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Council adopts trimmed down 2020-21 budget

At its June 15 meeting, Town Council adopted a \$41 million Town of Vienna budget for fiscal year 2020-21, which began July 1. The adopted budget encompasses four funds, including the general, or daily operations, fund, which totals \$24.8 million for the coming year, a \$2.5 million decrease from the originally proposed general fund budget and about 7% less than the FY2019-20 general fund. Overall, the Town's new budget represents about a 0.4% decrease over last year; the decrease is minimized because budgeted funds for debt service and water and sewer are up.

Cuts to the general fund are necessary in response to anticipated losses in revenue due to impacts from the coronavirus pandemic.

“Revenue is coming in much lower in some cases,” says Finance Director Marion Serfass, “and the Town has to cut expenses in order to balance the budget.”

Revenue shortfalls are expected in a variety of areas that impact the general fund, particularly in parks and recreation fees, business licenses, state revenues, and sales tax.

To address these shortfalls, the Town has adopted several strategies related to personnel expenses, including deferring salary increases, decreasing overtime allocations, freezing some positions, and cutting parks and recreation contractor/staff costs. In addition, no new priorities are included in the 2020-21 budget. Staff travel has been suspended, snow equipment replacement deferred, and an additional \$200,000 in departmental expenses, unrelated to service delivery, has been cut.

Council also adopted the real estate tax rate for 2020-21 at 22.5 cents per \$100 assessed value. This marks the eighth year that the Town's real estate tax rate has remained the same or been decreased. Due to increased values in assessment, the average

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Town provides multifaceted support to businesses

In a recent survey of Town of Vienna businesses, 59% of respondents reported that they were worried or very worried about the health crisis and staying in business and a majority said that their business had experienced a revenue loss of 71% or more in the pandemic's early days. The survey conducted April 22-May 15 by the Town's economic development office, in partnership with the Town Business Liaison Committee and Vienna Business Association, garnered responses from 94 businesses.

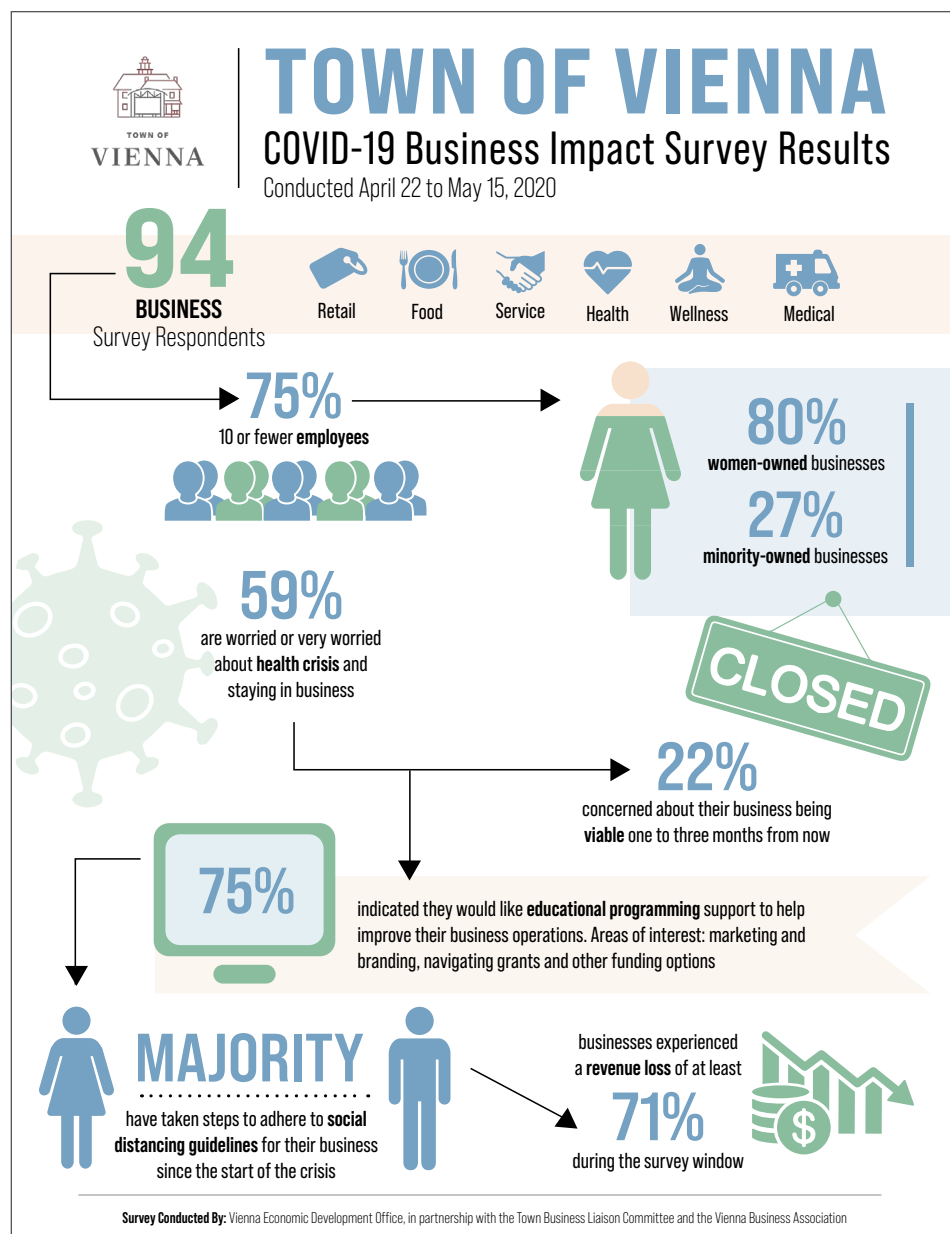
Since then, the Town has been working on multiple fronts to provide critical assistance to Town businesses.

