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The (other) green reality of recycling

While on a February tour of the American Recycling Center in Manassas, where the Town of Vienna's collected curbside recyclables are processed, six Town staff members and two Conservation and Sustainability Commission members repeatedly encountered the dual reality that the recycling business is indeed about going green – as in helping protect the environment as well as making a profit for the business.

"We're here to make money, that's the bottom line," says American Recycling Center Plant Manager John Foy, who led the tour. "If there's not a market for it, it doesn't get recycled. That's just reality."

In general, empty, clean, dry, and loose paper, cardboard, plastic, metal, and cartons are the only materials that can be included in single-stream, curbside recycling. No glass, no plastic bags, no coat hangers. For more recycling tips, see the sidebar on page 2.

About 30% of what arrives at the recycling facility is trash, and the facility has to pay to have it hauled to a landfill. Foy refers people to the American Disposal graphic that's available at viennava.gov/recycling and says: "Don't throw anything in the recycling bin that's not on the list." (This graphic also is provided on page 15 of this newsletter as a reminder that you may wish to post on your refrigerator or recycle bin.)

About 60 people work 11-hour shifts at the facility five days a week, sorting trash and recyclables by hand. In addition to gloved hands, the facility also uses a front loader, screens, conveyor belts, optical sorters, and magnets to separate cardboard, mixed paper, aluminum and steel cans, HDPE colored plastics, HDPE natural plastics, PET plastics, and mixed plastics for recycling. The facility processes 50 tons/hour, 300-400 tons/day, and 8,000-10,000 tons/month.

The recycling market was rocked a couple of years ago when China tightened its contamination standards for recyclable materials from 5% to 0.5%. Aluminum and natural HDPE products are the most profitable today; cardboard also has some market value. Mixed paper, of which there is more than any other material, is no longer profitable, Foy says, and the facility now pays to get it processed.

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7-9 pm
Town Hall**

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- open discussion/questions

Recycling from page 1

Similarly, the Town of Vienna used to receive a rebate for its recyclable materials, but beginning in 2017 the Town has incurred monthly costs for recycling. Currently, the Town's recycling cost runs about \$8,000-\$10,000/month.


As recycling becomes more of a challenge, it's more important than ever, says Conservation and Sustainability Commission member Christina Caplan, to focus on the other two Rs of the waste hierarchy – reduce and reuse. See the “Reduce and reuse comes before recycle” article on page 10. 

photo by Adam Kincaid



Is *'this'* recyclable?... and other recycling tips

American Recycling Center Plant Manager John Foy provided answers to some of the most commonly asked questions related to recycling. Here are a few of the answers and tips he provided during the Town's February tour of the American Recycling Center.

GLASS

damages recycling equipment, and it is sent from the recycling center to a landfill. Please drop off glass bottles and jars at one of Fairfax County's purple bins. One is located in Town at 431 Mill Street NE; another is nearby at the Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive. The county recycles the glass and uses it as a substitute for stone in county projects.



Plastic Adirondack-like chairs and kids jungle gym sets (mixed rigid plastics) are recyclable.

Plastic products with the

#s1-7

are recyclable. If there is no number, it's not recyclable. Black plastic is never recyclable. Clamshell products (hinged containers such as those used for take-out and berries) also are not recyclable.



PLASTIC BAGS

are not recyclable and are the “bane” of a recycling facility's existence. Processing is shut down every 2.5 hours at the Manassas facility to clear plastic bags out of the equipment. (Some grocery stores accept plastic bags for recycling.)



Do not collect recyclables in plastic bags (or even in paper bags). Recyclables should be collected and placed – clean, dry, and loose – for curbside pickup in lidded recycling bins. Open recycling bins can get wet in rain, which may render the recyclables useless.



COAT HANGERS,

wire, and rope are not recyclable; they also damage the sorting machinery.

**IT'S OK TO
LEAVE CAPS AND
LIDS ON.**

***Wishing
something were
recyclable does
not make it so!***



On Deck with Mercury

Town manager creates new monthly forum for community engagement

Town Manager Mercury Payton is a big fan of baseball, community engagement, and civility – perhaps not in that order, but it’s hard to know. Beginning in April, Payton will launch a new monthly community forum, the name of which suggests his passion for sports and the intent of which reflects his desire for community engagement and civility.

On Deck with Mercury will provide a monthly opportunity for Town residents to learn about recent initiatives and accomplishments of the Town, receive a preview of upcoming initiatives, and ask questions and have an open discussion. On Deck events will be held from 6-8 pm the second Tuesday of each month; location is still being determined.

“The purpose of this is not to replace any other public engagement opportunities. This monthly meeting will be in addition to already existing engagement opportunities, such as public hearings and neighborhood meetings,” says Payton. “My goal is to provide a venue at which residents can learn about what is happening in Town and have an opportunity for open dialogue with Town staff members.”

The idea is that these monthly meetings will be informal with no microphones or official minutes. Town staff members are even encouraging Payton to shed his ubiquitous suit and tie in favor of khakis and a button down.

