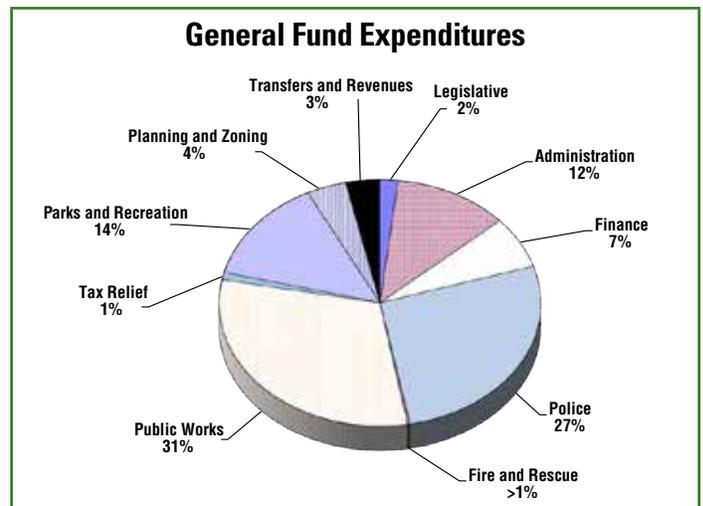
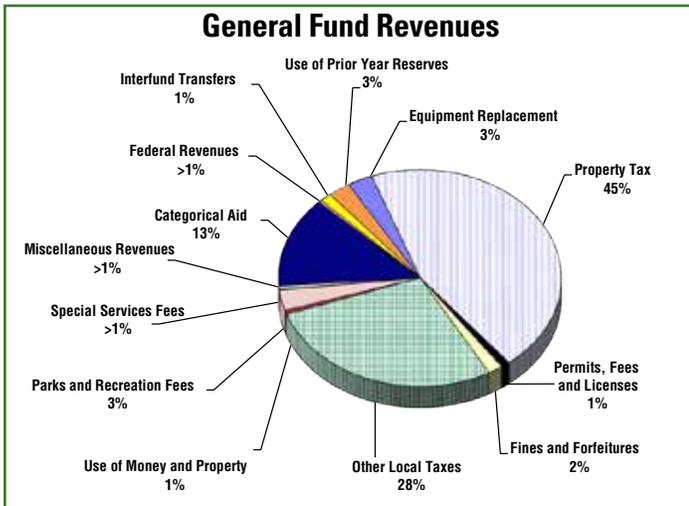


Town's \$36.3 million FY18 budget maintains level tax rate



At its May 8 meeting, Vienna Town Council approved a \$36.3 million operating budget, including a \$24.2 million general fund budget, for fiscal year 2017-18, which begins July 1. The \$36,337,460 budget is 7% more than last year's budget – 3.9% more when increases due to accounting changes for the Town's vehicle capital lease program are excluded.

The Town's real estate tax rate remains the same as last year at \$0.225 per \$100 assessed value. The Town's tax rate has remained the same or been reduced for the past seven years.

"It's important to our Councilmembers and staff that Vienna citizens and businesses receive a high level of service at a good value for their taxes paid," says Town Manager Mercury Payton. "We're really pleased that good management by our department heads and modest revenue growth have allowed the Town to hold or decrease its property tax rate since 2012. At the same time, this budget provides the Town with the ability to address some long-term needs, such as upgrading our email system, and to provide appropriate

compensation for our hard-working staff."

The new budget includes \$397,000 in additional expenses to cover a 3.1% increase in Town salaries – 1.1% in market adjustment and 2% in pay-for-performance raises. A classification and compensation study undertaken recently indicated that Town pay grades, in some cases, lagged the comparable market, although most employees are paid within appropriate ranges because of their long-time service.

The FY18 budget includes funding for two new positions – one in the Planning and Zoning Department and an events coordinator in Parks and Recreation – as

well as expanded hours for a parks and recreation customer care specialist. Positions in the Parks and Recreation Department will be funded as increased revenues anticipated from re-opening of the Vienna Community Center are realized.

Other increases in expenses in the FY18 budget include a \$104,900 bump in health insurance costs and \$120,000 increase in landfill fees. New expenditures for community enhancement and public art programs, Chillin' on Church event expenses, and additional asphalt overlay are included.

On the revenue side, additional funds

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CONVERSATIONS WITH COUNCIL

No 'lazy days of summer' at Town Hall

by Mayor Laurie DiRocco

Happy Spring! It has been an active and busy season in the Town of Vienna. Town Council and I have hosted and attended a number of wonderful community events this spring. We honored some of the Town's hard-working volunteers at the Mayor's Volunteer Recognition in April and hosted Town-based nonprofits who directly provide human services to the community at the May Mayor @ Your Service event on the Town Green. The Town also has had Vienna Little League Opening Day, Walk/Bike Challenge Week for local schools, Public Works Open House at the Northside Property Yard, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department's Taste of Vienna, and Walk on the Hill in the Windover Heights Historic District, to name just a few of the enjoyable annual spring events.

