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Broad stripes and bright stars

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

The Town is hosting a doubleheader in celebration of Americana this July 4. Five food trucks. Four hours. Three water slides. That's just a taste of what's in store at the Sprinklers and Sparklers event from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center.



photo by Adam Kincaid

Bring the kids for this splashy Independence Day prelude before the evening fireworks show. Kids should be prepared to get really wet and to have a really good time. Oh, did we mention that there will be snow cones? Yeah, those come in red, white, and blue, too.

In the evening, head across Town for the annual big bang show. Festivities start at 7:15 p.m. at Yeonas Park where the Josh Christina Band will provide the evening's soundtrack. The Vienna Little League concession stand and food trucks will offer eats and non-alcoholic beverages.

The fireworks show, courtesy of Navy Federal Credit Union, will blast off at approximately 9:30. 📌

Vienna adopts \$41.2 million budget for new fiscal year

Town Council has adopted a \$41.2 million budget for fiscal year 2019-20, which represents a 6.5% increase over last year's budget. The Town's new fiscal year will begin July 1, 2019 and conclude on June 30, 2020. Among new initiatives covered in the FY20 budget are an economic development manager position, classification and compensation study, comprehensive zoning update, economic development study, and additional tree maintenance funds.

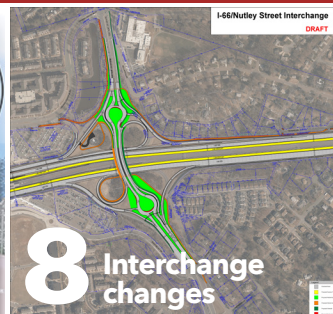
The Town's real estate tax rate will remain the same for the fifth consecutive year at 0.225 cents per \$100 assessed value. While the tax rate is unchanged, most Vienna property owners will pay more in real estate taxes next year due to increases in assessed property values. Real estate assessments increased 4% overall (4.9% for residential properties and 0.14% for commercial properties). The average residential real estate tax increase will be \$64 annually, from \$1,518 to \$1,582.

The Town's water and sewer rates are increasing about 10%, or \$64 annually as well. The higher fees align with Fairfax County fees and were called for by a 2018 rate study in order to keep the water system wholly self-funding and increase availability of funds to invest in infrastructure improvements.

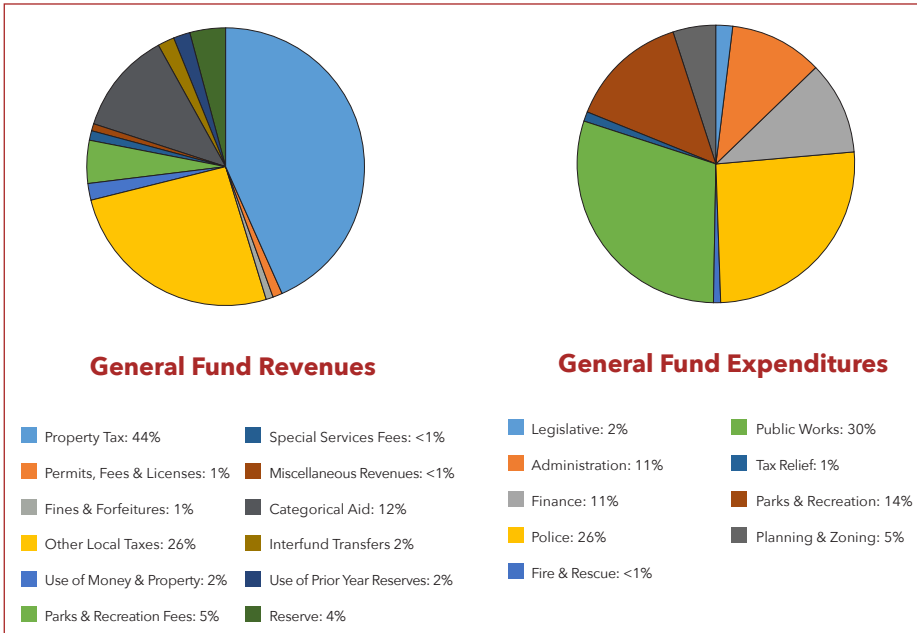
In addition to increases in real estate tax revenue, the Town anticipates

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services for existing businesses while also helping to bring to Town additional independent, locally owned businesses that will, collectively, help make Vienna a vibrant destination. It’s important that Vienna retain and recruit vital businesses to serve residents, enhance the Town’s quality of life, and diversify our tax base.”

