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Town receives bequest to fund sidewalks

Former Councilmember Maud Robinson, who passed away last year just shy of her 97th birthday, left the bulk of her estate to the Town of Vienna for the specific purpose of building sidewalks, over a five-year period, in areas where they aren't already planned or likely to be funded through grants or new construction.

The majority of Robinson's estate, which has not yet been settled but will total more than \$7 million, will endow the Maud Ferris Robinson Charitable Trust, which will fund the sidewalk projects.

"She gave the bulk of her estate to the Town," says Laurie Genevro Cole, executor of the estate and trustee of the trust, "because she and [husband and former mayor] Charlie were absolutely devoted to the Town of Vienna. They spent so much of their time and talents in making Vienna a well-governed community where people would want to live. They lived very simply, and they had no children. Vienna is their legacy."

"One thing that she and Charlie [who served as Vienna's mayor from 1976 until his death in 2000] did through his campaigns and otherwise was to walk Vienna," Cole adds. "They probably walked every single street multiple times. They realized how much sidewalks mean to making a place a community and a good place to live."

The Town of Vienna is identifying streets, where curb and gutter already exists, on which sidewalks may be installed. Before Town Council makes a decision as to which projects to move forward with, residents on selected streets will be contacted by the Town and given an opportunity to provide feedback. Overall community buy-in will be a determining factor in Council's approval of sidewalk projects. The first potential streets to have sidewalk added are expected to be considered by Town Council at its February 24 meeting.

The Town of Vienna currently has roughly 85 miles of sidewalk. The Robinson bequest is expected to provide up to 3.3 miles in additional sidewalks throughout Town. Public Works Director Michael Gallagher notes that it could take up to two years from identification of a street to walking on sidewalks. The Town will use contractors for this work.

A legacy of love Former Councilmember Maud Robinson left the bulk of her estate to the Town of Vienna.

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Share your feedback at March 2 meeting

Community conversation about outdoor living space, multimodal transportation project priorities

The Town of Vienna will host a “community conversation” March 2 to allow residents to provide feedback on two initiatives:

- a proposal to increase outdoor living space
- recommended short- and mid-term project priorities from the recent Maple Avenue Corridor Multimodal Transportation and Land Use Study.

This “community conversation” will take place from 7-9 pm Monday, March 2, at Town Hall. Residents will have an opportunity to ask questions related to these topics, provide feedback, and engage in interactive exercises that will indicate preferences.

Over the past year, Councilmember Nisha Patel has heard from numerous residents who have expressed a desire for modification of the Town code to allow for additional outdoor living space. She and other Councilmembers want to



know what the community thinks: Is it a good idea to allow for outdoor living space and other amenities in exchange for implementation of a current stormwater management system on their property?

The current code states that not more than 25% of a lot shall be covered by buildings, accessory buildings, automobile parking spaces and access, sport courts, tennis courts, patios, and terraces. Decks are regulated separately

and may not cover more than 5% of the total area.

The proposal put forward by Patel would allow for driveway expansion, decks, patios, outdoor sports courts, terraces, screened porches not enclosed by four walls, lead walks, and pools. These amenities, classified as outdoor living space and improvements, would be permitted as long as stormwater management systems are implemented, functional, and in compliance with current required standards and approved by the public works director.

“What we’d like hear on March 2 are residents’ thoughts about the pros and cons of this idea,” Patel says. “We’re looking for feedback on ways this concept could be modified. Help us figure out the right thing to do.”

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Mayor, Council candidates must qualify by March 3

In order to be included on the May 5 Town of Vienna ballot, individuals interested in running for mayor or Town Council must file a certificate of candidate qualification and petition of qualified voters with the Fairfax County Office of Elections by 7 pm March 3. For complete candidate instructions, click on the “local offices” link under the May 5 general election listing at elections.virginia.gov/candidatepac-info/candidate-bulletins/.

This year, the Town mayor and three seats on Town Council – those currently filled by Linda Colbert, Pasha Majdi, and Douglas Noble – are up for election. Mayor Laurie DiRocco, who served on Council from 2009-14 before becoming mayor, announced at the end of last year that she was not seeking reelection.