Agenda items for the next upcoming On Deck with Mercury meeting will be announced monthly in the *Vienna Voice* as well as through other communication vehicles, including social media posts and letters to residents who may live in areas impacted by agenda items. 📌



ON DECK WITH MERCURY

**6-8 PM
APRIL 14**

April topics

- property acquisition
- 2020 bond issuance
- I-66 update



photo by Adam Kincaid

Help a volunHERO take a bow

Are you a big fan of an individual, group, or business that has made a real difference in the Vienna community? If so, help Mayor Laurie DiRocco show them a little love by nominating them to be recognized at the annual Mayor's Volunteer Reception. This year's event is scheduled for 7:30 pm Tuesday, April 14, at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department.

Nominations for individual heroes are due **March 30**. Complete the nomination form at viennava.gov/volunteers and submit it via email to mclark@viennava.gov or drop it off at Town Hall.

The Town Business Liaison Committee has nominated five businesses for consideration for the 2020 Carole Wolfand Award, which is presented in recognition of a business's commitment to the community. Vote for one of the five business nominees by **March 9** at surveymonkey.com/r/S99LRLY. 🐼



photos by Adam Kincaid



Not all heroes wear capes About 75 community volunteers were recognized at last year's Mayor's Volunteer Reception. Nominations are due March 30 for this year's honorees.



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Deadline for the April issue is March 10.



Vienna in the 1960s: Where were you?

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

Where were you when...? A question often asked about the unforgettable, seared-in-your-psyche moments of numerous generations. In its 2020 exhibit, *Vienna and the '60s*, the Freeman Store and Museum embraces those kinds of questions about the tumultuous decade:

- What was it like at school during the 13 days of the Cuban Missile Crisis?
- Where were you when you watched the 1969 lunar landing?
- Were you watching the news when Lee Harvey Oswald was killed?
- How many hours did you spend throwing your first Frisbee?

Historic Vienna, Inc.'s mosaic of the 1960s opens March 1 with a grand opening celebration from 2-4 pm Sunday, March 8.

Welcoming visitors to HVI's newest exhibit is a U-2 pilot suit worn by Lt. Col. Sam Crouse. Other timepieces include iconic toys from the decade such as a GI Joe, Etch A Sketch, and Easy Bake oven. Posters commemorate some of the 1960s' most pivotal films, including *2001: A Space Odyssey* and *Rosemary's Baby*. Other posters and images nod to the issues that rocked the 1960s: Vietnam, the Civil Rights Movement, and segregation/integration.

HVI encourages visitors to add a personal – and local – touch to the exhibit by sharing their story. A message board accompanying the exhibit will feature anecdotes, historical moments, and personal stories about the decade – many of which may not be found in history books, so please share.

In addition to the 1960s look-back, an additional exhibit, *The Road to Women's Rights: Where are We Now?*, will be on display at the Freeman Store throughout the remainder of this year. 📍

2020 Census by the #s

1790

the year the first U.S. Census was conducted

308.7 million

the U.S. population according to the 2010 Census

April 1

Census Day – by this date, every home in the country will have received an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census

3

ways to respond to the Census invitation: online, phone, mail

Everyone

everyone living in the 50 U.S. states, District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories is required by law to be counted

435

Congressional seats that will be reapportioned based on population changes among the 50 states

\$900 billion

the amount of federal grants, direct payments, loans, and loan guarantees whose distribution will be impacted by the 2020 Census count

\$12,000

the amount of federal assistance program allocations lost over 10 years for every Virginian not counted

Get hopping to these egg-cellent events

Quarterly Recycling Day

'Tis the spring-cleaning season! Bring electronics, used motor oil, antifreeze, and discarded car batteries as well as metal products to the Northside Property Yard from 8 am-2 pm Saturday, March 7, for the Town's next Quarterly Recycling Day. Hazardous waste products, such as insecticides, paint, and other chemicals are not accepted.

For information on all things recycling, trash, and other forms of waste collection, visit viennava.gov/waste.

Yee-haw! Family Fishing Rodeo

Journalist Doug Larson: *"If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there'd be a shortage of fishing poles."*

But hopefully that won't be the case at the Town's seventh annual Family Fishing Rodeo Saturday, March 21, at Wolftrap Creek/Wildwood Park. Plan to bring



your own fishing pole – or borrow from a limited supply provided by the Town; bait will be provided as well. In addition to your fishing rod, bring a bucket, plastic bag, and ice as well as a fishing license, which is required of all participants 16 and up and available through the Virginia Department of Gaming and Inland Fisheries.

Time slots are available throughout the morning. Pre-registration is required. Tickets may be purchased for \$5 each at viennava.gov/webtrac or in person at the community center; six-ticket limit per household.



photo by Adam Kincaid



Vienna Photo Show Contest and Exhibit

Open to metropolitan area amateur and student photographers
March 21 • 10 am-3 pm
March 22 • 12-3 pm
Vienna Community Center

Entries accepted: 5-8 pm March 19 and 12-3:45 pm March 20.

\$10 per entry – limited to three total submissions.

For more info, visit viennava.gov/photo.

Town Clean-Up Day

The Town of Vienna seeks volunteers for its next triannual Town Clean-Up Day, scheduled for 9 am-noon Saturday, April 4. Individuals, scouts, church and service groups, and schools help Town staff pick up trash, remove invasive plants, and generally spruce up designated areas. Sign up by emailing jking@viennava.gov or calling 703-255-6336. Be sure to wear appropriate outdoor weather attire.