Other staff position changes provided for in the budget include increasing two part-time positions, a public works administrative assistant and parks and recreation customer care representative, to full time and adding sustainability coordinator responsibilities to an existing stormwater engineer position. In addition, a part-time temporary auditor position will be added in the Finance Department.

increased revenues from parks and recreation fees due to new programming, zoning fees as several new developments get underway, higher investment interest rates, and cell phone tower rentals.

“This budget helps the Town maintain its high-quality services and meet new goals,” says Mayor Laurie DiRocco. “In addition to starting on the important process of updating our zoning code, we’re excited to bring on an economic development manager partway through the year. This new position will help Vienna provide enhanced business-friendly

The FY20 budget provides a 3% merit raise for the Town’s 189 employees. In addition, employees who “exceed expectations” on their annual evaluations will be eligible for \$500 or \$1,000 one-time bonuses. Most employees will experience a decrease in health insurance expenses as Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield lowered its rates by 3%.

The Town’s FY20 \$41,153,380 budget comprises four funds:

• general fund	\$26,725,030
• water and sewer fund	\$9,233,080
• debt service fund	\$4,665,270
• stormwater fund	\$530,000

Patel, Springsteen, and Potter elected to Town Council

Councilmember Howard Springsteen was re-elected and Nisha Patel and Steve Potter were newly elected to two-year terms on Town Council in the May 7 Town elections. The newly elected Councilmembers’ terms begin July 1.

Vienna voters cast 2,513 ballots, including 103 absentee ballots, in the May 7 election, which had a 20.9% voter turnout. Residents could vote for up to three candidates.

Official vote counts for each of the six candidates who were running for one of three open Council posts follow:

Tara Bloch	810
Julie Hays	1,026
Nisha Patel	1,580
Steve Potter	1,525
Howard Springsteen	1,538
Tim Strike	434
Write-In	47

In Memoriam: Councilmember Paul Lyons

Paul Lyons, 86, a 62-year resident of Vienna and Town Councilmember from 1967-76, passed away April 20. Lyons held several creative professional positions in the field of motion picture film production. He was a TV producer/director with the United States Information Agency under Edward R. Murrow in the early 1960s. Two films on which he provided editing and production management services were nominated for Academy Awards for Best Documentary Short Subject in the late 1970s.



Town explores potential parking remedies

by Mayor Laurie DiRocco

Isn't it exciting when you can actually find a parking space near the business you want to visit? Since many successful brick-and-mortar businesses have hundreds of customers daily, this is not always feasible.

It seems that the Town either has large parking lots that are not fully utilized, like at the Giant Shopping Center, or limited spaces and customers have to walk to businesses, as they do on Church Street. No doubt about it, parking in Vienna can be a challenge. Over the years, the Town has added parking spaces by the W&OD Trail, worked with businesses to encourage shared parking agreements, and sought to partner on construction of a structured parking facility.

The Town Business Liaison Committee (TBLC) surveyed businesses in 2017 and found that one of the main concerns is parking. This spring, the TBLC and I hosted two public meetings with business managers and property owners to brainstorm ideas to address Vienna's parking challenges. All ideas were put on the table – everything from a local trolley to providing discounts as an incentive for customers to ride their bicycles. (I enjoy walking in Town so I was advocating for a walking discount as well!)

All of the ideas generated were categorized based on implementation timeframes and cost. Some of the shorter-term solutions that business owners support include consistent and welcoming parking signage, a digital parking map to help customers find public parking spaces around Town, and designating a truck loading/unloading area. Longer-term solutions include structured parking facilities and a comprehensive strategic parking and marketing plan.

Many of the participating businesses were excited to learn about a potential parking garage at the Patrick Henry Library. The Town, in its 2018 bond issue, allocated \$75,000 to work with Fairfax County to add structured parking to the county's renovation plans for the library.

Originally, the library renovation process was scheduled to begin in 2026. After Town staff talked with county and library board officials, the date was moved up to 2020. Please know that even though the process is slated to start in 2020, the final renovated building and parking structure will take at least four years to design and build.

Based on feedback from businesses, the TBLC will recommend parking solutions to the Town. Some may be implemented over the next year while others are longer term. I appreciate the TBLC's efforts. Members are listening to businesses, finding solutions, and helping make Vienna a great place to work, shop, dine, and experience! 🇺🇸



photo by Adam Kincaid

Recycle metal, too, at next quarterly event

In addition to the usual auto waste products and electronics accepted at the Town's Quarterly Recycling Day, metal will be accepted at the Town's next recycling event Saturday, June 1, as well. Scrap metal products, such as steel, copper, and aluminum, may be brought to the Northside Property Yard from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Please note that a few items cannot be accepted for recycling, including paint, batteries, televisions, and monitors.