The Town has committed \$1 million in CARES Act funding to the \$26 million Fairfax County RISE (Relief Initiative to Support Employers) grant program specifically to support Town businesses. As this newsletter went to press, at least 306 Town of Vienna businesses had applied for a \$10,000-\$20,000 grant, comprising about 5% of the total application pool. Businesses began receiving notification of awards around the end of June.

The Town opted to work with Fairfax County, which already had a partnership with the Community Business Partnership through which it could allocate grants to small businesses and nonprofits, to get needed capital to businesses in an expeditious manner.

"We understand that access to capital is a huge part of the difficulty that businesses are facing during this time," says Economic Development Manager Natalie Monkou. "That's why we moved quickly to work with the county on the RISE grant."

As Phase One of the Forward Virginia business reopening plan was implemented in Northern Virginia at the end of May, restaurants and other businesses were permitted to provide limited dining and other commercial activities outdoors. Town Council approved at its June 1 meeting an emergency temporary ordinance that waives permits and processes for providing commercial activity in outdoors spaces. At its June 15 meeting, Town Council



readopted the emergency ordinance to extend temporary outdoor commercial activity through the end of September.

Restaurants and businesses interested in conducting outdoor commercial activity must submit a temporary outdoor activity permit application at vienna.idtplans.com. Additional information is available at viennava.gov/outdoor.dining.

Another finding of the spring survey was that 75% of respondents indicated an interest in educational programming to help improve business operations.

"We're looking forward to creating programming that addresses areas that businesses said they wish to learn more about, including communications and marketing," says Monkou. "Businesses should be on the lookout for additional webinars." 📺



Summertime events go virtual

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

Friday evening concerts and programming for kids are coming to a laptop and television near you this summer. The Town of Vienna presents two series of virtual events over the next couple of months and is hosting a unique 130th birthday celebration in July.

Summer on the Green

Due to precautions taken in response to the coronavirus pandemic, the Town of Vienna's Summer on the Green concerts will be performed on Facebook Live July 10-August 14. Watch live at 6:30 Friday evenings to make song requests and dedications, enjoy trivia and virtual bingo, and win prizes! If you happen to miss the live shows, you can watch later on Facebook or on YouTube at @TownofViennaVA.

Gather together (following social-distancing guidelines set out by the CDC), set up a picnic, light up the grill, and enjoy these concerts on a projector, computer, or tablet in your backyard!

2020 Concerts on the Green Live Stream Schedule

July 10: The Sarah Bennett Swanner Band

July 17: Richard Walton Group

July 24: Karl Stoll and the Danger Zone

July 31: TBA

August 7: Big Bad JuJu

August 14: The Hot Lanes Trio with Bobby Jasinski



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Sarah Bennett Swanner

Town facilities and programs begin re-opening under 'new normal'

As Virginia continues to move forward in reopening businesses and expanding the size of permitted social gatherings, the Town of Vienna too is edging toward a new normal.