As the school year begins to wind down, and we enter into the longer days of summer, let me share with you some of the programs and projects going on around Town. The Department of Public Works has a number of infrastructure projects starting soon, including the Marshall Road sidewalk and drainage project, Maple

Avenue repaving project, and phase two of the Wolfrap Stream restoration project.

This summer, the Parks and Recreation Department is hosting four Chillin' on Church events near the Town Green, helping the Community Enhancement Commission promote the Solarize Vienna program, and working with the Public Art Commission on Vienna's first piece of public art, which will be located at the community center. Speaking of the community center, as its renovation continues over the next few months, some environmentally thoughtful residents are helping the Town plan and install native and bee-pollinating plantings on the grounds – and possibly in other Town parks. More to come on this exciting project!

To improve communications with local businesses, the Town Business Liaison Committee has created an email database and recently started a monthly e-newsletter called *Town Business Matters*. The Town's Information Technology Department will finish up installation this fall of a work order system that will allow residents to submit service and information requests through the Town's website and a new

app! The Communications and Marketing Department is working over the summer on defining the Town's brand and creating a logo to help tell Vienna's story, support local businesses, and



photo by Adam Kincaid

utilize a consistent, community-building logo on all Town materials and spirit wear.

I would like to give a shout out to Town staff who work hard to make sure these projects are done correctly for the benefit of citizens, while minimizing disruptions.

Remember, this is your Town. If you have any ideas, questions, or concerns, please feel free to contact me at mayor@viennava.gov or 703-255-6310. Or join me for my Friday morning walks or stop in Town Hall during my afternoon office hours. Happy summer – I hope to see you around Town! 🇺🇸

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A time to chill

Vienna's Parks and Recreation Department is bringing back Chillin' on Church this summer – think of it as a reward for and antidote to the daily grind. On the third Friday of the month throughout the summer, the Town of Vienna invites you to come down to Church Street and simply chill – relax with friends and neighbors as you enjoy live music, beer on tap, food trucks, and a few party games for the kids.

Each Chillin event will feature a mix of food trucks and various Virginia microbrews along with domestic favorites. Bring chairs, friends, dance moves, your inner party animal, and appetite to literally and figuratively shut down the block on Church Street, between Dominion and Mill streets, from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

The night is yours on the following dates. Did we already mention that there was live music, too?

- **June 16:** Chump Change (classic rock)
- **July 21:** Harlen Simple (rock/funk/blues)
- **August 18:** Mudlark (rock and blues)
- **September 15:** Chump Change (classic rock)

"Last year was kind of an eye-opener," says Parks and Recreation Director Leslie Herman, "in terms of just how much people wanted to have a little fun with a giant group of friends. We received requests for more Chillin', and we're thrilled to offer additional neighborhood block parties." 🍷



photos by Adam Kincaid

A night for America

Hot dogs, pie, popcorn, music, and fireworks: What says "America" better than the Fourth of July?

Vienna's Americana celebration will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 4, at Yeonas Park, 1319 Ross Drive SW.

As at any good party, music is crucial: Fat Chance will perform rock favorites beginning at 7:15 p.m. The Vienna Little League concession stand will offer classic munchies for sale.

Fierce eating competitions will glorify two true patriots: the child, ages 5-10, who can eat the most pies and the adult (18 and up) who can eat the most hot dogs in the shortest time. To sign up for the hot dog contest, visit parks and recreation offices at 262M Cedar Lane, the Vienna Inn, or viennava.gov/webtrac. Pie-eaters can sign up on site.

The color climax of the day begins at 9:30 p.m. with fireworks launched from Southside Park. Bring a blanket or chairs to view the show from Yeonas Park.

Streets closed during the annual July 4 fireworks festival include Patrick Street, Patrick Circle, Ross Drive (Cottage to George streets), and George Street (Cottage Street to Ross Drive). Rain date for fireworks only is July 5, if necessary. 🍷



photos by Adam Kincaid

Telling Vienna's story, defining its brand



What's your favorite thing about Vienna? What one thing should Vienna never change? What could make Vienna an even better community? With these questions, the Town has begun the research process for uncovering Vienna's brand and telling the community's story in a way that is meaningful, real, and authentic.

Working with Washington, DC-based Trialogue Studio, the Town has interviewed (individually or in focus groups) or polled more than 260 people through the middle of May with additional opportunities for community input to be available through early June. It's all part of the qualitative and quantitative research being conducted by Trialogue principals Michael Altman and Ruth Wieder in order to understand Vienna's story and define its personality characteristics.

"With a clear understanding of the community's story and attributes – its strengths and weaknesses," says Communications and Marketing Manager Lynne DeWilde, "Vienna can create a graphic symbol, that is a logo, on which we can hang our community pride. While branding is an important component of recruiting and retaining residents and businesses, for Vienna, this branding effort is more about re-enforcing the sense of community."

The research phase of Vienna's brand creation process is expected to be completed in July with Council's adoption of a

brand positioning statement and brand attributes. Building on the brand positioning statement – the DNA analysis of Vienna's personality, if you will – the Town plans to conduct a graphic design competition to create its first official logo.