Questions? E-mail christine.horner@viennava.gov or call 703-255-8630. 🇺🇸

Keam joins Hudgins' First Wednesday event

State Del. Mark Keam will join Fairfax County Supervisor Cathy Hudgins at her First Wednesday session from 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, June 5, at the Patrick Henry Library. Residents are welcome to "walk in" to meet, share concerns on any issue, or simply speak one-on-one with the elected representatives. If you prefer, you may schedule an appointment by calling 703-478-0283. 🇺🇸



Summer concert series provides 'music to the ears'

The terms “free” and “live” are always music to the ears when looking for something to do on a summer Friday night. Lucky for you, the Town of Vienna’s 2019 Summer on the Green concert series offers both.

Co-sponsored by the Town of Vienna and Rotary Club of Vienna, the concert series will bring tunes to the Town Green at 6:30 p.m. every Friday June 7-August 23. The third Friday of each month will feature Vienna’s very own block party, Chillin’ on Church.

Attendees are encouraged to bring chairs and/or blankets. No alcoholic beverages are permitted. (Beer and wine as well as food truck items will be available for purchase only at Chillin’ on Church events.) Please consider leaving pets at home.

In the event of rain, check the weather line at 703-255-7842 and be sure to keep an eye on the Town’s social media accounts. 📱



Friday Evening Concerts

June 7	Vienna Idol
June 14	Nowhere Men <i>(acoustic Beatles tribute band)</i>
June 21	Chillin’ on Church: The Deja Gruv Band <i>(R&B, funk, and soul)</i>
June 28	Sarah Bennet Swanner <i>(country and blues covers)</i>
July 5	U.S. Navy Band: Commodores <i>(big band jazz)</i>
July 12	Fat Chance <i>(rock)</i>
July 19	Chillin’ on Church: Mudlark <i>(classic rock and blues)</i>
July 26	U.S. Army Band: Swamp Romp <i>(Louisiana jazz and folk)</i>
August 2	The Rockits <i>(rock and Motown)</i>
August 9	Shenandoah Run <i>(folk)</i>
August 16	Chillin’ on Church: Big Bad JuJu <i>(rock and dance covers)</i>
August 23	Wayne Tympanick Trio <i>(jazz)</i>
September 20	Chillin’ on Church: Hard Swimmin’ Fish <i>(funk-infused blues)</i>

Special bonus concerts

Wed, June 12	Rocknoceros <i>(sponsored by Vienna Moms, Inc.)</i>
Sun, July 7	U.S. Navy Band: Country Current <i>(blue grass)</i>
Sun, July 21	Vienna Community Band

All concerts are at 6:30 pm

photos by Adam Kincaid





Sounds of summer are coming to Church Street

Whether your favorite musical sounds come in the form of rock 'n' roll, rhythmic soul, or funky blues, this year's Chillin' on Church line-up has something for you.

Vienna's popular summer block parties return from 6:30-9:30 p.m. the third Friday of the month June-September.

Chillin' on Church will bring live music, food trucks, and beer and wine sales – not to mention opportunities to chill with Vienna friends and neighbors – to Church Street between Dominion and Mill roads. Admission is free.

First up in the summer music lineup June 21 is The Deja Gruv Band, who will bring rhythm and blues, funk, and soul to the stage. Blankets and lawn chairs are encouraged, but pets are not.

You must be 21 years or older with a valid photo ID to purchase alcoholic beverages.

These four special nights of summer are brought to you courtesy of Ben and Jerry's.

Here is the entire Chillin' musical lineup:

- June 21: The Deja Gruv Band – *R&B, funk, soul*
- July 19: Mudlark – *rock and blues*
- August 16: Big Bad Juju – *rock and dance*
- September 20: Hard Swimmin' Fish – *funk infused blues*

To check food truck lineups, visit viennava.gov/chillinonchurch. 🍷



photos by Adam Kincaid

Town offers new video magazine with a 'View'

Last month the Town of Vienna launched *Vienna View*, a new monthly video magazine airing on the Town of Vienna Community Network (TVCN), the Town's cable access channel, and social media sites.

The first episode looked back at several of the Town's April events, including Green Expo and Walk on the Hill, as well as forward to upcoming events, featuring ViVa! Vienna! Future episodes will continue to focus on events and also may include segments on Town seasonal services, policies, initiatives, and helpful "how to" information.

Vienna View currently airs at the top of the hour weekdays and every two hours weekends on TVCN, channel 27 on Cox and channel 38 on Verizon Fios.