In order to run for election in the Town of Vienna, candidates must:

- have been a Virginia resident for one year immediately preceding the election
- be a resident of the Town of Vienna, living within the Town’s corporate limits
- be registered to vote in Vienna.

Candidate-provided statements will be published in the April issue of *Vienna Voice*. Often, local organizations host candidate forums that are open to the public.

The deadline to register to vote in the upcoming Town election is Monday, April 13. The deadline to request that an absentee ballot be mailed to you is April 28.

The Town of Vienna has a council-manager system of government with six councilmembers and a mayor, who are elected in alternating years to two-year terms. Town Council establishes policies, passes ordinances and resolutions, approves the Town budget, sets tax rates, approves land-use plans, and makes appointments to Town boards and commissions. The mayor is the ranking elected official and ceremonial head of the Town government. 🗳️





Deputy chief graduates from FBI National Academy

Last October Vienna's Deputy Police Chief Daniel Janickey began a 10-week journey at the FBI National Academy in Quantico that would add depth and richness to his 30+ years of experience in law enforcement. He returned to the classroom, lived in a dorm, made new friends, and conquered the famed Yellow Brick Road.

Janickey, along with nearly 260 other leaders and managers of state, local, county, tribal, military, federal, and international law enforcement agencies, graduated from the prestigious program in December. Across the United States, less than 1 percent of police officials have graduated from the FBI National Academy, the nation's premier law enforcement leadership training institution.

Vienna Voice was eager to hear some of the details of Janickey's experience.

VV: What was your daily routine like?

DJ: All students at the National Academy stay on campus at Quantico and sleep in dorms. The program is set up like a typical college day with classes, including a physical training class, being held Monday through Friday.

Each class was one hour and forty-five minutes. A typical day consisted of two classes in the morning, an hour lunch break, and then two classes in the afternoon.... I went to the library in the evening two-three times per week to work on papers,

presentations, etc.... My roommate was a captain from New Jersey, and we became close friends through the experience.

VV: What did you take away from the courses?

DJ: I had two favorite courses [out of six]. One... was about utilizing media, especially social media, to tell the department's story. Law enforcement is very different now than it was 20, or even 10, years ago. Social media has changed the game on how we message and manage our image to the community. My media class had 30 students in it, and we were able to share experiences and learn best strategies when dealing with traditional media, news conferences, crisis management, and social media. We were able to review high-profile events from around the country and critique how law enforcement agencies handled their public image and communications strategy.

VV: And the other course?

DJ: That one was *Advanced Concepts in Wellness and Vitality in Law Enforcement*. It was aimed at keeping officers healthy – physically, emotionally, and mentally – throughout their entire career. Police work can be demanding. As a profession, we haven't done a great job preparing our officers and their families. This class

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Muscling through Physical training was a key component of Deputy Chief Dan Janickey's FBI National Academy experience.

Follow, like & share: Meet your new Hunter Mill supervisor

New Hunter Mill District Supervisor Walter Alcorn and his team are settling into Hunter Mill District offices at 1801 Cameron Glen Drive in Reston. Office hours are 8:30 am-5 pm weekdays.

“A big hello from your new team serving the Hunter Mill District,” Alcorn says in a statement. “My staff and I have settled into our offices at the North County Government Center, and we are excited to work with our residents in Vienna. My emphasis will be on robust communications, and I hope you will take the opportunity to follow me on social media and subscribe to our newsletter.”

Here are various ways that you can follow, like, share, and connect with Alcorn:



@SupervisorWalterAlcorn



@WalterAlcornFFX

NEWSLETTER: If you're not already receiving the newsletter, send an email to huntermill@fairfaxcounty.gov and note in the subject line that you want to subscribe to the newsletter

WEBSITE: fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill/

PHONE: 703-478-0283

The supervisor's office also will provide information via NextDoor.com. 



Team Hunter Mill Fairfax County Supervisor Walter Alcorn, third from right, with his staff.