- Town Hall is scheduled to reopen to the public July 6. Citizens are still encouraged to utilize online services when possible and to wear face coverings and practice social distancing when coming to Town Hall.
- The Community Center also will open July 6 with strict social distancing, reduced occupancy and hours, and enhanced cleanings.
- Community Center rentals will be limited to room occupancy calculations, taking into consideration social distancing requirements.
- For now, the Town continues to operate under the continuity of governance ordinance that was passed March 31, which means that virtual attendance at meetings by Council and board members is permitted, and citizens are encouraged to attend and participate virtually. Only items that are necessary for continuity of governance are included on agendas, and thus some boards and commissions are not meeting.
- Vienna General District Court is in session at Town Hall Monday mornings, with social distancing and regular cleanings.
- In-person community events through August have been canceled.
- No- and low-touch summer camps and classes will be offered beginning July 6 with reduced class occupancy.
- Playgrounds and parks, the Community Garden, tennis courts, outdoor basketball courts, and Vienna Dog Park are open. Field permits and picnic pavilion rentals are now allowed.
- The Teen Center, Bowman House, Freeman Store & Museum, and Town Green rentals remain closed.

To receive updated information, sign up for the Town of Vienna coronavirus newsletter at viennava.gov/happenings and follow @TownofViennaVA on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.



The new normal Fiscal Technician Despina Giannopoulos and other Town employees look forward to welcoming residents back to Town Hall beginning July 6. Staff interacting with the public will be wearing masks; residents are encouraged to wear masks as well.

A personal introduction to Vienna's new mayor: Linda Colbert may surprise you

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

Linda Colbert is no stranger to serving the Town of Vienna. She served on Town Council the past six years and before that she was on the Transportation Safety Commission. And then there is her family's legacy of service to the Vienna community: Both of Colbert's late parents served on Town Council, and her mother, Jane Seeman, was mayor for 14 years.

Still, though Colbert is a familiar face around the community and has lived in Vienna most of her life, *Vienna Voice* wondered what might surprise residents about their new mayor. (Colbert officially assumed office July 1.) So we asked the new mayor herself as well as those who know her best. Family members and close friends unanimously agree that Colbert has a bevy of unexpected and good-humored personality traits that, they believe, will make for a strong, spirited, and savvy Town mayor.

When Colbert decided to run for mayor, after Laurie DiRocco announced that she would not seek reelection, she wanted to "give it her all."

"I wanted Vienna to really know me, and I wanted to try to reach every resident," Colbert says. "It took a lot of time and energy, and my family had to be very understanding. I am very blessed that I had their full support and the support of a close group of friends who were there for me too."

About the family legacy, Colbert says: "Both my parents volunteered in the community before and during their service on Town Council. My

mother in particular really looked to the future and understood that decisions had to be made for generations to come. I hope to continue that mentality, and I thank both of them."

The mayor's husband of 32 years, Mike Colbert, has long supported his wife's will and effort to accomplish her goals. The two began dating as freshmen at Madison High School in 1980. "She has been my best friend since I was 14," he says, and he was at her side, encouraging and coaching her, when as a Virginia Tech student she won the 1990 Collegiate Women's National Championship in her weight class in powerlifting.

"I was on the powerlifting team at Virginia Tech," Mike Colbert says. "I still had a year of eligibility and was training for the Nationals. Linda was a good athlete and always liked to work out. When she decided to pursue a graduate degree at Tech as well, I suggested that she join the women's team, and I would coach her. She took the challenge and ultimately won the national championship. She is a coach's dream. She learns fast, always gives 100%, and is incredibly cool under pressure. Linda is a great teammate and makes everyone around her better."

While Colbert has a sense of determination and strong work ethic, she also has a fun side.

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Town manager takes on police use of force, racism in upcoming On Deck with Mercury events

The July 14 On Deck with Mercury event will be the first in a series of conversations about the Black experience, law enforcement and use of force, and finding a path forward in Vienna. The July 14 conversation will feature a panel of Town of Vienna employees and residents who will share personal experiences about being Black in America and Vienna.