Tail-to-tail, egg-cellent Easter events

Take note that the Town has rolled its two Easter events onto the same date, moving the annual Old-Fashioned Egg Roll from Saturday morning to Friday evening.

Old-Fashioned Egg Roll

April 3 • 5:30-7 pm • Freeman Store and Museum

Children 10 and younger are invited to enjoy an old-fashioned egg roll and games as well a visit with the Easter Bunny and a magical performance by Drew Blue Shoes. Please arrive promptly at the event's start at 5:30 pm and note that this event, co-presented by the Town of Vienna and Historic Vienna, Inc., is not an egg hunt.

Family Flashlight Egg Hunt - sold out

April 3 • 8 pm • Glyndon Park

Lucky participants will enjoy a family evening searching for eggs and prizes – in the dark! Please be sure to bring a flashlight. Kids also can hippity-hop into the moon bounce and visit with the Easter Bunny. Tickets are required. 🐰



No Metro service at four orange line stations this summer



photo by Adam Kincaid

Four stations on the orange and silver lines, including the Vienna station, will undergo platform reconstruction this summer, WMATA has announced. Vienna, Dunn Loring, and East Falls Church will be without train service from May 23-September 7 to allow for work to make the platforms safer and more accessible as well as to enhance the customer experience by installing slip-resistant tiles, LED lighting, digital displays, and new shelters.

The West Falls Church station, which will serve as the western terminus for the orange line this summer, is the only one of the four affected stations to remain open during the project as it has

two platforms, which can be reconstructed one at a time. There will be continuous single-tracking through East Falls Church with no stopping. Silver line stations from McLean to Wiehle-Reston East will remain open, but with reduced service.

WMATA will provide free shuttles to transport customers. Shuttle service will be available between Vienna and West Falls Church and, from 5-9 am and 3-7 pm, between Vienna, Ballston, Court House, and Rosslyn. Shuttles will run as needed between Vienna and Dunn Loring. Shuttle routes between other stations also are planned.

For the most up-to-date information, visit [wmata.com/platforms](https://www.wmata.com/platforms). 

Shaping the FY2021 budget

The Town of Vienna will be working over the next couple of months to prepare its fiscal year 2021 budget. As part of that process, there are several opportunities for the public to find out more about the budget and to provide feedback. Here are some important upcoming dates:

- March 6FY21 proposed budget is made available to the public (check the viennava.gov homepage for a link)
- March 14First Council budget work session begins at 9 am
- March 16Second Council budget work session begins at 7:30 pm
- April 13Public hearing on proposed budget and water and sewer rates begins at 8 pm
- April 20Third Council budget work session, if necessary
- April 27Public hearing on the proposed tax rate
- May 11Council is scheduled to consider and adopt budget, tax rate, and water and sewer rates
- July 1First day that Town operates under fiscal year 2021 budget

Town goes for clean sweep

The Town will bust out its groovy new street sweeper for seasonal cleaning that begins around mid-March. For street-sweeping purposes, the Town is divided into eight sections. To find more information about the order in which each is cleaned, visit viennava.gov/sweeping.

To help the Town polish up, please note a few tips:

- Do not park on the street during your section's scheduled time the first go around (sign-reminders will be placed on streets as a section's scheduled time approaches).
- The Town will make multiple sweeping passes starting again with section one.
- In addition to its regular schedule, the Town sweeps up after special events such as ViVa! Vienna! and Oktoberfest. 🍷



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Leverage state programs, opportunities to grow your business

In an effort to help Vienna small businesses take advantage of growth opportunities by connecting with Virginia state agencies, the Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity, in partnership with the Town, is offering free one-on-one, one-hour counseling sessions by appointment only once a month beginning in March.

Chris Ley, business services manager for Northern Virginia with the Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity, will be available from 9 am-1 pm Friday, March 20, in the second floor conference room at Town Hall. After that, Ley will be available by appointment on the third Friday of each month. To schedule an appointment, email chris.ley@sbsd.virginia.gov.

"Small businesses are always thinking about opportunities 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. This is a free program and easy partnership that benefits the business owner, the Town, and the state. We definitely want to leverage all the resources we can in support of our businesses."

Ley will discuss with business owners and managers state certification programs and purchasing opportunities that may open them up to new opportunities. She'll also have information about regional events that help connect businesses to other businesses and marketing opportunities.

To learn more about the Small Business and Supplier Diversity program, visit sbsd.virginia.gov/events/one-on-one-counseling-sessions-at-town-of-vienna-economic-development/.