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Send community news and high-resolution photographs to lynne.coan@viennava.gov. All material provided is subject to editorial review and revision and will be used as space allows. **Deadline for the March issue is February 10.**



FBI Academy from page 3

talked about the often high suicide rate among officers, PTSD, and overall mental health of officers. We learned new and alternative ways to stay healthy.

VV: Were you able to connect with other National Academy students?

DJ: I was actually one of the lucky few that was allowed to go home every weekend and see my wife and kids, but that was not the case for most everyone else there. I made good friends, many of whom sacrificed a lot to be there. Of the 257 students with me at the National Academy, 35 were international students. It was excellent to learn from them and share experiences.

I met many great people and became close friends with three students –from the Czech Republic, Latvia, and Moldova. I brought them home to my house on Thanksgiving break. Before that, I brought them to the Vienna Inn. They loved it and sent pictures back home to their families.

VV: What was your favorite experience?

DJ: Besides the friendships, I'd say International night, which was sponsored by the international students and their embassies. They hosted a night of food and culture from their countries. We all had an opportunity to learn about their traditions and sample a variety of ethnic foods.

VV: How was the Yellow Brick Road experience?

DJ: I was nervous going into the academy about that final physical challenge, knowing it's a six-mile run/obstacle course. Our physical training instructors prepared us well for our 10th week challenge when we did our Yellow Brick Road run. Every Wednesday for the nine weeks prior, we would have some type of physical challenge; going through it together – it really helped to push each other. As luck would have it, the morning of our Yellow Brick Road run, the weather was horrible with rain and



Support team Deputy Chief Dan Janickey with his wife and daughters on graduation day at the National Academy.

34-degree temperatures. After the first 10 minutes, I was soaked and muddy so it didn't matter, and I actually had fun with it.

VV: How does Vienna compare to some of the other localities represented in your class?

DJ: It was good to see that Vienna falls right in line with the best on how law enforcement is done across the world. However, one challenge that I noticed every law enforcement agency is facing right now, including Vienna, is hiring and retention.

This whole training experience was a good reminder for me of how fortunate we are here in Vienna to have strong community support and amazing resources. Many other police agencies struggle to maintain trust and do not have the positive relationship with their community that we, thankfully, do in Vienna.

VV: What are your takeaways from your National Academy experience?

DJ: Probably the excellent instructors we had and the opportunity to be among some of the best of my peers from around the world. We had many discussions analyzing and debating the challenges our agencies and profession are encountering. I've been a police officer for three decades, and much has changed from when I started. Technology has become a significant factor, and our role in the community has evolved as well as the type of threats we face. 🇺🇸



photo by Adam Kincaid

Vienna, how do we communicate with thee? Let us count the ways.

The Town of Vienna provides information to residents in a variety of ways – to the depth, breadth, and height that social media, text alerts, printed words, and video programming can reach. Here's a brief rundown of where to find information about the Town of Vienna.

Sign up for alerts

When something isn't going the way it should – a road is closed, a water main has burst, or bad weather has forced cancellation of an event, for example – more than 1,600 people who subscribe to Vienna Alerts get the message quickly via email and/or text. Sign up to receive these real-time service messages from the Town at viennava.gov/alerts.

Follow @TownofViennaVA

The Town has active social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Follow us! Like you, we like to share fun photos and whimsical thoughts on occasion, while other posts may be information-packed or offer a “heads up” about something you should know more immediately.

viennava.gov

The Town's website is packed with information, including agendas, reports, project updates, forms, answers to frequently asked questions, and more. The top right corner of the homepage features rotating slides that provide information and links to news and upcoming events. By the way, the Town is in the process of redesigning and updating its site with the goal of making it easier to search and more user-friendly. Look for the revamped website to launch the second half of this year.



Watch us

Last year, the Town bolstered its video programming, adding a monthly video magazine, *Vienna View*. A new episode airs on Cox channel 27 or Verizon Fios channel 38 around the middle of each month. These videos also are posted to Facebook and the Town's YouTube channel.