Two additional episodes will air this month. Beginning in July, new programs will air around the 15th of each month. Did you miss the first episode of *Vienna View*? Tune in to TVCN or check it out at <http://bit.ly/2JidvKG>. 🍷

Parks & rec activities for the young and young at heart

The Town's Parks and Recreation Department is hosting an end-of-the-school-year party for youth and a bingo/ice cream social for mature adults this month.

Club Phoenix youth are invited to celebrate the end of the school year at a pajama party from 12-6 p.m. Thursday, June 13, at the Vienna Community Center. No need for sleeping bags or blow-up mattresses because participants won't really be spending the night. Onesies and cozy pajamas are encouraged, though. Movies, popcorn, and other snacks provided. For more information, contact Teen Center Program Coordinator Natalie Duncan at natalie.duncan@viennava.gov or 703-255-5736.

It's mature adults' turn to have some fun at the community center from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Friday, June 21, when the Shepherd's Center of Oakton/Vienna co-hosts a bingo/ice cream social. White elephant prizes will be awarded to bingo winners. Bingo cards are \$2 for two cards (limit two cards per person); pay at the door. Also, please bring a white elephant item in good condition to donate to the prize table. Ice cream will be served at 1:30 with bingo starting at 2 p.m. Thanks to UnitedHealthcare for sponsoring this event. 🍷

Council adopts 2019 strategic plan


At its April 29 meeting, Town Council adopted a strategic plan that lays out goals, strategies, and action steps to be addressed in eight areas over the next five years. The *Town of Vienna 2019 Strategic Plan: Honing Excellence in an Exceptional Hometown* sets a vision for the Vienna community that is a decade or two in the future and provides a roadmap to Town staff as they work to achieve goals outlined by Council.

Town Councilmembers and staff worked on developing the strategic plan over a 16-month period. Guided through the process by Virginia Institute of Government faculty member and former Prince William County Executive Craig Gerhart, Councilmembers worked to set the vision, develop goals, and guide strategies. Town staff worked in cross-disciplinary teams to form policy briefs as well as recommend strategies and action steps for Council’s consideration.

The strategic plan notes in its opening section: “It’s clear that Vienna in 2019 is a safe, vibrant, inclusive community with neighborly charm, hometown pride – and some challenges. While Vienna is proud of the vibrant, welcoming community it is in 2019 and treasures its deep, rich history, it also is clear that in the future Vienna can do, can *be*, even better....”

The eight strategic areas addressed in the plan are:

- Vienna as a fiscally responsible community
- Vienna as a safe community
- Vienna as an efficiently mobile community
- Vienna as an influential and well-governed community
- Vienna as an economically prosperous community
- Vienna as an engaged community
- Vienna as an environmentally sustainable community
- Vienna as a complete community.

The strategic plan will inform the Town’s budget process and performance measures and will be utilized, along with other planning tools such as the comprehensive plan, to guide the Town’s priorities over the next five years. The Town’s 2019 Strategic Plan is available at viennava.gov/strategicplan. 



**Town of Vienna
2019 Strategic Plan
Honing Excellence
in an Exceptional Hometown**

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Deadline for the July issue is June 10.



Vienna Stories: 'Some things never change'

The issues that engaged Vienna residents throughout the second half of the 20th century, highlighted in a new book titled *Vienna Stories: 1950-2000*, will likely ring familiar to today's citizens. In 182 pages, the Town's former public information officer of 33 years, Marie Kisner, offers a succinct, occasionally laugh-out-loud glimpse of the Town's recent history and celebrates a half century of "vigilance, persistence, vision, and downright orneriness."

Based on 50 years of newspaper clips about Town goings-on, the book provides a synopsis of newsy topics, including a 1978 botched murder investigation and 1987 fire at the Vienna Inn ("Vienna Inn Burns Down, Thousands Left Homeless" quipped one local headline), tremendous population growth (from 2,029 residents in 1950 to 14,000 in 1961, according to the Town manager's annual report), and the

formation of several Town boards as well as creation of the W&OD trail and Vienna Metro station (which Town Council was on the record as opposing as early as 1963; one citizen's written comments on a survey warned that the Metro station would "destroy what is left of the quiet 'smallness' of the community").

Mostly, the book focuses on Vienna's aversion to anything that might alter its "small-town atmosphere of single-family character."

A 1963 Vienna Business Advisory Committee report, concluded: "It will take bold and imaginative leadership to meet the challenge of Tysons Corner and to take advantage of the opportunities it will provide. The economic, political, and private way of life will suffer drastic changes in the near future in the area of Virginia where Vienna is located. The reality of these changes must be faced with intelligent and courageous leadership if Vienna is to progress or even exist."

"Vienna has always been very leery of change – and for good reason," says Kisner who was the Town's public information officer from 1977-2010. "Vienna has always erred on the side of caution for sure."