Why should Vienna care about having a strong, authentic brand and logo? "A powerful, positive story," says Trialogue's Altman, "provides a key to what the Town is really about. It tells the story about what it does, how it operates, and how it behaves. It enables everyone to focus and make 'on-brand' decisions about development, investment, marketing, and communications."

The new logo, adds DeWilde, will help better create a sense of place and community connectedness and help establish a stronger Vienna identity as the logo is used consistently on Town vehicles, printed materials, signage, letterhead, website, and more.

Branding survey

Tell us what you think about Vienna

As part of the branding research process, the Town of Vienna invites you to share your thoughts about the community. Help us ensure that Vienna's brand rings true by participating in a brief online survey at viennava.gov/brandsurvey. The survey will remain open through June 6.

Three Councilmembers re-elected



Carey Sienicki, Howard Springsteen, and Tara Voigt were re-elected to Vienna Town Council May 2. The three candidates, all incumbents, ran unopposed.

Official election results, as reported by the Fairfax County Office of Elections, are below:

Carey Sienicki	389
Howard Springsteen	383
Tara Voigt	386
Write-ins	41

The Councilmembers' new two-year terms begin July 1.

Town Budget

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are expected to be generated through tax revenues due largely to increased property values, state road support funds, water and sewer developer fees, and parks and recreation fee revenue as well as an increase in the tobacco tax from \$0.75 to \$0.85 per pack, an increased transfer from the water and sewer fund of \$50,000, and use of \$116,000 in general fund reserves.

The Town's FY18 overall budget is separated into four funds:

- General Fund \$24,207,310
- Water & Sewer Fund \$8,123,760
- Debt Service Fund \$3,623,560
- Stormwater Fund \$382,830

History is focus of county's 275th birthday celebration

In 1742, when the Virginia General Assembly authorized formation of Fairfax County from Prince William County, the economy of the new rural county, which had less than 12,000 residents, about 28% of whom were slaves, was based on raising tobacco. It would be six more years before the county's most famous resident, a then 16-year-old George Washington, would arrive at Mount Vernon, then the home of his half-brother, Lawrence.

Fast forward 275 years. Fairfax County in 2017 has more than 1 million residents and an economy larger than four states. It is one of the most populous, diverse, educated, welcoming, and economically vibrant counties in the country.

Fairfax County is celebrating its long history – all 275 years of it – throughout this year, but the signature celebration is a history fair that will be held from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at the Fairfax County Courthouse complex.

More than 60 historical organizations (including Historic Vienna, Inc.), re-enactment groups, sites, and performers will be part of the daylong celebration. Onsite food trucks will offer a variety of dining options, and artists and musicians will perform across three stages and as many centuries. Just a few of the featured acts include fife and drums, gospel choirs, swing dancers, 18th century performers, a Victorian-era fashion show, and vignettes from a historical play.

“All the history that Fairfax County has to offer – and that’s saying a lot – is going to be in one location,” says Patrick Lennon, director of marketing with Visit Fairfax. “People at the fair are definitely going to discover something fascinating about the county that they didn’t know



Lord Nicholas Fairfax

before. And it’s probably going to be something that has been near them waiting to be discovered all along. It’s a great opportunity to explore the deep history of our own neighborhoods.”

As part of the 275th celebration, the county is also hosting a monthly lecture series at the Historic Fairfax Courthouse through November on the history of George Mason University, the Fairfax family, and Fairfax’s African-American communities, among other topics. The lectures are free, but reservations are required due to limited seating.

As part of the anniversary festivities, special guest Nicholas Fairfax, 14th Lord Fairfax of Cameron, will speak about family history and the Brexit vote at 7 p.m. June 15 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center. A limited number of tickets for this free lecture may still be available via the fairfax275.com website. Lord Fairfax also will speak as part of the Historic Courthouse mini lecture series being presented as part of the fair on June 17; he’s tentatively scheduled to speak at 2 and 3 p.m.

“Fairfax County was founded in 1742 and has been where the action is ever since,” says County Chairman Sharon Bulova. “We are fortunate that our residents have a passion for discovering, preserving, and sharing parts of our important local history.”

Admission to the June 17 family-friendly activities, live entertainment, historical exhibits, and displays is free. Free fair parking is available at Parking Garage B, 10550 Page Avenue.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the 275th signature celebration. Sign up by clicking the “volunteer” link at fairfax275.com.

275th lecture at the library

As part of Fairfax County’s 275th celebration, local historian Jim Lewis will present the fascinating history of the Fairfax/Loudon County boundary at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 22, at the Patrick Henry Library. As a bonus, he’ll also talk about J.E.B. Stuart’s perilous journey to Gettysburg. This free lecture is open to the public and co-sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc.



Help Vienna stay green: Recycle that stuff

The Town’s Quarterly Recycling Days offer an opportunity for residents to help protect the community’s environment – and lighten the junk load at home.

The next opportunity to take your detritus to the Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill Street NE, will be from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, June 3. The Town will accept electronics as well as used motor oil, antifreeze, and batteries. To review additional accepted items, visit viennava.gov/quarterlyrecycling or call 703-255-6380.