We still love thee, written word, as well

Not only is *Vienna Voice* delivered to every residence and business in

Town on a monthly basis, the Town also produces two digital newsletters. *Vienna Happenings* goes out each week to almost 1,800 subscribers, who like to stay in the know about upcoming events and other important dates. Sign up at viennava.gov/happenings. *Town Business Matters* is a digital newsletter created by the Town Business Liaison Committee especially for Town businesses. If you're a business owner or manager and you're not receiving this newsletter, send your email address to adam.kincaid@viennava.gov.

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years ago...

Town Council was scheduled to hold a public hearing February 18, 1985 regarding a proposed expansion of the Vienna Community Center to add a multipurpose room and stage.



Town digs into feasibility study on undergrounding Maple Avenue power lines

What would it take to underground utility lines along Maple Avenue? For that answer, the Town of Vienna is turning to Rinker Design Associates, which has been hired to undertake a feasibility study that will provide funding and implementation strategies as well as a conceptual plan for achieving that long-term goal.

Using a federal grant, utility lines on the north side of Maple Avenue, from Lawyers Road to East Street, were undergrounded in the early 2000s as a part of a Maple Avenue streetscape improvements initiative. Now the Town is interested

in creating a road map to how best to underground utility lines along other sections of Vienna's main corridor.

Rinker Design's four-phase study will be conducted over 11 months, resulting in a presentation to Town Council that will provide a concept plan and present funding estimates and strategies as well as recommendations for how to phase the undergrounding over time.

"With the community's vision for a more walkable, multimodal Maple Avenue," says Public Works Director Michael Gallagher, "we felt now was the right time to develop a plan for moving forward on undergrounding utilities along Maple Avenue." 📌



photos by Adam Kincaid

Feb. 11 Mayor @ Your Service to focus on health

Mayor Laurie DiRocco will host a trio of health professionals at the next Mayor @ Your Service event at 7:30 pm Tuesday, February 11, at Town Hall.

Shirley Clark, former executive director of the Women's Center, Susan Garvey, executive director of Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna, and Darlene Williamson, founder and executive director of Stroke Comeback Center, will provide insight into services that support a healthy community.

This event is free and open to the public.

Go easy on the salt - on roadways, too

by Kana Furukawa, Conservation and Sustainability Commission

The Weather Channel is streaming, students are excited, and roadways are being striped with white road salts or brine in anticipation of a snowstorm. These salts and salt mixtures make it more difficult for water to freeze into ice, which is critical to enhancing safety on roads, sidewalks, and steps.

However, as rain flows or snow melts, this salt is carried, with the water, off of roadways. The salt may rest for awhile in the soil along the road or be swept immediately into local streams. Once it makes it to streams, salinity levels spike. For weeks after a snowstorm, the salt persists in the soil and leeches into the runoff headed for streams. High salt concentrations in bodies of water are toxic to aquatic plants and animals.

This year the Izaak Walton League of America is hosting its second annual Winter Salt Watch. Volunteers may request a test kit at iwla.org/water/winter-salt-watch to measure sodium chloride levels in a local stream. A baseline reading should be obtained before a winter storm, after salt has been



applied to roads, after the first warm day following a snowstorm, and after the next rain event.

Last year, salt levels above 230 parts per million, the maximum level considered tolerable for freshwater organisms, were found in 25% of tests submitted nationwide. Readings from the DC metro area were especially high.

Road salts are not inherently bad;

they are necessary to ensure driver and pedestrian safety. The real issue is unnecessary over-application of road salts. Winter maintenance professionals as well as homeowners and business owners should use the least amount of salt necessary to get the job done. Guidelines are available at wisaltwise.com/Tools/Application-Guidelines-Calculator. 📄

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years ago...

The February 1990 Town newsletter lays out activities held in celebration of the Town's centennial year. A Vienna Centennial Gala Ball, an elegant evening of dining on a four-course meal and dancing to the music of the 13-piece Sidney's Orchestra at the McLean Hilton, was scheduled for March of that year. An incorporation ceremony, to begin and end with the ringing of bells, was scheduled for February 28, the date on which the Town was incorporated in 1890. In addition, postal workers offered a hand-cancelled Centennial postmark February 28 as well.