Monkou plans in the near future to partner with SCORE, the nation's largest network of volunteer, expert business mentors, to offer similar one-on-one sessions to provide general business support, such as assistance with business/growth plans. 🍷



Chris Ley

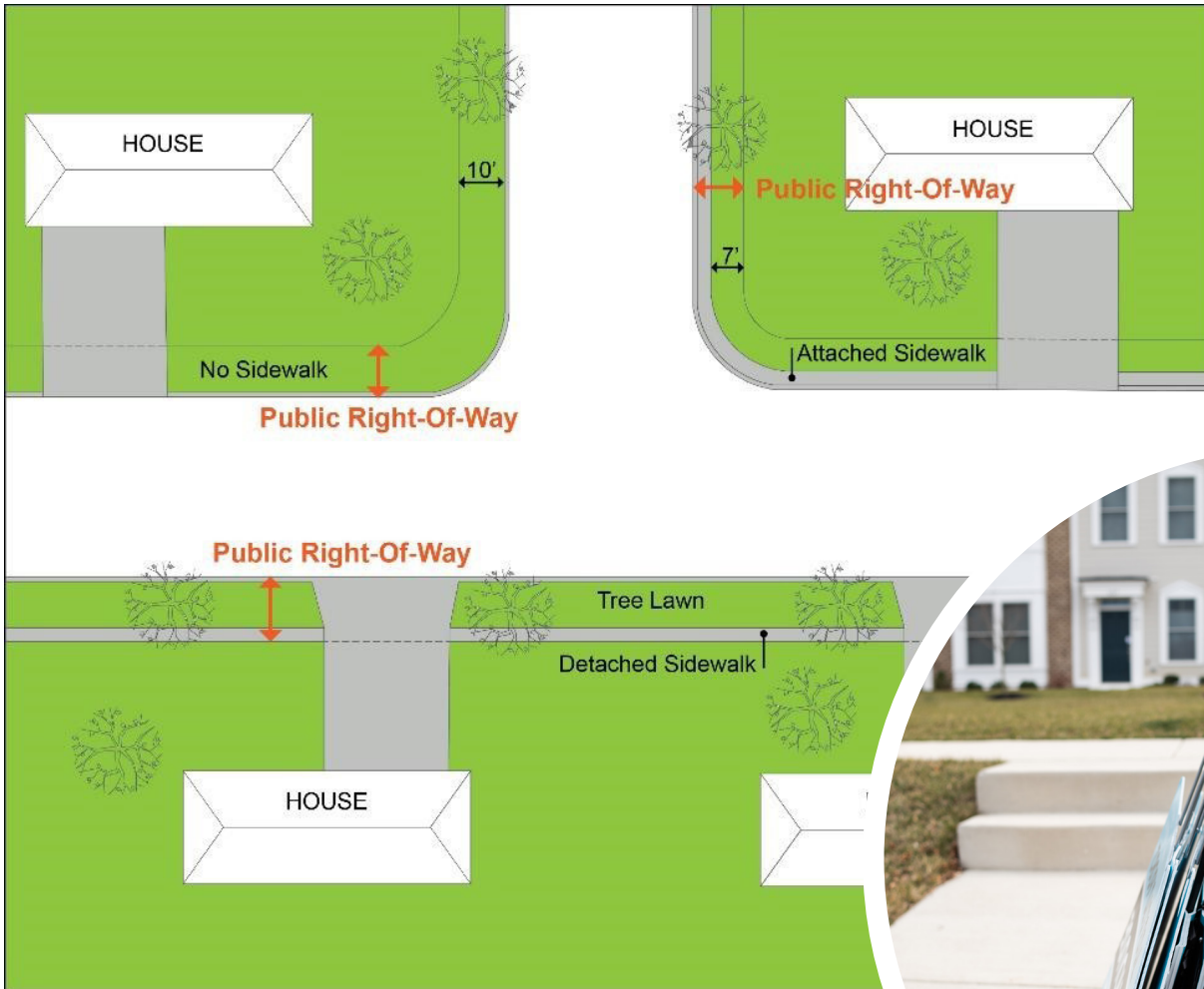


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Hold on to signs by keeping them out of right-of-way


Yard sale signs. Political signs. For sale signs. Graduation kudos signs. Youth sports league signs. Signs are effective and prolific communication tools, and they're generally permitted on private property within the Town of Vienna. Beware, though, that signs are not permitted in public rights-of-way – and the Town can and does remove signs in the right-of-way and disposes of them.

Residents often are tempted to place signs as close as possible to the road or on poles and traffic signs. However, this is not allowed according to Town Code 10-28.1, which states: “It is unlawful to place, erect, maintain any sign, notice, or advertisement of any type in the public right-of-way or Town property.”

But what exactly is the public right-of-way? It's more than just the street you drive and park on. It includes sidewalks as well as utility and planter strips. While the width of the right-of-way varies from street to street, it's best to place

signs at least 10 feet from the curb or edge of the road; locate signs on the house side of a sidewalk or ditch. In addition to roadways and sidewalks, rights-of-way can include medians, intersections, street signs, hydrants, trees, fences, planter strips, utility poles and boxes, utility easements, traffic control devices, and bridges and overpasses.

The Town of Vienna has 65 miles of streets and rights-of-way within its borders and aggressively patrols and removes signs posted unlawfully; these signs are disposed of promptly.

Don't lose your signs and the money you spent on them; keep signs out of public rights-of-way. If you have questions regarding the location of public right-of-way on your property or need further clarification, please contact dpw@viennava.gov or 703-255-6380. 