Vienna's longest-standing residents

by Maureen Alonso, Community Enhancement Commission

Did you know that the oldest documented tree in the Town of Vienna is a white oak estimated to be 336 years old? This deep-rooted tree is located on Marjorie Lane in southwest Vienna.

In 1998, Historic Vienna, Inc. initiated a campaign to locate and document Vienna's oldest trees. The group reached out to Town residents to request nominations for trees believed to be of a significant age. These nominations were then submitted to the Town arborist who was asked to conduct a survey of the trees in order to determine their ages. Arborists are able to determine the approximate age of a tree based on the circumference of the tree at breast height. In total, 21 trees were documented in 1998, and the oldest of these trees is now 336 years old.

Town arborists Gary Lawrence and Sam Lilly updated this Oldest Trees List last fall. When surveying all trees on the

list, they found that 14 of the original 21 trees still exist, and they updated the age category of each tree. They also added a tree to the inventory that was not included on the 1998 list: a 280-year-old hickory tree located on Church Street NE. Trees listed on the survey range in age between 205 and 336 years.

I spoke with Town Arborist Gary Lawrence recently about the Oldest Tree List, and he suggested that arborists may discover new candidates for the list when visiting residential properties throughout Town. Town arborists conduct tree inspections on residential sites as a service for Town residents to answer questions regarding tree health and type, etc. The opportunity to visit residential properties may allow arborists to discover additional candidates for the Oldest Trees List.

Lawrence worked with the Town in 1998 and assisted Arborist Mark Allen when the first list was created. I asked



photo by Adam Kincaid

Town's oldest 'resident' This white oak on Marjorie Lane is estimated to be 336 years old.

Lawrence which tree on the list is his favorite: It's a red hickory on Church Street NE. His very favorite tree in Town is a sycamore on the corner of Lewis and Orchard streets; that tree is not currently old enough to make the list, however, it may someday!

What is your favorite tree in Town? Check out the Town of Vienna's Oldest Tree List and take your own tour of Vienna's longest-standing "residents." The list can be found at viennava.gov/oldtreelist. 🌳

VDOT offers update on I-66 project

With 22.5 miles of multimodal improvements, including two express lanes, coming to I-66 outside the beltway by 2022, the Virginia Department of Transportation is working to firm up agreements and finalize plans. VDOT's Megaprojects Director Susan Shaw offered an update on the project, on which initial construction is expected to begin this fall, at a Town Hall meeting May 4.

Likely the biggest impact of the project in Vienna relates to the Nutley Street interchange. Two options are currently being considered. Both options scrap the Nutley/I-66 interchange's current "cloverleaf" infrastructure in favor of a "diamond" design. Shaw explained that the diverging diamond configuration, included in VDOT's approved concept plans, is a transportation trend that helps reduce crashes involving vehicles accessing the highway. The diverging diamond is also included in Express Mobility Partners' (EMP) technical proposal plans; EMP is VDOT's private partner



delivering the project.

In addition, the EMP team is considering Option B, a traditional "urban diamond" with three traffic signals that provides direct access to the planned express lanes from Nutley Street. Both options are within the current interchange footprint. However, Option B is still at an early concept phase and needs to be developed further to understand impacts and to determine whether the concept functions safely and effectively.

On May 8, Mayor Laurie DiRocco sent

a letter to Shaw, on behalf of Council, supporting Option A, which, she said, maintains "the current tight footprint of the intersection" and "has fewer conflict points... which we would expect to result in safer operation."

The mayor went on to say: "Since the Nutley Street Interchange has the most vehicular use of any interchange along the I-66 corridor, maintaining and/or improving traffic flow and not inducing additional cut-through traffic while improving safety is extremely important to our community."

The plan for the Nutley Street interchange is not yet written in stone. Additional public input is being sought, and public information meetings held. A public info meeting will take place at 6 p.m. Monday, June 12, in the cafeteria at Oakton High School; a brief presentation will follow at 7 p.m.

For more information, to provide input, or to sign up to receive project notifications from VDOT, visit outside.trans-form66.org. 🌳

Tree talk with arborist Sam Lilly

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid



photo by Adam Kincaid

You can't stop what's coming, but you can adapt to it. Such is a daily mantra employed by Urban Arborist Sam Lilly in his quest to help maintain the Town's tree canopy.

"I'm a tree guy," says Lilly, "but even I have to be realistic about the market of homebuilding." Through constant consultation with builders, homeowners, and other Town staff, Lilly works to help ensure that each new home constructed in Town maintains the green and Vienna's small-town feel.

Lilly is a verdant nerd. His fascination with trees began in middle school, where he could be found in the depths of the greenhouse each afternoon. He went on to major in horticulture in college, earning his degree from Virginia Tech. It seems he was primed for Vienna, applying his passion in a place that respects its living, breathing environment.

In Vienna's ongoing shift from smaller, post-World War II ramblers on big yards to larger houses that cover up to 25% of the lot, Lilly begins the tree-saving process by understanding housing market realities: New homes need to be worth more than the lot in order for the investment to be deemed prudent by builders and bankers, therefore bigger homes are being built. The recent shift calls for Lilly to engage in daily pre-construction meetings.