Open for business

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


Inspiring Test Preparation
tutoring
226 Maple Avenue W
703-203-5796





Washington Gas project underway along Tapawingo



As part of the Steps to Advance Virginia's Energy (SAVE) program, Washington Gas began work in January to replace a gas main and 22 service lines on Tapawingo Road, between Cottage and Frederick streets. Periodic lane closures and flagging operations will be necessary as part of the three-month project. Learn more about SAVE at washingtongas.com/safety-education/safety/pipe-replacement-projects/va-save. 

Business license renewals due March 2

Town of Vienna business license renewals are due Monday, March 2. Submit payment; a signed, completed renewal form; list of renters; and if applicable, a contractor's certificate of workers' compensation insurance form 61A to Town Hall. Contact liz.king@viennava.gov with any inquiries. Additional information and business license documents may be found at viennava.gov/bizlicense.

Parks & Rec Sampler

Essential oils for wellness

Marci Todd with Essentials by M will share tips for using essential oils and natural products to clean your home during a presentation from 10-11 am Tuesday, February 4, at the Vienna Community Center. She'll also share natural recipes for winter dry skin and respiratory and immune support.


Please register for this free program at viennava.gov/webtrac.

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The draft final report of the Maple Avenue Multimodal Transportation Study outlines recommended projects, including an initiative currently underway to upgrade signal timing infrastructure and technology. Councilmembers want to know how the community would prioritize other recommended projects. Short- and mid-term recommendations in the study's report include:

- redesign of the Church and Mill streets intersection
- redesign of W&OD trail crossings
- implementation of leading pedestrian intervals in signal timing
- development of a local circulator/micro-transit service
- filling vital sidewalk gaps

- implementation of additional transportation studies and strategies
- installation of Capital Bikeshare locations
- improvements to Locust Street and W&OD trail connections
- improvements to roadway operation and safety
- expansion of the bicycle network
- improvements to bus stops along Maple Avenue
- reconfiguration of Church Street and Lawyers Road intersection
- improvements at Pleasant Street and Courthouse Road

Councilmembers are eager to hear residents' perspective; please plan to be part of this community conversation. 

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE

Valentine's Party

Celebrate love and friendship with a delightful meal provided by The Davis Center, sweet treats, and fun entertainment!

February 11 • 12-2 pm • Community Center • For mature adults 55+

Hosted in partnership with Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna / \$18 per person / Register: 703-281-0538




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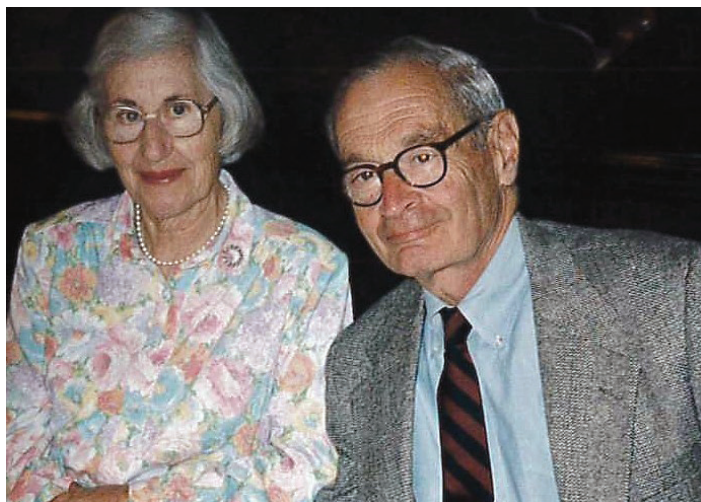
On February 21, 1980 (2/21/80), the Town of Vienna celebrated Zip Code Day with a special stamp and ceremonies at the Freeman Store, according to the February 1980 newsletter.

Sidewalk fund from page 1

“This is a wonderful gift to the Town of Vienna,” says Mayor Laurie DiRocco. “These sidewalks – and others – help connect places, but, more importantly, they connect the community. Maud and Charlie were all in for the Town of Vienna. We’re grateful that this is how Maud, out of her deep sense of public service and commitment to the Town, chose to pass on her legacy to the Vienna community.”

In addition to the trust established to fund sidewalks, Robinson left \$50,000 to the Town for beautification purposes. Cole says that these funds will be used to plant trees and other similar projects.