While some might consider such consistent resistance to change vexing, Kisner finds it endearing. "To me it's almost idyllic," she says of Vienna,

"especially when you know the history of the Town and how people fought and fought and fought to keep it nice. It's just a tribute to the citizens that it's such a wonderful place."

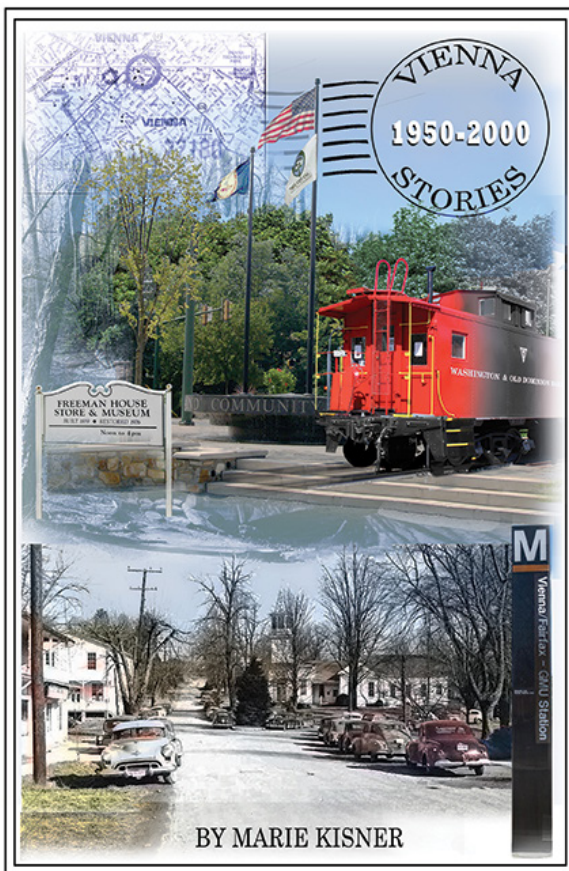
Another familiar concern addressed in the book relates to Maple Avenue. "Let us get on with the business of doing something about our one outstanding bad feature: the glaring ugliness of Maple Avenue. Maple Avenue right now is an oasis for automobiles," notes a 1967 Community Beautification Committee report.

Ever since it was widened to four lanes in 1958, the book says, residents have been asking: "What can be done about the traffic on Maple Avenue?"

Vienna Stories picks up where Mayo and Connie Stuntz's definitive *This Was Vienna, Virginia* leaves off. "This book is something I felt I had to do," says Kisner. "If someone was going to write about the history of Vienna in the second half of the 20th century, it was going to be me."

Kisner worked on the book for nearly 10 years following her retirement from the Town and a move back to her hometown of San Antonio. Kisner will return to Vienna for a visit this month and participate in two book-related events. *Vienna Stories* is available exclusively at the Freeman Store and Museum for \$12.99.

Kisner looks forward to her first visit to Vienna in six years. "That's what's so endearing about Vienna," she says, "some things never change." 📖



'Vienna Stories' by Marie Kisner

Meet the author, hear the stories, get your book signed

7:30 pm • June 20
Vienna Community Center

11 am-1 pm • June 22
Freeman Store & Museum

Morning and afternoon summer relief at the Town Green

It's summertime (almost). It's hot. Kids tend to be "so bored." How about booking a morning or afternoon of R&R with the kiddos?

Stories, Songs & Sprinklers

The Town's Parks and Recreation Department and Historic Vienna, Inc. invite young children and families to an afternoon consisting of a storybook, some short songs, and a little casual fun with water sprinklers at 1 p.m. Wednesdays, June 26-July 31, on the Freeman Store lawn.

Kids on the Green

The Kids on the Green series is a free, weekly collection of interactive animal shows, magicians, puppet performances, and more at 10 a.m. Tuesdays, July 2-August 20.

Here is the full Kids on the Green schedule:

- July 2 – Reptiles Alive (live animals)
- July 9 – The Great Zucchini (magician)
- July 16 – Bill Wellington (kids songs and storytelling)
- July 23 – Michael Cantori (magician)
- July 30 – Blue Sky Puppets
- August 6 – Groovy Nate (kids songs and puppets)
- August 13 – Wildlife Ambassadors (live animals)
- August 20 – Beech Tree Puppets 📍



Information meeting about new I-66 Nutley interchange June 5

A new design concept for the I-66 Nutley Street interchange will be presented and discussed at a public information meeting from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 5, at James Madison High School. The presentation will take place at 7 p.m.