Each year, approximately 100 new homes are built in Town. Ideally, each new homeowner will call Lilly or Town Arborist Gary Lawrence to review the site plan and plot how to best preserve trees and canopy. Not only does this voluntary process help keep Vienna's green character, it can financially benefit both the homeowner and builder. It can cost upward of \$7,000 to remove a tree, so if Lilly or Lawrence deems the tree salvageable, then all parties generally agree to keep it put. However, Virginia has powerful personal property rights, and property owners have the final say about trees on their property.

Vienna is fortunate to have hundreds of mature trees (see story on opposite page), and Lilly keeps an eye on the older giants, but it is saplings that require the most care. Older trees do not require as much nurturing as they are mostly concerned about self-preservation and maintaining their current size. Lilly does caution, though, that root maps of older trees should be considered when building on or improving a property; repeatedly driving over an older tree's roots can be harmful, for example.

While Tappawingo and Cottage streets host many of the Town's newest trees, it's Glyndon Park, by far, that is home to the majority of the Town's new trees.

"A lot of the charm people appreciate about Vienna comes from its trees, both old and new, which populate parks, line businesses and homes, and keep the Town's atmosphere," says Lilly. "Times change, and, in some cases, that means an older tree goes off to the chipper for better or worse, but we can rejuvenate with a newer and possibly better green scene." 🌱

Volunteers take a bow at Mayor's Reception

Share a round of appreciative applause for these community-nominated outstanding groups and individuals who were recognized at the annual Mayor's Volunteer Reception April 18 for giving of their time and resources to serve others.



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- Robert Amsler
- Bonnie Atelsek
- Pixie Biddle
- Club Phoenix Teen Council Members
- Community Garden Volunteers
- Anne Davis
- Joan Dempsey
- Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Diles
- Nellie Earley
- Dorothy Flood
- Kristen Haynor
- Jordan Hendrickson
- Tom Ingoldsby
- Mona Khorrami
- Kevin Krisko
- Tom Kylo
- Ed Lowry
- Lauri Mennel
- Kavian Milani
- Movers and Shakers Committee
- Dick Neff
- Natalie Parks
- Alex Pollinger
- Kari Romdahl
- Barbara Rousseau
- Noah Thompson
- Bryan Troutman
- Very Vienna
- Seth James Viani
- Vienna Moms, Inc.
- Vienna Senior Girl Scout Troop #2684
- Renee West

Kids rule the summer



photos by Adam Kincaid

Being out of school is a license to play, almost. From the relaxing mid-day serenade of Stories and Sprinklers to the all-out frenzy of the Town's Big Splash Party, kids in Vienna definitely have a chance to be kids this summer.

Starting June 28, the Parks and Recreation Department and Historic Vienna, Inc. bring back that lazy summer afternoon favorite Stories and Sprinklers. A calming, quiet hour in the shade for young kids and their parents, this event offers a weekly picture book reading paired with a little acoustic guitar and a dash through an old-fashioned sprinkler. Take the summer heat off your Wednesday afternoons, through August 2, with Stories and Sprinklers at 1:30 p.m. on the Town Green, behind the Freeman Store and Museum.

On the other end of the summer spectrum, the Big Splash Party cranks up the anarchy. From 1-3 p.m. Saturday, July 29, the Town Green will be dotted with a bevy of slides (of the slip-and-slide kind and otherwise), sprinklers, water guns, moon bounces, water games, snow cone machines, and a dance party. You have been warned: You will get wet! 📌



An afternoon of B-I-N-G-O and ice cream

The Town of Vienna and Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna offer a fun afternoon of bingo and ice cream from noon-3 p.m. Friday, June 23, at American Legion Post #180, 330 Center Street N. Participants are asked to bring a white elephant item in good condition to donate to the prize table.

Food will be available for purchase in the Legion canteen beginning at noon. Ice cream will be served at 1 p.m., and bingo begins at 1:30. Bingo cards are two for \$2 (limit two cards per person); pay at the door.

Questions? Call the Shepherd's Center at 703-281-0538. 📌

A round of applause and guffaws for teens

The third annual Phoenix Awards will be presented to teens and others who work hard to make Club Phoenix a success during a ceremony from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, June 3, in Council Chambers at Town Hall. This event is open to the public, and light refreshments will be served.

The following weekend, gather on the Town Green for guffaws as local youth stage the Club Phoenix Live Improv Comedy Show. This free performance will be from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, June 10, on the Town Green. We hope your funny bone can take it! 📌

Enjoy some great music & cast your vote for the next

VIENNA IDOL

June 9 • 6:30 pm
Town Green

(Rain date is June 17, if necessary)



Parks & Rec Sampler

The Vienna Parks and Recreation Department is offering a variety of classes and trips this summer. For a full listing of available programs, visit viennava.gov/summerprograms.

Below is a sampling of what's offered. Register for these programs at viennava.gov/webtrac.