Reduce and reuse comes before recycle

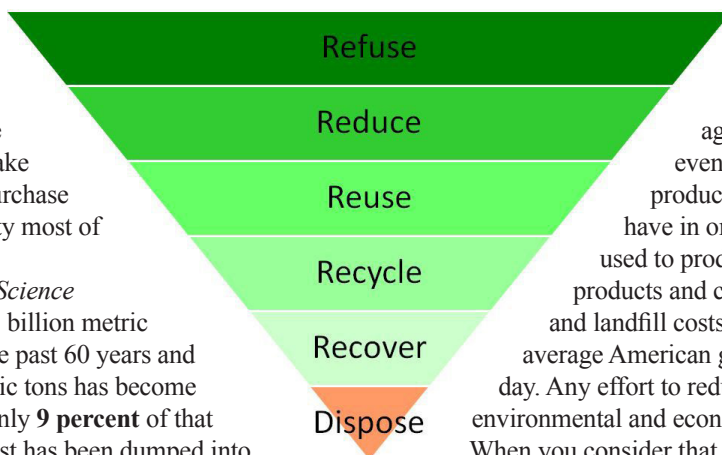
by Bob Robinson and Christina Caplan, Conservation and Sustainability Commission

If you have paid attention to recent local and national media stories, you are aware of the unfortunate limitations of modern recycling efforts. While much of the material used to make and package the products we purchase is labeled as recyclable, in reality most of it never actually gets recycled.

A recent study in the journal *Science* analyzed the lifecycle of the 8.3 billion metric tons of plastic produced over the past 60 years and determined that 6.3 billion metric tons has become plastic waste. More alarming, only **9 percent** of that waste has been recycled. The rest has been dumped into landfills or is circulating in the environment.

This trend plays out here in Vienna. Locally the only products that have recycling value and can be reprocessed into new products are mixed paper including cardboard, aluminum and steel cans, cartons, and plastics marked with numbers 1-7, and especially numbers 1, 2, and 5. The rest is simply sent to a landfill by the recycling center. Moreover, a good amount of these true recyclables ends up contaminated and discarded as trash.

Waste Pyramid



In the face of this new recycling reality, the best approach is to focus on the first two priorities in the waste reduction triad that we learned years ago: *Reduce and reuse* before you even try to recycle. Buy fewer packaged products and reuse the ones you already have in order to save the energy and resources used to produce them. Fewer discarded products and containers reduce trash collection and landfill costs. According to recent estimates, the average American generates 4.5 pounds of trash per day. Any effort to reduce this number helps from both environmental and economic standpoints.

When you consider that producing and using the things that we buy generates more than 60% of greenhouse gas emissions, reducing the volume of products we consume can make an important contribution to lowering our personal carbon footprints. Simple and easy steps like buying products in bulk; refilling reusable water bottles; and choosing washable plates, mugs, and silverware over single-use plastic throwaway products can pay huge dividends for our environmental well-being. ♻️

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 27

- Held a public hearing on proposed amendments to proffered conditions for 374-380 Maple Avenue W in the Maple Avenue Commercial (MAC) Zone for Sunrise of Vienna, a mixed-use building with a ground floor restaurant and 85-unit assisted living facility. Following the public hearing, Council approved the requested amendments to proffered conditions as well as a requested modification of requirements for a 15-foot wide loading space. Council also approved an amendment to add a developer-provided construction liaison

to conduct ongoing meetings with the community and staff during design/development and construction.

- Approved funding in an amount not to exceed \$186,938 with Rinker Design Associates for expansion of a pedestrian improvements project at Old Courthouse Road NE.
- Adopted a resolution approving a grant application to the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission for commuter spaces at a proposed Patrick Henry Library parking garage.

February 3

- Held a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Town of Vienna Comprehensive Plan for Town-owned properties located at 114 Locust Street SW and 440 Beulah Road NE, specifically amending the Future Land

Use Plan and Community Facilities and Services chapter. Following the public hearing, Council adopted the proposed amendments designating these Town-owned properties as governmental on the Future Land Use Plan and amending text under "Beulah Road Mulch Yard" and "Police Department Headquarters" subsections as recommended by the Planning Commission in the Community Facilities and Services chapter.

Appointed to serve

At its February 3 meeting, Town Council re-appointed the following individuals to boards and commissions:

- **Patty Hanley**
Board of Architectural Review
- **Sylvia Taylor**
Historic Vienna, Inc.



Interested in some free wood chip mulch? Yep, there's an app for that.

ChipDrop is a web app that connects local arborists and tree professionals with local homeowners who are willing and able to take heaps of wood chips off their hands. Residents may sign up and receive the service free of charge.

However, the Town's Urban Arborist Alex Shy wants Vienna residents to know that there are a few catches.

- Residents cannot specify how much mulch they'd like dropped, and residents must accept the drop no matter how large it is – in some cases, it can be an entire truck load.
- The contents of the chips are not necessarily pure nor of any one specific kind of mulch. The mulch may contain a few hitchhikers from where it was collected, such as wrappers, straws, and other debris – but hey, that's the price of free.
- You cannot schedule a drop for a specific date, and ChipDrop will not let you know when a drop has been made. The reason ChipDrop is free is because drops can occur at any time. Arborists and companies try to get rid of their chips as fast as they can, and that means they require flexibility.
- There's no guarantee that your request for a drop will be fulfilled.