Because space is limited in the Vienna Community Center gymnasium to about 70 people due to social distancing requirements, registration for this event is required and open to Town of Vienna residents only. A link to registration is available at viennava.gov/ondeck. Should space remain available, the Town will open the event to those who live outside of Town; if more than 70 people register, a lottery will be held and additional overflow space opened in another location. This On Deck with Mercury event also will be streamed live on YouTube.

The August 11 On Deck event will focus on law enforcement and use of force.



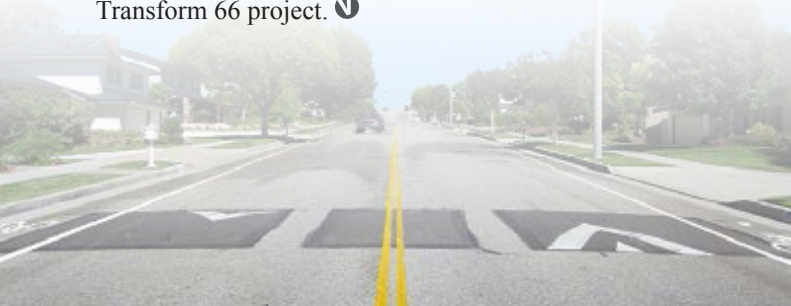
New traffic-calming 'cushions' to be installed on Tapawingo and Kingsley roads

With financial assistance from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), the Town of Vienna plans to install traffic-calming measures along Tapawingo and Kingsley roads. The five speed cushions, expected to be installed this summer, will be permanent, but they're being utilized specifically in response to the temporary traffic increase being experienced along those roads as a result of traffic impacts from the I-66/Cedar Lane bridge project.

Speed cushions, explains Town Transportation Engineer Andrew Jinks, are modified speed humps with cuts in them so that emergency vehicles can pass through without hitting the bump aspect and thus not lose any response time. He notes that both roads where the traffic-calming devices are to be installed are emergency routes.

Two speed cushions will be installed along Tapawingo Road and three along Kingsley between Nutley and Cottage streets.

Total cost for installing the five speed cushions is approximately \$27,000. VDOT will reimburse the Town for this project as the measures are intended to mitigate the increase in unofficial detour traffic along those roads due to closure of the Cedar Lane bridge while it's being reconstructed as part of the Transform 66 project.



Vienna employs sidewalk 'bottlers' to address #1 litter problem

To help address locally the nation's #1 litter problem, the Town of Vienna has installed about a dozen cigarette recycling bins, or sidewalk "bottlers," at covered bus stops and other locations throughout Town. This new initiative is being funded through the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's litter control and recycling program and is part of Keep America Beautiful's movement to reduce cigarette butt litter from streets.

Cigarette waste from participating programs is shipped to TerraCycle, a global leader in collecting and repurposing hard-to-recycle waste. First, TerraCycle separates out and composts residual tobacco and paper. The filter, which is made of a white synthetic fiber, or cellulose acetate, is thoroughly cleaned, melted, and pelletized using a method called extrusion. The cellulose acetate pellets are then combined with other plastics and used for new products such as ashtrays, shipping pallets, or plastic lumber.

For every pound of cigarette waste collected, \$1 is donated to the Keep America Beautiful cigarette litter prevention program.



Solarize Vienna returns through August 31

by Sean Casey, Conservation and Sustainability Commission

Solarize Vienna is an affordable and convenient way for Vienna homeowners and commercial building owners to go solar. With a streamlined process and discounted pricing, solar is a smart choice for your house or commercial property.

Here are three benefits to signing up for Solarize Vienna:


- **It's easy with Solarize Vienna** Solarize Vienna offers free satellite assessments to help you determine if solar is right for your home or business, conducts community workshops on solar, and connects you with trusted, vetted contractors.
- **It's more affordable than ever** The cost of home solar systems has dropped more than 70% since 2010. Prices offered during Solarize campaigns have decreased 25% since 2014, and this year, Solarize Vienna prices are expected to be discounted 10-15% off current consumer rates. And, the 2020 federal tax credit rate is 26%. This year, the participating installer is Solar Energy World.
- **It's the smart choice to head off rising energy and environmental costs** Residential energy rates will continue to rise in the region, and emissions take a toll on the environment.

The energy cost savings and emission-free power from photovoltaic systems make solar a great investment — for you and the environment.