- **Planter Fasciitis (June 7, 10-11 am):** Don't be afraid to have your feet hit the floor anymore! This free program explores the root causes of foot pain and what can be done about it naturally, without drugs or surgery.
- **Turning Points – A Guided Writing Program (Thursdays, 10-11 am, June 8-29):** This program for emerging and practiced writers explores events and occasions that lead to personal change.
- **Your Life, Your Legacy (June 12, 10-11 am):** This free lecture explores getting your affairs in order if tomorrow isn't guaranteed as a loving gift to your family. Topics include chronic care, wills, trusts, and advance planning for your life's celebration.
- **Preparing for Retirement – Are You Ready? (June 19, 10-11 am):** This free lecture will help you make informed decisions concerning retirement and provide some food for thought for questions you may be facing, such as: Where will I live? How much money do I need? What are likely health-related issues?
- **Mosby's Raids Tour (June 21, 8:30 am-3:30 pm):** Join award-winning author William Connery on a Civil War tour highlighting Mosby's Raiders sites. Stops include the Fairfax Courthouse, Moore House, and William Gunnell House as well as a visit to Mosby's home in Warrenton. This trip requires a sensible amount of walking.

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.

April 17

- Held a public hearing on and approved FY2018 water and sewer rates and public works fees. Council further directed the Town Clerk to advertise a Notice of Intent to Adopt proposed rates and fees at the May 8 Town Council meeting.
- Held a public hearing on and approved the FY2018 proposed Town budget and directed the Town Clerk to advertise a Notice of Intent to Adopt the budget at the May 8 Town Council meeting.
- Approved an additional \$6,400, payable to GRI Cedar Park LLC, for lease of space for the Parks and Recreation Department at Cedar Park Shopping Center during renovation and expansion of the Vienna Community Center.
- Increased funding by \$16,148.50 for the John Marshall Drive sidewalk and road reconstruction project, payable to Sagres Construction. Funding provided through VDOT revenue-sharing and 2014 bonds.
- Increased funding by \$12,664.04 for the Glyndon Street sidewalk construction project, payable to Sagres Construction.

Funding provided through VDOT revenue-sharing and capital improvement funds.

- Awarded survey and design contract for Church Street sidewalk extension project to Rinker Design Associates at a cost of \$96,241.

April 24

- Held a public hearing on the proposed FY2018 real estate tax, bank net capital, residential utility tax, and commercial utility tax rates. Council approved the proposed rates and directed the Town Clerk to advertise a Notice of Intent to Adopt the rates at the May 8 Town Council meeting.
- Held a public hearing regarding recommended changes to the parking section of the Town's Zoning Ordinance. Council adopted specific portions of the revised ordinance and delayed consideration of other sections to allow for additional study.
- Set a public hearing on the proposed cigarette tax rate for May 22.
- Approved \$10,431.13 in additional spending with J.O. Herbert Co. Inc. for traffic signal components.
- Approved purchase of a sweeper attachment for a skid-steer loader for \$5,450.
- Amended an agreement with Fairfax County for the Wolfrap Creek Stream Restoration project

May 8

- Appropriated \$346,874 in previously approved funds to Keller Brothers, RRMM

Lukmire Architects, and Triad Engineering as well as additional contingency funds for the Vienna Community Center renovation and expansion project.

- Approved installation of a security fence at the Wall Street water storage tank and pump station.
- Adopted a \$36.3 million FY2018 Town budget, including the general fund, debt service fund, water and sewer fund, and stormwater fund.
- Adopted water and sewer rates for FY2018, which begins July 1
- Adopted the FY2018 real estate tax rate, which, at \$0.225 per \$100 assessed value, is unchanged from the previous year.

Appointed to serve

At recent meetings, Town Council appointed or reappointed the following individuals to serve two-year terms on Town boards and commissions:

- Sarah Couchman – Planning Commission
- Richard DeGuzman – Bicycle Advisory Committee
- Victor Mendes – Town Business Liaison Committee
- Carey Sienicki – Windover Heights Board of Review
- Bets Thomas – Bicycle Advisory Committee

Community Center Renovation and Expansion Update



The following has been achieved according to the most recent construction progress reports:

- Gas line connections completed.
- Roofing of administrative area and main gym completed.
- With the exception of main entrance, base pavement has been completed.
- Pervious concrete pours in parking lot completed.
- Work is continuing on sidewalk and sprinkler installations as well as rough-in of electrical, mechanical, and plumbing.
- Planted trees in parking area.
- Continued installing sidewalks.

- Drywall on second floor completed.
- Painting is ongoing as areas become available.
- Ceiling grid on second floor completed. Ceiling grid installation on first floor continues as areas become available.
- Framing of main lobby completed.
- Final field dimensions for exterior wall panels have been measured.
- Started exterior wall grid installation.
- Roll-up door installed in kitchen.
- Completed window installation as well as scoreboard installation in main gym.

Looking ahead, next steps include:

- Finishing setting of roof-top units.

- Installing electrical control cable.
- Continue installing light fixtures and sprinkler heads.
- Completing shingle roof.
- Installing exterior wall panels and drywall.
- Continuing work on interior finishes.
- Beginning landscaping.
- Finishing sidewalk installation.
- Installing sod in parking area.
- Completing exterior door installation.

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. The next update will be presented June 12.