On the other hand, ChipDrop has some unique benefits. Shy suggests that residents could come to an agreement with their neighbors and all could, collectively, take advantage of a load. Residents also have an option to receive logs via the web app, and the arborist or company will do their best to accommodate.

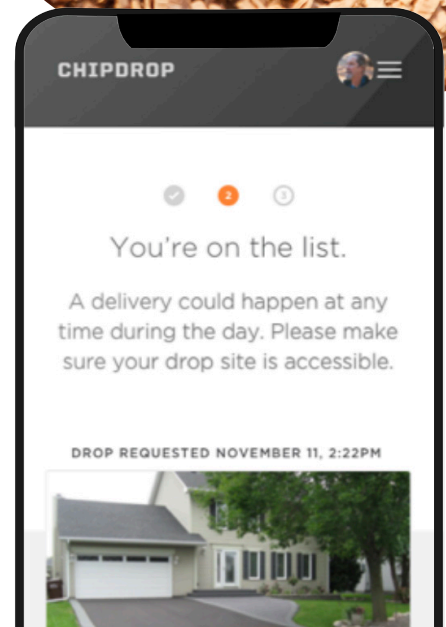
If you think ChipDrop might be for you, here are a few things to cover before requesting a drop:

- Have both a primary and secondary drop site on your property and be specific because once the chips are dropped they cannot be picked up again.
- Check for low-hanging foliage and power lines. Each drop needs at least 15 feet of vertical clearance.
- Make sure that there are no vehicles parked in your drop site during the day. Digging out your car from 15 cubic feet of mulch can put a real damper on your day.
- Stay by your phone. You may receive a call from someone looking to make a drop who needs some clarification.
- Paved surfaces make for the best drop sites.
- Be sure everyone in your household is aware that you have requested an unscheduled drop that could occur any day.

While drops are not guaranteed, two tips can increase your chances:

1. Agree to accept a few logs with your drop.
2. Agree to pay the \$20 drop fee that arborists and tree companies usually pay – which is about \$400 cheaper than going out and buying/transporting the load yourself.

To sign up or to find additional information, visit getchipdrop.com. 📱



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years ago...

The March 2000 Town newsletter reported that Vienna Town Hall was renamed the Charles A. Robinson, Jr. Town Hall in honor of the late mayor, who died in January of that year. Mayor for 24 years, Robinson's public service in Vienna spanned four decades. One of his major contributions, the newsletter says, was the concept of architectural review by local government. He also was a leader within the Virginia Municipal League.

HAPPENINGS around town

On March 1, the **Freeman Store** will reopen and resume regular hours, 12-4 pm Wednesday-Sunday. Check out the **new merchandise**, including home decorative items, pottery, candles, notecards, postcards, tote bags, prints, puzzles, and maps. Follow the store on Instagram at [freemanstore_museum](#).

The **Town of Vienna Community Band** will perform its **spring concert** at 7 pm Sunday, March 1, at the Vienna Community Center. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, visit [viennacommunityband.org](#).

The **Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna** is hosting a **Lunch 'n' Life** program from 12-2 pm Monday, March 9, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road. The \$18 ticket includes lunch and entertainment. Pre-payment is required by March 4; call 703-281-0601 to register. Entertainment will be provided by the Vienna-Falls Church Chorus of Sweet Adelines, an a cappella women's barbershop group. Free blood pressure screenings start at 11 am.

Architect **Carey Sienicki** will discuss **Mobile Professionals: A Career in Architecture** at 7 pm Thursday, March 12, at the Patrick Henry Library. The presentation is sponsored by the Vienna area branch of the **American Association of University Women** and the library; light refreshments will be served beginning at 6:30 pm. Sienicki will discuss architecture as a career and adapting to the challenges of frequently uprooting her career due to other family pursuits. This AAUW program is free and open to the public.

Kris Loya, manager of Tryst Gallery in Leesburg, will offer a **floral painting demonstration** from 7-9 pm Thursday, March 12, at the Vienna Art Center, 243 Church Street NW. Loya departs from traditional painting in her meditation style, and she'll construct an imaginative bouquet using memory and mark-making without referencing a floral set-up or photograph. The demonstration is free and open to the public. For more information, call 703-319-3971 or visit [ViennaArtsSociety.org](#).

Discover, enjoy, and celebrate an evening of women composers when the **Vienna Choral Society** sings **Music, She Wrote** at 7:30 pm

Saturday, March 14, at Providence Presbyterian Church, 9019 Little River Turnpike. **Up All Night**, an all women's barbershop quartet, will be the Vienna Choral Society's special guest. Tickets are \$25 for general admission and \$20 for students/seniors; tickets are free for youth ages 14 and younger.

[viennachoralsociety.org](#).

Washington, DC-based **Capitol Steps** makes comedy great again with its 2020 production of *The Lyin' Kings*. Presented by the **Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna**, the show is from 4:30-6 pm Sunday, March 15, in the Fairfax High School auditorium. Tickets are \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door; student tickets are \$15 or \$20 at the door. To purchase tickets, visit [scov.org](#) or call 703-281-0601 by March 11.

The **Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary** will host its popular **Spring Bazaar and Craft Show** from 10 am-4 pm Saturday, March 21, in the Flame Room of the fire department at 400 Center Street S. Crafts, holiday decorations, home items, clothing, and gifts will be available. Admission is free. If interested in being a vendor, call 703-309-3468 or email [dancers1023@aol.com](#).