FAM Construction, the I-66 design-build team, says that the new design concept improves traffic flow on Nutley Street compared to the previously proposed diverging diamond design concept and eliminates the need to build a second bridge span over I-66, reducing impacts to surrounding properties. 📍

What impact might future development have on traffic and walkability along Maple Avenue?

The second community meeting as part of the Maple Avenue Corridor Multimodal Transportation and Land Use Study will provide some of the answers.

7 pm • June 12 • Town Hall



Protecting the monarch butterfly and other pollinators

by Susan Stillman and Susan Patton, Conservation and Sustainability Commission

On March 11, Mayor Laurie DiRocco and second-graders from Wolfrap Elementary School took the Mayor’s Monarch Pledge. The pledge represented the kick-off of a project-based learning initiative being undertaken by the second-grade students to encourage Vienna residents to provide habitat for monarch butterflies, which, along with many other pollinators across our country, are seriously at risk.

The Mayor’s Monarch Pledge promises that the Town of Vienna will provide appropriate habitat for monarch butterflies by removing invasive plants and planting native ones. As the Wolfrap second-graders have learned, the native milkweed species is the only plant that monarch caterpillars can eat.

Now, the students want to know more. They want to know what they can do to become butterfly protectors. They want to know how to create needed habitat for all butterflies and other pollinators.

They want to know, most especially, if their neighbors in Vienna will step up to help create backyard habitats and wildlife corridors to support beneficial insects.

Just as important as planting native plants to support butterflies and other pollinators is reducing or eliminating the use of pesticides. According to *Consumer Reports*: “The chemicals used to kill mosquitoes can also kill good insects, like honeybees, ladybugs, and butterflies.” You can find information about the use of pesticides at [consumerreports.org/insect-repellent/should-you-spray-your-yard-for-mosquitoes-and-ticks/](https://www.consumerreports.org/insect-repellent/should-you-spray-your-yard-for-mosquitoes-and-ticks/) and information about how to control mosquitoes without killing pollinators at [choosenatives.org/control-mosquitoes-without-killing-pollinators-important-wildlife/](https://www.choosenatives.org/control-mosquitoes-without-killing-pollinators-important-wildlife/).

National Geographic warns: “The twin forces of human-caused climate change and habitat loss are now threatening North American monarch butterflies with extinction.” But there are easy things that all of us can do to support this iconic species and beneficial insects:

- remove invasive plants
- plant native plants, especially milkweed species
- reduce or eliminate the use of pesticides on our property. 🌱

Vienna staff members shine during awards season

Certificate of Valor

For saving the life of an injured person, Vienna Officer Pat Shaw was awarded a Certificate of Valor from the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce at a March 22 awards ceremony.

Responding to a missing person’s report last July, Shaw found the individual in a park with severe head trauma. Shaw stabilized the individual, who later made a full recovery, until paramedics arrived. One of the emergency medical responders on the scene estimated that the person had lost two pints of blood and likely would have died without the care provided by Shaw.

Service Above Self Awards

The Rotary Club of Vienna honored two Town employees and one Vienna Volunteer Fire Department employee with M. Jane Seeman Service Above Self awards at an April 24 luncheon.

These annual awards salute Town and fire department staff members who exemplify the Rotary Club’s motto of “Service Above Self.”

Vienna Officer Graham Williams was recognized as a champion of safety, particularly for women, as evidenced by his organization of Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) classes. Water Quality Engineer Christine Horner was honored for her dedication and extra hours of commitment to educating the community, particularly schoolchildren, about stormwater management and pollution prevention. 🌱



photos by Adam Kincaid

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 29

- Held a public hearing on rezoning of 374-380 Maple Avenue W from C-1 local commercial zone and RS-16 single-family detached residential zone to Maple Avenue Commercial (MAC) zone for a proposed 380 Maple mixed-use project with ground floor retail and multifamily residential condominium units. The public hearing was continued to the May 13 meeting.
- Set a public hearing for June 3 regarding rezoning of 100-112 Maple Avenue E from C-2 general commercial and C-1A special commercial zoning districts to Maple Avenue Commercial (MAC) zone for a proposed mixed-use development that includes an assisted living facility and retail space.
- Awarded a contract for plan review software to idtPlans for purchase and installation of software, training, and first-year maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$53,180.
- Adopted the Town of Vienna's 2019 strategic plan.
- Approved a Bee City USA resolution, which commits the Town to creating sustainable habitats for bees and other pollinators.
- Approved a memorandum of understanding between the Town and Vienna Business Association for the 2019 Oktoberfest event.

