



Town of Vienna Coronavirus Update: April 10

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Town provides guidelines, options for public participation in April 13 meeting

Vienna Town Council will **meet**, with members attending in person and electronically, at 8 pm Monday, April 13, in accordance with a continuity of government ordinance adopted by Town Council March 31. The Town is providing several options through which residents can give feedback to Council during two public hearings on the April 13 agenda. The public hearings are related to the Town's **proposed FY2020-21 budget**.

While members of the public may speak in person at Town Hall during the meeting, use of other feedback channels is strongly encouraged in order to comply with national health guidelines. Residents may participate in the public hearings via Zoom video chat or phone, **eComment** on the Town's agenda software platform, **email**, written and mailed comments, or in person. Instructions for how to use each of these tools is provided at viennava.gov/publicparticipation.

No more than 10 people, including Councilmembers physically present and staff, will be allowed in Council Chambers at any time. Two residents at a time will be permitted to rotate in and out during the public hearing portion of the meeting. Physical-distancing strategies will be utilized for those waiting to enter the meeting room.

Whether in person or via Zoom, residents who wish to address Town Council will be limited to three minutes each. Public feedback is permitted only during the public hearings; public comment will not be permitted on other agenda items.

Town elections may be postponed, but keep requesting absentee ballots



Gov. Ralph Northam has recommended moving local May elections in 53 communities across the state to November 3. Such a move will require approval of the General Assembly, which is scheduled to meet April 22. See the [press release](#) from the Governor's Office.

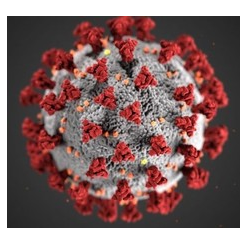
Until the General Assembly takes action on moving the election date, the Fairfax County Office of Elections will operate as if the Town's elections will occur on May 5 and will continue to process absentee ballot applications and mail out ballots. Applications are due by 5 pm April 28.

A reminder of where to obtain an absentee ballot application:

- at elections.virginia.gov/voterinformation
- at the kiosk at the front door of Town Hall
- by calling the Fairfax County Office of Elections at 703-222-0776 and requesting that an application be mailed to you.

Voters should use reason code 2A, "My disability or illness."

Town Manager Mercury Payton hosts an On Deck with Mercury Q&A with Fairfax County's General Registrar/Director of Elections Gary Scott that will air on TVCN (channel 27 on Cox and 38 on Verizon) beginning next week at 11 am and 8 pm Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday.



COVID-19 case updates for Fairfax County

The Fairfax County Health Department [reports daily](#) on the number of COVID-19 cases in the county.

It's Friday and after another tough week, we all need a reason to smile. If you haven't seen it yet, this Laverne and Shirley-themed [animated video](#) from Ohio ought to do the trick.



About using Town parks

While a lot of the Town's recreational facilities and programs are closed until June 10 - including the community center, playgrounds, the dog park, and basketball and tennis courts - the Town's fields and parks remain open so that residents may get out to simply enjoy nature or use the trails. Be aware, though, park bathrooms also are closed.

In order to maintain public health and appropriate physical-distancing standards, no group sports activities, organized or private exercise classes or activities, and groups larger than 10 are permitted. Also, dogs are not allowed on athletic fields.

Thank you for cooperating with posted guidelines so that the fields and parks can remain open throughout this health crisis for the benefit of all.



State resources for small businesses

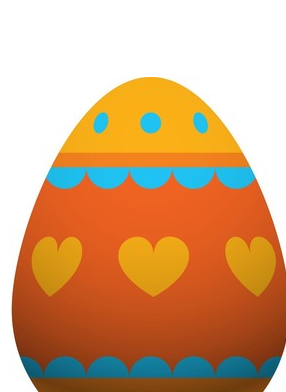
One-on-one, one-hour counseling sessions are available with the Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (SBSD). The SBSB's Chris Ley can help connect small businesses with state certification programs and purchasing opportunities.

"Small businesses are always thinking about ways to grow," says Economic Development Manager Natalie Monkou. "This is an opportunity for Vienna small businesses to learn about and take advantage of state programs and certifications that may help them do just that through this public health crisis or help them get a kick-start when the economy re-opens."

To sign up for phone sessions with Chris Ley, send her an [email](#).

The Town of Vienna's [webpage for businesses](#) provides additional information and resources, including webinars.

Town still finding ways to engage, have fun with community



The Town's Parks and Recreation Department is living up to its reputation as "the fun department" by providing several ways to continue to engage with the community.

For example, this weekend kids and families are invited to decorate eggs, place the decorated eggs in their windows, and allow the neighborhood to enjoy a physically distant **egg hunt**. The Town has provided an [egg-coloring page](#) to get you going. Be sure to snap a photo of eggs you find and tag photos with **#ViennaEggHunt**.

The department also is hosting a couple of **videotaped exercise classes** on TVCN, the Town's cable access channel available on channel 27 on Cox and 38 on Verizon.

- Joy Harrington, who usually teaches senior fitness, offers a one-hour family fitness exercise class that includes aerobics, stretching, weights, and meditation. This program airs daily at 10 am, except on Mondays when it airs at 9 am.
- Teresa Fletcher, who teaches ABCs for Seniors, presents a one-hour strength class featuring weights, a chair for balancing exercises, and stretching. This program is broadcast at 2 pm daily, except on Saturdays when it's on at 1 pm.

Finally, parks and recreation staff invite you to join them for "spirit weeks" with **dress themes** for each day. Share your photos with the Town using the hashtag **#ViennaSpirit**. Here are the themes for the next two weeks:

- April 13 - Crazy Hair Day
- April 14 - Tie Dye Day
- April 15 - Western Day
- April 16 - Villain Day
- April 17 - Freaky Friday (dress like your supervisor or parent)
- April 20 - Patriot Day (red, white, and blue)
- April 21 - Denim Day
- April 22 - Polka Dot Day
- April 23 - Everyday Hero Day
- April 24 - Pastel Friday

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