Charlie and Maud Robinson married in 1947 and moved to Vienna in 1951. Charlie Robinson, who was an attorney with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, served as the Town of Vienna’s mayor for 24 years before his death on January 3, 2000. Maud Robinson served on numerous community and Town boards and commissions. She was on Town Council from 2000-2009. She died March 11 last year. 



Dynamic duo Maud and Charlie Robinson were devoted to their adopted hometown.

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.

January 6

- Awarded a contract to Rinker Design Associates for \$99,660 for a Maple Avenue Utility Undergrounding Feasibility Study.
- Awarded a contract for a Nutley Street NW sidewalk project to Stonebridge Civil Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$178,275.
- Approved purchase of an emergency generator for Town Hall from Alban CAT in an amount not to exceed \$335,500.
- Approved an agreement with Fairfax County for inspection and potential repair of Piney Branch-Difficult Run trunk sewers and authorized the mayor to execute the agreement, pending final legal review by the town attorney.
- Deferred to a future date consideration of vacation of a public alley adjacent to 108 Church Street NE and behind 207 Center Street N, pending additional information.

Appointed to serve

At its January 6 meeting, Town Council authorized the following reappointments:

- **Rochele Kadish**
Conservation and Sustainability Commission
- **Jessica Plowgian**
Pedestrian Advisory Committee

In addition, Council recommended **George Creed** to the Fairfax County Circuit Court for reappointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Vienna businesses with staying power

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

55 YEARS

Hunan Delight Restaurant

35 YEARS

C. Richard Snively, OD

30 YEARS

Manus Center

20 YEARS

Andrew Thompson

Jsmat Corporation

Lee S. Heffelfinger

15 YEARS

Greene Anesthesia Services

Waldman Financial Advisors

5 YEARS

Aldeerah

Corporate Fitness Works

Istanbul Blue Restaurant

Peak Positive

Zoe's Kitchen





HAPPENINGS around town

The Freeman Store may be closed this month except by appointment only, but the **Used Book Cellar** will open briefly from 12-4 pm Saturday, February 1, to offer an opportunity to **replenish your winter reading stash**. Affordable used books sorted into more than 30 categories will be available, refreshments will be provided, and buyers may select a free coffee table book with each purchase. Bagged or boxed used books may be donated at anytime by leaving them on the Freeman Store porch. Book sale proceeds support Historic Vienna, Inc. programs, exhibits, and historic teas. For more information, email historicviennava@gmail.com or call 703-938-5187.

Julia Malakoff will demonstrate her unique method for working in **acrylic and mixed media** to create "paper jewels art" from 7-9 pm Thursday, February 13, at the Vienna Art Center, 243 Church Street NW. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, visit ViennaArtsSociety.org or call 703-319-3971.

American Legion Post 180 will serve up a **breakfast buffet** from 8 am-noon Sunday, February 16, at 330 Center Street N. Enjoy omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy, and more. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. For more information, call 703-938-6580.

Heather Zindash will speak about *The Soulful Gardener* at the February 18 **Five Hills Garden Club** meeting. At the meeting, which begins at 10 am at Vienna Presbyterian Church, Zindash will demonstrate how gardening brings people, plants, and horticulture together to enhance overall health and well-being.

Tony Makara, Fairfax County master gardener and home turf director, will present *Weeds in Your Yard* at the February 24 **Ayr Hill Garden Club** meeting. The meeting will be held at 12:30 pm at Emmanuel Lutheran

Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road. Makara will identify a number of common nuisance weeds and offer options for prevention and eradication. For more information, email emilielarson@rcn.com.

Thinking about trying CBD oil? **Vienna Rexall Drug Center** pharmacists will help you separate facts from myths at a **community learning event** at 7 pm Monday, February 24, at the Vienna Community Center. The program includes a 30-minute presentation about **CBD oil** and an opportunity to have your questions answered. No products will be sold or advertised at this event. Questions? Call 703-938-7111, email

VDCPharmacyManager@gmail.com, or visit viennarexall.com.