- Approved \$35,000 in additional FY19 spending with American Recycling.
- Awarded a contract for design of a Nutley Street mixed-use trail to Whitman, Requardt and Associates for \$61,361. The trail will link to a proposed mixed-use trail associated with VDOT's Transform 66 project. Design and construction of the project will be funded through Transform 66 Outside the Beltway concessionaire funding.
- Awarded a contract for \$138,010 for engineering services related to signal improvements along Maple Avenue and Nutley Street to Whitman, Requardt and Associates.
- Approved a resolution affirming the Town's commitment to fund the locality's share for projects under agreement with VDOT.

May 13

- Held a public hearing on rezoning of 374-380 Maple Avenue W from C-1 local commercial zone and RS-16 single-family detached residential zone to Maple Avenue Commercial (MAC) zone for 380 Maple, a mixed-use building with ground floor retail and multifamily residential condominium units. The public hearing was continued to the June 3 meeting.
- Held a public hearing regarding extension of the temporary suspension of the Maple Avenue Commercial (MAC) zone. Following the public hearing, Council approved extension of the MAC zone to November 15.

- Held a public hearing regarding the fiscal year 2019-20 proposed real estate tax rate. Following the public hearing, Council approved the proposed real estate tax rate, bank net capital rate, residential utility tax rate, and commercial utility tax rate as presented and approved the Town clerk's advertisement of a notice of intent to adopt at the same meeting.
- Approved a resolution setting tax rates for the 2019-20 fiscal year beginning July 1.
- Adopted a \$41,153,380 fiscal year 2019-20 budget and appropriated the budget as follows:
 - general fund \$26,725,030
 - debt service fund \$4,665,270
 - water and sewer fund \$9,233,080
 - stormwater fund \$530,000
- Approved an ordinance setting water and sewer rates for fiscal year 2019-20, beginning July 1 and directed the Town clerk to advertise a notice of adoption.
- Tabled consideration of a letter of agreement with Fairfax County concerning interest payments on the Town of Vienna's share of county sewer debt.
- Set a public hearing for June 17 regarding Cox Wireless Access's request for a license to use public right-of-way.

Appointed to serve

At its April 29 meeting, Town Council appointed the following people to boards and commissions:

- **Richard DeGuzman** and **Bets Thomas** were reappointed to the Bicycle Advisory Committee.
- **Susan Patton** was appointed to the Conservation and Sustainability Commission.

Vienna businesses with staying power

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

25 YEARS

Café Renaissance

20 YEARS

Drs. Izadi and Anoushfar

Estate Preservation & Management

Master Appliance Service

15 YEARS

Barbara Caceres

VIP Design and Construction

Visualinfo.biz

10 YEARS

The Mortgage Exchange Service

Ekko Title

5 YEARS

Adam Bechtold

Butler Communications

Cap Counseling Services

Compass Point Advisors

Discover Wit

Elizabeth Ernst

GLK Consulting

Pear Tree Cottage

Peet's Coffee & Tea

Team Traction

Vienna Behavioral Health

White Rose Salon & Spa



Open for business

A Town of Vienna business license was issued in April to:

Cold Stone Creamery

ice cream parlor
205 Maple Ave E
703-281-1940





HAPPENINGS around town

Vienna (Host) Lions Club will hold a fundraiser from 11 am-9 pm June 4 at Foster's Grille. Simply put your receipt in the Lions box, and Foster's will donate 20% of your purchase to Lion's youth, sight, hearing, and community programs. For more information, call Tom Comi at 703-281-4575 or visit [facebook.com/viennahostlionsclub](https://www.facebook.com/viennahostlionsclub).

The **Vienna Assembly of God** will celebrate its 75th anniversary Saturday and Sunday, June 8 and 9. Saturday activities include an open house and block party. Sunday's service will include stories about how the church began. The church is located at 100 Ayr Hill Avenue NE.

In celebration of 90 years of gardening in Vienna, **Ayr Hill Garden Club** presents **Raising Monarchs** from 7-9 pm Wednesday, June 12, at the Patrick Henry Library. Certified Master Gardener Barbara Fakoury will lead this workshop on cage-raising monarch butterflies from egg to adult prior to release in the wild. The workshop is free and open to the public and appropriate for ages 15+.

Specialists from the Oakridge Auction Gallery will evaluate your treasures and provide verbal quotes at **Historic Vienna, Inc.'s summer antiques evaluation event** from 11 am-4 pm Saturday, June 22. Reservations are required - call 703-938-5187 for your 10-minute time slot. Cost is \$10/item with a limit of two items per customer.

As part of **Amateur (Ham Radio) Field Day** at Burke Lake Park, the **Vienna Wireless Society** will conduct a 24-hour emergency communications exercise from 2 pm Saturday, June 22, to 2 pm Sunday, June 23. The public is invited to visit with club members and operate an amateur radio station. For more information, email info@viennawireless.net.