Upon signing up with Solarize Vienna, you will be eligible for **a complimentary home energy assessment**. This 90-minute assessment offers a clear roadmap for improving the overall energy efficiency of your home as well as free energy-saving products.

This year Solarize Vienna has partnered with installers who also offer Level 2 **electric vehicle (EV)**

chargers, which, at 240 volts, charge to a 10-20 mile range per hour, on average. With electric vehicle sales skyrocketing and high solar interest among EV owners, Solarize Vienna participants can now bundle both for additional savings. As a bonus, installing solar panels and an EV charger at the same time reduces electrician fees.

Home and business owners interested in exploring solar options can sign up today for free at solarizenova.org. 



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Deadline for the August issue is July 10.



Town enters development agreement with county for public parking spaces at redeveloped library

Town Council approved at its June 15 meeting a development agreement with Fairfax County to construct approximately 84 public parking spaces dedicated for Town use as part of the Patrick Henry Library redevelopment project, which is anticipated to be completed in 2025.

The county Board of Supervisors is expected to approve the agreement this month. Fairfax County's funding will come from its Capital Improvement Program, which will need to be approved by voters this fall as part of a bond referendum.

Through this agreement, the Town will address its long-term goal to provide additional parking availability in the central commercial

district. Town funding would come through a combination of grants and bond funding.

The agreement covers design and construction costs – and provides several points at which either party may exit the agreement prior to March 2022, when award of the design development contract is anticipated. The Town's portion of design costs is \$850,000 or 30% of the cost, whichever is less. For construction, the Town will contribute \$4.2 million or 19% of construction costs, whichever is less.

Design for the library project, which is expected to include a three-level garage, will begin next year and require about two years. Construction also will take about two years and will begin in 2023. 📌

Achieving a shared vision for #OneVienna

by Mayor Linda Colbert

I am honored to have been elected to serve as your mayor. Vienna has been my home for most of my life, and I ran for mayor because I believe I can unite our Town around a vision for growth while preserving the uniqueness of this place that we love. To every person reading this, I want to be your mayor. I want to know you, hear from you, and work with you. This does not mean we will always agree, but disagreements stretch our minds, and, if we listen to one another and have thoughtful discussions, our Town will benefit.

Amidst this COVID-19 crisis and the injustice of George Floyd's death, we have come together as a community to help one another in unprecedented ways. As your mayor, I will make your health and safety a priority and strive to ensure that every Vienna resident feels welcomed, valued, and a part of our community.

Many of you heard me speak during the campaign about the need for better communication about and from our Town. Every resident should be able to find accurate, real-time information about important issues being discussed. But communication begins in your neighborhood. That is why I challenge each of you to work in your neighborhood to make your slice of Vienna better, and I will be right there with you.

In the near term we have several issues and opportunities to address together. Our Town zoning code is 60 years old and needs to be simplified and updated. With the right growth decisions, we can make our downtown area more walkable and vibrant. None of us wants development that does not comport with what we love about Vienna. Together – and with complete transparency – we can achieve a shared vision for growth.

But first we must recover from the pandemic and support our local businesses hit hardest by the crisis. As your mayor, I will follow the guidance of scientific experts as we gradually proceed to full strength. In this process, I encourage every Vienna resident to support one another – as everybody is doing their best based on their own knowledge and circumstances.

I vow to work hard for – and with – you over the next two years, and I invite you to call, email, or set up an appointment to meet at Town Hall. I welcome a conversation with you. #OneVienna. 📌



Did you adopt a pandemic puppy?

A friendly reminder that all dogs four months and older living in the Town of Vienna must be inoculated against rabies and registered. \$10 licensing fee. See viennava.gov/dogs for more info.

Update on Vienna's Eco-Efficient Homes initiative

by Sean Casey, Conservation and Sustainability Commission

Residential eco-efficiency has many enduring benefits to our community, including:

- consuming fewer fossil fuels
- helping stop climate change
- reducing acidification of the Earth's oceans
- avoiding water pollution.

Also, eco-efficient homes are cheaper to operate (lower utility bills), more comfortable (less drafty), and usually lead to stronger resale values. Vienna's Eco-Efficient Homes initiative recognizes Town residents and businesses for their commitment to eco-efficiency.