Did you know that in 1939 five black students staged a sit-down strike demanding more access to educational opportunities and that charges were dismissed just this year? The **American Association of University Women**

will host **Audrey Davis**, noted historian and director of the Alexandria Museum of Black History, who will share this story and more about *Civil Rights in Alexandria* at 7:30 pm Tuesday, February 25, at the Patrick Henry Library, which is co-sponsoring this free event. Light refreshments will be available beginning at 7 pm.

The **Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary** will host a **scrapbooking weekend** at the fire station the last weekend of February. Bring your supplies and crop the evening away from 6 pm-midnight Friday, February 28, and continue where you left off from 9 am-7 pm Saturday. The registration fee (\$50 by February 3; \$55 by February 14; \$65 after that date; and \$70 at the door) covers cropping space, Saturday lunch, beverages, a goody bag, and raffle ticket. Dinner is available for purchase each night. For more information or an application, contact lisaemerson3@verizon.net or 703-981-4504.

BRAWS (Bringing Resources to Aid Women's Shelters) will host its sixth annual **Mardi**

Bras Reception and Auction Friday evening, February 28, at the Westwood Country Club. Tickets are on sale at braws.org.

The **Town of Vienna Community Band's Spring Concert** is at 7 pm Sunday, March 1, at the Vienna Community Center. The band is recruiting enthusiastic musicians, especially those who play flute, clarinet, bassoon, oboe, tuba, or euphonium. If interested, attend any 6:15 pm rehearsal Sundays at the Vienna Community Center. For more information, visit viennacommunityband.org.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Preschool is accepting applications for the 2020-21 school year. The preschool offers a five-day program – with full, half-day, and extended day options – that focuses on social, emotional, spiritual, physical, and academic growth for 3- and 4-year-olds. Applications and additional information are available at olgcschool.org.

The **Freeman Store and Museum** is open by appointment only this month. Stay informed and follow [freemanstore_museum](https://www.instagram.com/freemanstore_museum) on Instagram for sneak peak photos of the new *Vienna in the 1960s* exhibit opening in March, info about upcoming events, and new products at the store.

Holy Comforter Episcopal Preschool and Kindergarten currently is registering students for its 2½-year-old through kindergarten programs for the 2020-21 school year. An outreach program of the Church of the Holy Comforter, the school focuses on emotional, social, and academic growth in a loving, nurturing, and engaging environment. To schedule a tour or for more information, contact Director Linda Meyers at 703-938-3704 or visit holycomforterpreschool.com.

Happenings Around Town notices are printed as a community service, and items are included as space allows. Submit information by the 10th of the month preceding publication. Submissions may be edited. Listings do not constitute an endorsement of content nor necessarily reflect any policy or position of the Town of Vienna, Town Council, or employees.

Everyone can be a winner at the **Vienna Arts Society's Mardi Gras Bunco Party** from 7-9 pm Saturday, February 29, at the Vienna Art Center, 243 Church Street NW. Your \$22 donation reserves a seat and provides seasonal refreshments in a gallery filled with original art. For more information, visit ViennaArtsSociety.org or call 703-319-3971.

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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
Monday-Friday • 8 am-4:30 pm

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February TOWN CALENDAR

1 Vienna Theatre Company: Cinderella (VCC) • 11 am & 2 pm

1 Vienna Theatre Company: Leading Ladies (VCC) • 8 pm

2 Vienna Theatre Company: Leading Ladies (VCC) • 2 pm

3 Town Council Meeting • 8 pm

4 Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 pm

10 Town Council Work Session • 7:30 pm

11 Mayor @ Your Service • 7:30 pm

12 Planning Commission • 7:30 pm

13 Town Business Liaison Committee • 7 pm

17 Holiday: Town Offices Closed/Regular Waste Collection

18 Public Art Commission • 7 pm

19 Board of Zoning Appeals/Public Hearing • 7 pm

20 Board of Architectural Review • 7:30 pm

24 Town Council Meeting • 8 pm

25 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee • 7 pm

25 Transportation Safety Commission • 8 pm

26 Planning Commission • 7:30 pm

27 Conservation and Sustainability Commission • 7:30 pm

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