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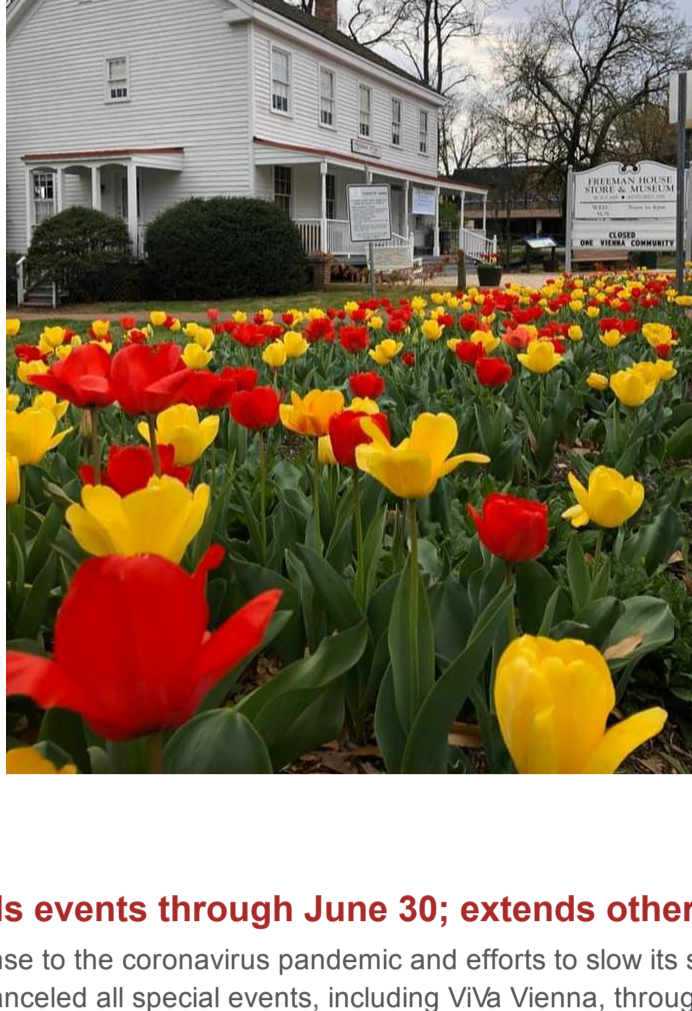
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Town of Vienna Coronavirus Update: April 7

This e-newsletter is being distributed to subscribers of the Town's Happenings and Town Business Matters digital newsletters. Updates will be sent on a periodic basis during this public health emergency. Feel free to share this update with friends and neighbors, who may sign up for it at viennava.gov/happenings.

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Town cancels events through June 30; extends other changes

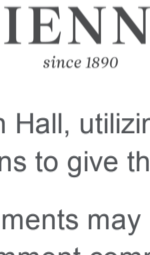
In further response to the coronavirus pandemic and efforts to slow its spread, the Town of Vienna has canceled all special events, including ViVa Vienna, through June 30, and has extended limitations to Town facilities and modifications to some Town services until June 10. These cancellations and extensions align with Gov. Ralph Northam's March 30 "stay at home" order, which is in effect until June 10.

The Town of Vienna government continues to operate and provide essential and other services. The Town strongly encourages residents and customers to conduct business with the Town via telephone or online whenever possible.

The Vienna Community Center, Town playgrounds, basketball and tennis courts, and Vienna Dog Park are closed. All associated programming, rentals, classes, activities, and field permits are canceled until June 10. **Town parks remain open - for now.** No classes or group activities are permitted.

"We really would love to be able to keep parks open to give everyone an outlet and an opportunity to enjoy being outdoors," says Parks and Recreation Director Leslie Herman. "We've had some issues with folks not adhering to social-distancing guidelines. We're monitoring that and hoping we're not forced to close the parks."

Find [more information](#) about cancellations and the emergency's impact on Town services.



Participate in budget public hearings April 13

Town Council will **meet** as scheduled at 8 pm Monday, April 13, and will hold public hearings on the **proposed FY2020-21 budget** and proposed water and sewer rates. Several Councilmembers are expected to attend the meeting virtually. While members of the public will have an opportunity to share comments in person at

Town Hall, utilizing social-distancing guidelines, residents are encouraged to use other means to give their feedback.

Comments may be emailed to clerk@viennava.gov. Citizens also may utilize the eComment component of the Town's [agenda management software](#) or attend the meeting via Zoom in order to make comments. Using Zoom, residents who wish to comment during one of the public hearings may either call in to the meeting or video chat. **Registration** through Zoom is required.

Residents who do not wish to speak during the public hearings, may view the meeting live Monday evening on TVCN (channel 27 on Cox and 38 on Verizon) or [stream it live](#) via the Town's website.