Both new and existing homes are eligible for recognition for measures such as installing solar panels or shingles, participating in Solarize Vienna, and integrating advanced energy efficiency technologies such as geothermal heating/cooling or solar heat collectors. In addition to integrating technologies, obtaining certification through a qualified program warrants eco-efficiency recognition. Examples of qualified certification programs include: Energy Star for Homes, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), National Association of Home Builders (NAHB)

National Green Building Standard, Earth Craft House, Passive House, and a qualifying Home Energy Rating Scale (HERS). For more information about qualifying actions and certifications, consult the 2020 update to the Vienna Eco-Efficient Homes brochure at viennava.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3235.

Want to submit a nomination? Follow the FAQ below and submit yours today.

Who may make nominations?

Any person may nominate a Town of Vienna residence or business.

Who evaluates nominations?

The Vienna Conservation and Sustainability Commission will evaluate nominations.

How can I submit a nomination?

Nominations must be submitted in writing and include details that allow for evaluation of the nomination. Nominations should be submitted to Water Quality Engineer Christine Horner at dpw@viennava.gov or mailed to Town Hall, 127 Center Street S, Vienna, VA 22180. 📬

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Kids on the Green

Enjoy the Town of Vienna's third annual series of free, interactive kids programs, presented in partnership with the Rotary Club of Vienna and other sponsors.

Due to the ongoing health crisis, all programs will be presented via

Facebook Live this year. If you miss the live stream, watch the shows later on Facebook or on YouTube. Performances will be held at 10 am Tuesdays July 7-August 18.

In addition, Historic Vienna, Inc. will offer Stories and Sprinklers virtually via Facebook Live at 1pm Wednesdays in July.



Vienna Distance Matters 130K

The Town invites you to celebrate its birthday by participating in the Distance Matters 130K challenge. This challenge is motivating, fun, and, totally doable. Participants can walk, run, hike, bike, or treadmill a cumulative distance of 80.8 miles during the month of July. All participants receive a log to track progress and a medal at completion. Although online registration ended in June, the Town will still accept registrations via email at viennavirtualrace@viennava.gov or in person at the community center beginning July 6. 📬

2020 Kids on the Green Live Stream Schedule

July 7: Wildlife Ambassadors – *live animal show*

July 14: Marsha and the Positrons – *kindie rock*

July 21: The Great Zucchini – *magic*
(sponsored by Green Hedges School)

July 28: Groovy Nate - *songs and stories*

August 4: Beech Tree Puppets

August 11: Lorenzo the Great – *magic*

August 18: Mr. Jon – *music for kids and families*



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years ago...

In July 2000, the Town newsletter featured an article from the Town's newly elected mayor, M. Jane Seeman. The late Mayor Seeman happens to be the mother of Vienna 2020's newly elected mayor, Linda Colbert.



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"She's the silliest one in our family," says oldest daughter Hannah, who adds that her mother's sense of humor is one of her favorite things about her. Colbert's other daughter, Heather, fondly recalls her mother's willingness to let loose with her as they both dressed in Harry Potter-themed costumes for the 2018 Town of Vienna Halloween Parade. "I was a senior in high school [and] it was my last year to go to the Halloween Parade," Heather says. "We had so much fun together waving to everyone [from the Council float]."

Maureen DeArmitt, the ying to Colbert's yang since first grade, has enjoyed a lifetime of silliness and friendship with Colbert.

"Linda kept a diary/journal for many years," says DeArmitt, "and sometimes we look back and read from our elementary school days and crack up at how goofy we were about our cats, nicknames, and our crush on Andy Gibb and dancing to the Bee Gees."



While DeArmitt continues to appreciate her friend's sense of fun, she also admires Colbert's savvy nature in working through problems and creating solutions, as reflected in her career as a math teacher.

"Linda is a former high school teacher, current SAT prep instructor, and gifted math tutor," DeArmitt says. "Linda has such a knack for taking difficult problems and breaking them down into easy-to-understand, step-by-step instructions."

"Linda is personable, hard-working, and smart," concludes her Council colleague and former mayor Laurie DiRocco. "She truly cares about Vienna and its citizens. She is open, direct, and willing to engage with everyone in the Vienna community. I felt comfortable ending my time as mayor knowing that Vienna is in great hands moving forward." 🍷

Budget from page 1

Town of Vienna real estate tax bill this coming year will be about \$79 more.