Vienna businesses with staying power

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

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| 35 YEARS
Kindercare Learning Centers | 5 YEARS
Broadview Networks of Virginia |
| 25 YEARS
Judith Peck Fine Art S.C.S. | Cornerstone Renovation Management |
| 15 YEARS
Avivo Salon & Day Spa | Frames Automotive |
| 10 YEARS
America World Ecent Designs Nahid Vienna Dental Care | Michael's Lawn Service |
| | Northland Renovations |
| | Vienna Complementary Medicine |
| | Vienna Family Dentists |
| | Vision of Beauty |

Open for business

Town of Vienna business licenses were issued in April to these companies:

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| Allied Design
<i>consultant</i>
386 Maple Ave E
760-855-6500 | Ricardo Lopez
<i>handyman</i>
216 Locust Street SE
703-565-6846 | Soul Waves
Massage Therapy
<i>massage therapy</i>
112 Pleasant Street NW #A
703-338-7503 |
| Codek
<i>consultant</i>
313 East Street NE
703-624-0065 | Royal Pawn
<i>sales</i>
303 Maple Avenue W
703-924-9800 | Vienna Dental Arts
<i>dentist</i>
112 Pleasant Street NW #B
301-412-0444 |
| Generation Code
<i>learning center</i>
112 Church Street NE
866-407-2345 | Simply Therapeutic
<i>massage therapy</i>
125 Pleasant Street SW #B
540-333-6330 | Vision of Beauty
<i>beauty salon</i>
403 Maple Avenue E
703-938-0218 |



35 years ago...

A Sony video recorder and Atari game were among the prizes being raffled by the Town for participants in the third annual Clean & Green Day, according to the June 1982 newsletter. Everyone who turned in a filled trash bag, after picking up litter along Maple Avenue and other commercial areas, were eligible for the drawing.

HAPPENINGS around town

Interested in supporting local nonprofits while spring cleaning? The **Giving Circle of HOPE**, a collective giving organization that provides grants to small nonprofits in the area, is hosting an **information and shopping event** at Wardrobe Rescue on Church Street from 6-8 pm Thursday, June 1. Wardrobe Rescue will donate 10% of the evening's proceeds to Women Giving Back, an organization that provides free clothing to homeless women and children. Donations of gently used women's and children's clothing to be donated to the organization will be accepted that evening. For more information about Giving Circle of HOPE, contact Membership Chair Jean Wyman at membership@givingcircleofhope.org or visit givingcircleofhope.org.

Local historian **Mary Lipsey** will present "Rescue of Mount Vernon: Mount Vernon Ladies Association" at the next meeting of the **Fairfax County Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)**. The meeting will take place at 9:30 am Saturday, June 3, at the Fairfax Country Club. If interested in attending the meeting or joining DAR, contact Amy Cartwright at 703-507-0023 or a.cartwrightDAR@yahoo.com.

To celebrate its 75th anniversary, the **Vienna Lions Club** invites everyone to a **free community party** with live music, food, and beverages on the Town Green from 2-4 pm Saturday, June 3. The Nighthawks Swing Band will perform, and free sight and hearing screenings for children and adults will be available. For more information, contact Edythe Kelleher at edythe.kelleher@yahoo.com or 703-242-7651.

In preparation for its annual fall book sale, the McLean Branch of the **American Association of University Women** will collect used books, CDs, DVDs, software, and children's books and records from 9 am-1:30 pm Saturday, June 3 and June 24, at SunTrust Bank, 515 Maple Avenue E. The fall sale benefits scholarships for women. Questions? aauw-bookfair@gmail.com or 703-527-4206.

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 at 7:30 pm Tuesday, June 6, in the program building at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax (UUCF), 2709 Hunter Mill Road. FLY also holds teen lounges the third Friday of each month, alternating between movie and pizza nights at UUCF and outside venues. For more information about

both groups, email wf.pflag@gmail.com or visit pflagdc.org and facebook.com/groups/fly.pflag/.

Pianist Alex Hassan will perform spirited melodies from the Golden Age of popular music (1920s-30s) during the **Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna's Lunch N Life event** at noon Monday, June 12, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road. Lunch is \$10, and prepayment is required by June 6. To register, call 703-281-0538.

Jim Knotts, president and CEO of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, will discuss the programs and displays for the proposed education center on the National Mall at the next meeting of the **Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 227**. The meeting begins at 7:30 pm Thursday, June 15, at Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane. This meeting is open to veterans, friends, and the general public. For more information, call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or visit vva227.org.

The **Vienna American Legion** will host a **breakfast buffet** from 8 am-noon Sunday, June 18, at Post 180, 330 Center Street N. The breakfast, which includes omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, and more, is \$9 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. For more information, call 703-938-6580.

See how the **Vienna Wireless Society** is preparing for disasters and emergencies as part of **Amateur Radio Field Day** from 2 pm Saturday, June 24, through 2 pm Sunday, June 25, at Burke Lake Park. (Best time to visit is Saturday afternoon.) Enjoy a hands-on experience as you try your hand at operating the society's radio equipment and making worldwide contacts with the assistance of a licensed ham operator. For more information, contact Pete Hadley at 703-209-9705.