Flower show judge **Betty Ann Galway** will offer a **flower show design demonstration** at the March meeting of the **Ayr Hill Garden Club**. The meeting will take place at 12:30 pm Monday, March 23, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road. For more information, email [emilielarson@rcn.com](#).

Opening Day for Vienna Little League begins at 9:30 am Saturday, March 28, at Yeonas Park. Opening Day ceremonies include a parade of players, food trucks, and music followed by a full schedule of afternoon games. In addition, 16 baseball teams from throughout Virginia and up to 500 of their family members will be coming to Vienna July 23-26 when Vienna Little League hosts this summer's **Virginia State Little League Majors All-Stars Tournament**. It will require a

community of **volunteers** to host a successful tournament. If interested in helping out, please contact tournament coordinator Lynn Jacquez at [2020vavll@gmail.com](#).

As part of its **44th annual Winterfest** amateur radio show, the **Vienna**

Wireless Society will host the 2020 Virginia Section Convention and Auxiliary Communications Conference on Sunday, March 29. This event at the Northern Virginia Community College campus in Annandale attracts amateur radio operators from throughout Virginia. An outdoor flea market opens at 6 am, indoor exhibits and sales open at 8 am, and the convention starts at 9. Admission is \$10, and parking is free. Find more information at [viennawireless.net](#).

Meet the artists and enjoy light refreshments at a **reception** featuring **Vienna Arts Society's Reflections exhibit** from 3-5 pm Sunday, March 29, at 243 Church Street NW. Exhibition hours are 12-4 pm Wednesday-Saturday March 4-May 2. More info at [ViennaArtsSociety.org](#).

The **Eric Monday Foundation** will host a free **panel discussion** that addresses how to respond to and engage with teens, how to meet teenagers' needs, and when additional help and resources may be called for. The program, **Crisis or Concern? Gaining a Greater Understanding of How to Respond to Mental Health Concerns**, will take place from 7-8:30 pm Monday, March 30, in the auditorium at James Madison High School. The Eric Monday Foundation serves high school athletes and other teens and advocates for increasing mental health awareness and breaking down stigmas.

Students and volunteers are wanted for spring **English as a Second Language classes** at **St. Mark Catholic Church**. The program allows adults from all ethnic and religious backgrounds to learn English and acclimate to life in the





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United States. Registration is March 24 and 26 for classes that run March 31-June 2. For additional information about classes and volunteering call 703-980-9380 or 703-242-7449, email stmarkesl@gmail.com or visit stmarkesl.org.

Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna is recruiting **volunteer drivers** to provide free medical and companion transportation of seniors to appointments in the Reston, Herndon, Oakton, and Vienna areas. You can volunteer as little as two hours/week. Find more information and apply at scov.org/volunteer-opportunities.

Epiphany Preschool is now registering students for the 2020-21 school year. Epiphany's preschool program is play-based with an

emphasis on nature. To schedule a tour or for more information, call 703-938-2391 or email epiphanypreschool@vacoxmail.com.

Harmonia School of Music & Art is accepting registration for **summer camps**. Programs include musical theatre and creative arts camps for ages 5-14, music camp for ages 4-6, a main stage production of *Mamma Mia!*, and a Singing with Shakespeare workshop. For more information, call 703-938-7301 or register at harmoniaschool.org.

The Freeman Store always welcomes **book donations**. Books may be brought to the store or left on the porch, bagged or boxed, year-round. No textbooks, magazines, or encyclopedias are accepted. The store's **Used Book Cellar** is seeking a volunteer to list books on Amazon; call 703-938-5187 if interested.

In advance of the May 5 Town elections, the **North East Vienna Citizens Association (NEVCA)** will host a **Candidates Forum** from 7-9:30 pm Thursday, April 2, at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street SE. Brief opening remarks by each candidate will be followed by a structured question-and-answer period and then closing remarks from each candidate.

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.

Parks and Rec Sampler

Check out these and other springtime offerings in the spring *Parks and Recreation Programs and Events Guide* at viennava.gov/springprograms. Each of the programs below will be held at the Vienna Community Center. Register at viennava.gov/webtrac.

Clean your home naturally

Dr. Katie Thompson with the Health Improvement Center will share information about safe and healthy ways to clean your house in a free presentation at 10 am Tuesday, March 31. Activity #341344-A1

Stand up and make 'em laugh

Local comedian Allan Sidley will offer a stand-up comedy class for beginners from 12-2:30 pm Sundays, April 5-May 17. So whether you're a retiree who wants to try something new, a comedy vet looking to shake off the rust, or a millennial wanting to pursue a dream, Sidley promises that, with his instruction and feedback, anyone can be funny. Activity #439160-A1

Club Phoenix events

March will be a busy month at Club Phoenix with programs, presentations, and parties for both teens and parents.

Ladies Night

March 3 • 12 - 6:30 pm

Young women – and young men, too – are invited to a day filled with movies led by strong women.

Women in Industry Fridays

5 pm • Fridays in March

March is Women's History Month and in celebration local women from various career paths and interests will present on their experiences in their respective fields.