The **Church of the Holy Comforter** will be transformed into Hogwarts School where children attend "classes" with their favorite professors, including McGonagall, Snape, Hooch, and Binns, during the church's **Vacation Bible School** June 24-28. Morning sessions are 9 am-noon, and afternoon sessions are 1:30-4:30 pm. Open to children ages 5-11. Download the registration form at holycomforter.com.

Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna is looking for **volunteers to drive** older adults to doctor's appointments, the grocery store, or drug store. Most appointments are local in the Vienna, Oakton, Fairfax, and Reston areas. Volunteers must complete an application and background check. To sign up, call 703-281-0538. More information is available at scov.org.

The **Freeman Store** is anticipating the arrival of a variety of decorative items, many with local appeal, this summer. You can stay up to date regarding all Freeman Store and Museum and Historic Vienna, Inc. events and information via social media: Follow [@FreemanStore_Museum](https://www.instagram.com/FreemanStore_Museum) on Instagram and join the Historic Vienna, Inc. group on Facebook.

The **Vienna Arts Society** will host **two camp sessions** for children ages 6-14 this summer. **Funny Faces through Art and Sculpture** will be offered July 8-12 and **Depicting Nature in Art** will be presented August 5-9. Camp hours are 10 am-noon at the Vienna Art Center, 243 Church Street. The \$180 fee per camper includes all supplies. Call 703-319-3971 to register.

A wide variety of reasonably priced used books is available from 12-4 pm Wednesday-Sunday at the **Freeman Store Book Cellar**. Used book donations are accepted anytime, boxed and bagged, and may be delivered to the Freeman Store porch.

The **Vienna Community Band** is recruiting enthusiastic musicians in all sections, especially for clarinets, bassoons, oboes, and tubas. If interested, please attend any 6:15 pm rehearsal Sundays at the Vienna Community Center. For more information about the band, visit viennacommunityband.org

Bring blankets and lawn chairs for **Faith Baptist Church's Family Film and Fun Night** beginning at 8 pm Friday, June 28. The event will include refreshments and children's activities to be followed by a big-screen movie on the lawn. Visit believegrowchange.org/events/movie for additional information. In case of rain, the movie will be screened indoors.

Save the date for a special event with your teddy bear or other stuffed creature or doll.

Historic Vienna, Inc. will host a **Teddy Bear Picnic** from 10:30-11:30 am Saturday, July 20, at the Freeman Store and Museum, 131 Church Street NE. Children ages 9 and younger are invited to savor picnic snacks just for bear lovers and partake in bear-friendly activities. \$5/child; no charge for bears.

Reserve your spot by calling 703-938-5187 or emailing historicviennava@gmail.com.

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An item in the June 1969 Town newsletter is notable for something that didn't happen. The newsletter reports that Town Council was dropping a proposal to change the name of Beulah Road to Symphony Hill Road. The newsletter further reports that the street was originally named for an early Methodist church.

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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

1	Vienna Farmers Market (VCC) • 8 am – noon
1	Quarterly Recycling Day (Northside Property Yard) • 8 am – 2 pm
3	Town Council Meeting • 8 pm
5	I-66/Nutley Information Meeting (JMHS) • 6:30 – 8:30 pm
5	Board of Zoning Appeals/Public Hearing • 8 pm
4	Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 pm
7	Summer on the Green: Vienna Idol (Town Green) • 6:30 pm
8	Vienna Farmers Market (VCC) • 8 am – noon
10	Town Council Work Session • 7:30 pm
12	Community Meeting: Transportation & Land Use Study • 7 pm
12	Planning Commission • 8 pm
13	Town Business Liaison Committee • 7 pm
14	Summer on the Green: Nowhere Men (Town Green) • 6:30 pm

15	Vienna Farmers Market (VCC) • 8 am – noon
17	Town Council Meeting • 8 pm
18	Public Art Commission • 7 pm
20	Board of Architectural Review • 8 pm
21	Chillin' on Church: The Deja Gruv Band • 6:30 – 9:30 pm
22	Vienna Farmers Market (VCC) • 8 am – noon
25	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee • 7 pm
25	Transportation Safety Commission • 8 pm
26	Stories, Songs & Sprinklers (Town Green) • 1 pm
26	Planning Commission • 8 pm
27	Conservation and Sustainability Commission • 7:30 pm
28	Summer on the Green: Sarah Bennett Swanner (Town Green) • 6:30 pm
29	Vienna Farmers Market (VCC) • 8 am – noon