibit on agriculture in the Vienna area opens at the museum March 2. Also, please note that the Freeman Store and Museum is closed through February, but tours (with an optional scavenger hunt/patch program), visits, and requests for merchandise may be arranged by calling 703-938-5187.

The nonprofit group **Capital Caring** is looking for well-appointed furniture and home décor as well as volunteers for its **Twice as Nice s**econd-hand furniture shop at 8344 Leesburg Pike. Proceeds from the wall art, antiques, and modern furniture sold at the store help Capital Caring provide assistance, counseling, and palliative and hospice services to patients with advanced illnesses regardless of their ability to pay. Call 703-538-2035 to volunteer, make a donation, or receive additional information.

Epiphany Preschool, an outreach of Epiphany United Methodist Church, is now registering students for the **2016-17 school year.** To schedule a tour or for more information, call 703-938-2391 or email **epiphanypreschool@vacoxmail.com.**

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Business license renewal due March 1

It's that time of year again, time to get your business in order with the Town of Vienna. If you operate a business within the Town of Vienna, March 1 is the deadline for payment of the annual business, professional, and occupational license (BPOL) tax.

Each business should have received a license tax renewal form in the mail. If you have not received your form, please contact the Finance Department or view them online at viennava.gov. For more information or assistance in figuring license taxes, call 703-255-6321.

Appointed to serve

At its December 14 meeting, Town Council re-appointed **Sharon Baum** and **Beth Eachus** to the Transportation Safety Commission for a two-year term expiring in January 2018.

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1	Town Council Meeting	8 pm
2	Windover Heights Board of Review	8 pm
8	Town Council Work Session	7:30 pm
10	Planning Commission	8 pm
11	Town/Business Liaison Committee	7 pm
15	Holiday: Town Hall Closed (Regular Refuse Collection)	
16	Public Art Commission	7 pm
17	Board of Zoning Appeals	8 pm
18	Board of Architectural Review	8 pm
22	Town Hall Meeting	8 pm
23	Bicycle/Pedestrian Adv. Committee	7 pm
23	Transportation Safety Commission	8 pm
24	Planning Commission	8 pm
25	Comm. Enhancement Commission	7:30 pm

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Send community news to pio@viennava.gov.

Deadline for the March issue is February 10.

This Month in History

From the Vienna Newsletter Archives

February 2006: The Town of Vienna is embarking on a project to reclaim some green space along the busy Maple Avenue commercial corridor. The "Town Green" will connect Maple Avenue with Church Street, abutting the W&OD Trail and providing a view of the Freeman House, the old railroad station and caboose, and other historic properties. The Town purchased the property at the corner of Maple Avenue and Mill Street for this project in 2001, funded by proceeds from the Town's meals and lodging tax.