Details for providing comments through electronic means are still being worked out. Further information and instructions will be provided by the end of this week via this newsletter, on the Town's website, and via the Town's social media channels.

All speakers, whether in person or via electronic means, will be limited to three minutes each.



This image has made the rounds on social media, but it's still a powerful example of the importance of social distancing. New this week, the CDC is now recommending that individuals wear cloth face coverings in public settings where social-distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies). Recent studies have shown that spread of the novel coronavirus can take place among people not exhibiting symptoms, people who either are asymptomatic or haven't yet developed symptoms. [Make your own face covering.](#)

View virtual candidate forums

The North East Vienna Citizens Association and Vienna Business Association have performed a tremendous civic service in hosting a virtual Candidates Forum - two actually - in advance of the Town's May 5 elections. The next broadcast of the forums is scheduled for 7 pm tomorrow (April 8) on TVCN (channel 27 on Cox and 38 on Verizon). Broadcasts are scheduled through May 5 at 10 am Monday, 7 pm Wednesday, and 2 pm Saturday. The forums also can be [streamed live](#) on the Town's website at the same times that broadcasts are scheduled on TVCN. In addition, the forums may be viewed "on demand" on the Town's YouTube channel. For the mayoral forum, click [here](#). See the candidates forum [here](#).



As a reminder, the Town encourages residents to vote via absentee ballot in the May 5 elections. Absentee ballot applications may be requested:

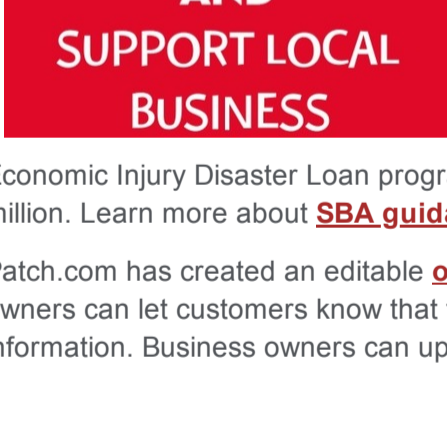
- at elections.virginia.gov/voterinformation
- at the kiosk at the front door of Town Hall
- by calling the Fairfax County Office of Elections at 703-222-0776 and requesting that an application be mailed to you.

Absentee ballot applications must be submitted by April 28. Use reason code 2A.



COVID-19 case updates for Fairfax County

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



Resources for businesses

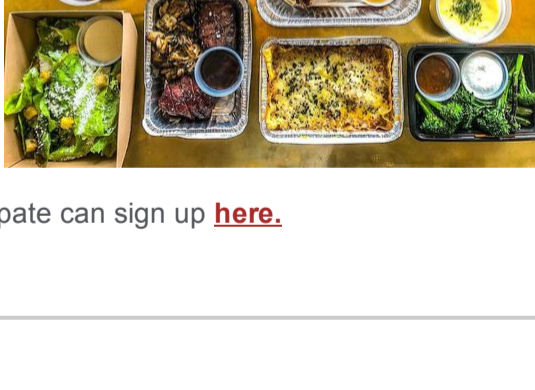
The Town of Vienna is hosting a dynamic [webpage for businesses](#) on its website. The page provides information about federal and private loan and grant programs as well as links to webinars happening across the state on topics that may be very useful to businesses.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is providing low-interest disaster loans to help businesses during the health crisis. SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program provides small businesses with loans up to \$2 million. Learn more about [SBA guidance and loan resources](#).

Patch.com has created an [editable online directory](#) through which Vienna business owners can let customers know that they are still open for business and other helpful information. Business owners can upload their information [here](#).

Take a taste of 'Take Out Trail'

Visit Fairfax has launched a mobile passport program that connects residents with county merchants offering takeout, delivery, and specials. The [Take Out Trail](#) provides information about participating merchants, including local restaurants, coffee shops, breweries, and wineries.



Fairfax County restaurants wishing to participate can sign up [here](#).

Easter bunny to hop - er, drive - around Town

New Zealand's prime minister has declared the Easter Bunny an "essential worker" - and the Town of Vienna couldn't agree more. So...the Easter Bunny will be making the rounds through Town Thursday, April 9, to wave hello from an appropriate social distance.

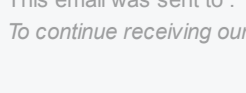
The drive-by Bunny Tour will take place on the north side of Maple Avenue beginning around 10 am Thursday. Mr. Bunny will visit residents on the south side beginning around 12:30 pm. He promises to make his residents known so that residents will be aware when he's coming through their area. If Thursday's weather doesn't cooperate, he'll try to hop in on Friday instead.

Mr. Bunny's parks and recreation helpers will try to drive on as many streets as possible. To conform with social-distancing guidelines, there will be no stopping for photos nor any interaction other than waving, music, and horn-honking.



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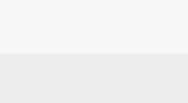
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