Historic Vienna, Inc. invites you to enjoy tea and learn about the history of etiquette with a focus on tea etiquette at a **Mother-Daughter Tea & Parlor Talk** at 3 pm Sunday, June 25. Following a short presentation, relax and visit with friends in the beautiful parlor and dining room of the Freeman Store and Museum, 131 Church Street NE. The traditional English tea will include sandwiches, assorted sweets, scones, and a bottomless cup of tea. Tickets are \$30 per person, and reservations are required. For more information, call 703-938-5187.

Help support Vienna's spookiest event while enjoying lunch or dinner at **Foster's Grill** on the 30th of each month, beginning in June. Foster's will donate 20% of proceeds from lunch and dinner sales to the **Town's Parks and Recreation Department** to support marching bands and other groups that add entertainment value to the Halloween Parade.

Visit the **Freeman Store and Museum** from noon-4 pm Wednesday-Sunday. Check out the store's new wooden bookshelf plaque of James Madison High School featuring exclusive art by one of its graduates. Makes a great graduation gift! And just in time for summer relaxation, the store has new jigsaw puzzles and children's books.

Emmanuel Lutheran Preschool is now enrolling students for its developmental play-based program for children ages 2.5-4 years for the 2017-18 school year. For more information or to register, email emmanuelpreschool2@gmail.com or call 703-938-6187.

Vienna Arts Society members' artwork is on display in the annual **Flora & Fauna** exhibition at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, through June 30.

Shop locally for used books at the **Freeman Store and Museum**. Historic Vienna, Inc. offers a selection of reasonably priced books in its **Used Book Cellar**, which is open noon-4 pm Wednesday through Sunday. Enjoy browsing through books, DVDs, books on CDs, and vintage prints covering many topics. All profits support Historic Vienna, Inc. events and museum exhibits. **Used book donations are welcome** and bags or boxes may be placed on the Freeman Store porch or brought into the store at 131 Church Street NE. Dealers are welcome. Please note that textbooks, encyclopedias, dictionaries, romance novels, and magazines are not accepted. For more information, call 703-938-5187.

Joe Philips will present **watercolor workshops** at the Vienna Arts Society's Art Center, 115 Pleasant Street NW, the last Friday of each month through the summer. Bring your favorite watercolor supplies. Call the Art Center at 703-319-3971 to reserve your space.

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45 years ago...

The June 1972 Town newsletter reports that for the 24th consecutive year, Town of Vienna families, in cooperation with International House, would be entertaining guests from foreign countries in their homes on July 4. Adult students training under the auspices of the State Department were to arrive in Town by bus from Washington around noon July 4, enjoy an afternoon and evening of American hospitality and fireworks, and return to the District about 10 p.m.

**Police,
Fire & Rescue
Emergency**
911
(Voice & TDD)

Vienna Police
703-938-4900 voice
703-255-5730 TDD
Non-emergency
703-255-6366 voice
703-255-5730 TDD

Community Center
703-255-6360 voice
TTY Virginia Relay 711
120 Cherry St. SE
Vienna, VA 22180

Vienna Town Hall
703-255-6300 voice
TTY Virginia Relay 711
127 Center Street South
Vienna, VA 22180-5179
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June TOWN CALENDAR

2 Summer on the Green – U.S. Navy Commodores • 6:30 pm

3 Vienna Farmers Market • 8 am-noon

3 Quarterly Recycling Day (Northside Property Yard) • 8 am-2 pm

3 Club Phoenix Awards • 4 pm

5 Town Council Meeting • 8 pm

6 Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 pm

8 Town Business Liaison Committee • 7 pm

9 Summer on the Green – Vienna Idol • 6:30 pm

10 Vienna Farmers Market • 8 am-noon

10 Club Phoenix Improv Show (Town Green) • 4 pm

12 Town Council Work Session • 7:30 pm

14 Summer on the Green – Rocknocerous • 6:30 pm

14 Historic Vienna Inc. (Freeman Store & Museum) • 7:30 pm

14 Planning Commission • 8 pm

15 Board of Architectural Review • 8 pm

16 Chillin' on Church: Chump Change (Town Green) • 6:30-9:30 pm

17 Vienna Farmers Market • 8 am-noon

20 Public Art Commission • 7 pm

21 Board of Zoning and Appeals/Public Hearing • 8 pm

22 Community Enhancement Commission • 7:30 pm

23 Bingo and Ice Cream Social (American Legion) • noon-3 pm

23 Summer on the Green – Hickory Grove • 6:30 pm

24 Vienna Farmers Market • 8 am-noon

27 Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committees • 7 pm

27 Transportation Safety Commission • 8 pm

28 Stories & Sprinklers (Town Green) • 1:30 pm

28 Planning Commission • 8 pm

30 Summer on the Green – Shenandoah Run • 6:30 pm

5 years ago...

The June 2012 Town newsletter announced that beginning the following month, the Town's collection program for household refuse would be simplified. All household waste and recycling items were to be collected on the same

day of the week – instead of two separate days – in each of five designated districts throughout Town. In addition, large bulk items could be set out and removed on designated service days. This single-stream refuse collection service is the same one provided by the Town today.