March 6 Mayor Laurie DiRocco

March 13 Emma Carlin – Loudon United

March 20 Nicole Pradas – Director, Vienna Youth Players

March 27 Leslie Herman – Director of Parks and Recreation, Town of Vienna

Parent Discussions

Club Phoenix offers two discussion sessions for parents this month.

Fostering Internal Motivation in Students

Presented by Parent Coach Rachel Bailey

March 10 • 9:30 am

Thoreau Middle School

Getting Back on Track

A discussion about the benefits of in-home tutoring and early test preparation

March 31 • 7 pm

Club Phoenix

St. Patty's Party

March 17 • 3 - 6 pm

No leprechauns allowed at this afternoon of fun activities related to the people of Ireland. Remember to wear green.

Prom Dress Giveaway

March 28 • 12 - 4 pm

High school students in need are invited to find a prom dress and get free accessories and cosmetics at this Prom Dress Giveaway, sponsored by Empower Me Pretty, Inc. and Club Phoenix. Register at empowermeprettyinc@gmail.com. Call 703-863-6989 for more information. 📞

County waives fees for new police facility

At its February 11 meeting, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved a request from Chairman Jeff McKay and Hunter Mill District Supervisor Walter Alcorn to waive all county building and inspection fees applicable to the Town of Vienna's upcoming project to construct a new police station. While it's difficult to determine an exact figure for the savings the Town will realize, construction projects of this size can incur several hundred thousands of dollars in fees.

Final design documents currently are being created for the facility, on which construction is expected to begin late this year. The new facility will allow the Town to house all police functions in one building, upgrade technology and security, and accommodate emergency planning needs. In addition, the new facility will house community space for use by Town residents. 📍



Vienna businesses with staying power

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

30 YEARS

Law Office of Robert Taylor

25 YEARS

KCW Consulting

Ocean Cleaners

Physiotherapy Associates

Staats Developers

20 YEARS

Dastvan

Zaid Khalil

15 YEARS

Estate Contractors

Fahimeh Home Daycare

Mill Street Plantworks

Park & Grait

Total Carpet Care

10 YEARS

Apprentice Systems

Battle Street Builders

5 YEARS

Capital Esthetics and Family Dentistry

Colluminate

CrossFit Mill Street

Integrative Hyperbaric & Wound Care

Interiors by LH

Virginia Integrative Health

Won Yu



Open for business

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

Acuet Advisory

consultant

807 Cottage Street SW

571-234-1880

Al Nakheel

grocery store/restaurant

340 Maple Avenue W

703-938-4220

Asian Age-Old Massage

massage therapy

352 Maple Avenue W

929-426-2217

Love All Things Lovely

fiber artist/teach macramé

300 Branch Road SE

757-748-6768

Sirinapha Goering

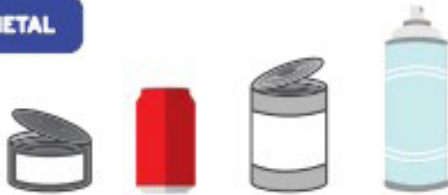
massage therapy & body care/wax

129 Park Street NE

571-217-5821



Put these in your bin - **EMPTY, CLEAN, DRY AND LOOSE**

PAPER**PLASTIC****METAL****CARTON**

RECYCLE ELSEWHERE - But NOT In your bin

**PLASTIC BAGS**

Please return to your local grocery store.

**HAZARDOUS AND E-WASTE**

Check with your city for recycling options.

**TEXTILES**

These can be reused please donate.

**BATTERIES**

Return at your local home improvement store.

NOT recyclable - Put these Items in your Trash

**SHREDDED PAPER**

Good for composting, too small to sort out at recycling facility.

**DIAPERS**

YUCK, Think about it...

**STYROFOAM**

Not recyclable, but good for energy production.

**HOSES AND CORDS**

Conveyor belts and "tangles" just don't mix.

Learn more about recycling online at:
americandisposal.com

**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
Monday-Friday • 8 am-4:30 pm

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March TOWN CALENDAR

2	Community Conversation • 7-9 pm
4	Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 pm
7	Quarterly Recycling Day (Northside Property Yard) • 8 am-2 pm
8	Freeman Store Exhibit Grand Opening • 2-4 pm
9	Town Council Meeting • 8 pm
11	Planning Commission • 7:30 pm
12	Town Business Liaison Committee • 7 pm
14	Town Council Budget Work Session • 9 am
16	Town Council Budget Work Session • 7:30 pm
17	Public Art Commission • 7 pm

18	Board of Zoning Appeals/Public Hearing • 7 pm
19	Board of Architectural Review • 7:30 pm
21	Fishing Rodeo (Wildwood Park) • 8:30-11:30 am
21	Vienna Photo Show (VCC) • 10 am-3 pm
22	Vienna Photo Show (VCC) • 12-3 pm
23	Town Council Meeting • 8 pm
25	Planning Commission • 7:30 pm
26	Conservation and Sustainability Commission • 7:30 pm
31	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee • 7 pm
31	Transportation Safety Commission • 8 pm

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings take place at Town Hall, 127 Center Street S. Meeting schedule subject to change; check viennava.gov for updates.