The health crisis also has had a significant impact on the Town's debt service fund, which is used to pay back bonds issued to fund the Town's capital improvement projects. In February, the Town issued \$34.5 million in general obligation bonds at 1.86% interest rate to fund construction of the long-planned police station and several road, sidewalk, and drainage projects.

The Town funds its debt service account using meals taxes collected from restaurants. Those revenues were down 10% for the most recent fiscal year; the Town used cash reserves to make up the \$300,000 shortfall in the 2019-20 budget. This year, the Town expects to use reserves in the debt service fund and/or part of the \$3.1 million bond premium it received in February to cover shortfalls in the \$5.5 million fund.

"We can't cut the debt service budget," says Serfass. "This is money that the Town owes on its bonds. We do, however, thanks to the Town's strong financial policies and practices, have options to address this need."

The other funds that comprise the Town's budget include stormwater at \$437,720 and water and sewer at \$10.2 million.

Town of Vienna 2020-21 Budget	
General Fund	\$24,842,290
Debt Service Fund	\$5,533,140
Water and Sewer Fund	\$10,194,050
Stormwater Fund	\$437,720

Council adopted in May water and sewer rates for the 2020-21 year that represent a 10.4% increase. This year represents the third consecutive rate increase, as outlined in a five-year rate plan study that calls for increased funding to address critical infrastructure needs. The average customer's annual water and sewer bill is expected to increase by \$74.

Serfass notes that jurisdictions across the country are facing unanticipated revenue shortfalls and increased expenses due to the pandemic. "This was an unanticipated economic downturn," she says. "The biggest concern is the uncertainty. We don't know how long this is going to go on."

Staff and Council will continue to monitor the Town's budget on a monthly basis and make further adjustments to expenses if necessary. 🍷

40
years ago...

The Town planned to celebrate inauguration of the Vienna-Oakton-Tysons Corner jitneybus system with festivities and ceremonies as well as free rides on August 2, 1980, according to the July newsletter from that year. Two 17-passenger jitney buses were to provide service along Route 123 from Tysons to Oakton with stops in Town at the community center, library, post office, Town Hall, and commercial areas on Maple Avenue and Church Street.

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.

June 1

- Held a public hearing regarding repealing or extending temporary suspension of the Maple Avenue Commercial (MAC) Zone. Following the public hearing, Council repealed MAC Maple Avenue Commercial Zone regulations in chapter 18 of the Town Code. Council also directed that all MAC documents, including reports, studies, surveys, resident and public hearing comments, Planning Commission and BAR comments, and Council comments be included in consultant's review and recommendations related to a Town zoning code update. Council further directed the town clerk to advertise a Notice of Intent to Adopt.
- Approved an emergency ordinance to expand use of outdoor business operations for outdoor dining and other commercial activities subject to conditions outlined in the emergency ordinance. Council further directed the town clerk to advertise re-adoption of and Notice of Intent to Adopt the emergency ordinance at its June 15 meeting.
- Approved a \$2,886,552 CARES Act spending plan as presented by staff.
- Approved expenditure of \$39,954 with Atlantic Duct Cleaning for cleaning at Town facilities.
- Approved expenditure of \$40,000 with Arthur Construction for construction of drainage improvements at 441 and 443 Orchard Street NW.
- Adopted an addendum to the town manager's employment agreement for the next two fiscal years.
- Reappointed the following Town officials for fiscal year 2020-21:
 - Mercury Payton – Town Manager
 - Steven Briglia – Town Attorney
 - Melanie Clark – Town Clerk
 - Marion Serfass – Town Treasurer

June 15

- Approved the Town of Vienna's participation in the 2020 SolarizeNOVA program and authorized staff and Conservation and Sustainability Commission members to move forward with implementation.
- Approved \$1,047 in additional FY20 spending with Kimley-Horn for preparation and delivery of the final Multimodal Transportation Study report.
- Approved \$25,705 in additional FY20 spending with James G Walters Contractor for digital fuel storage level monitor and leak detection notification system.
- Authorized continued use by the Public Works Department of other jurisdictions' municipal contracts and approved the corresponding \$1,440,268 in FY21 expenditures.
- Approved FY21 purchases of computers and laptops from Dell Computers at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.
- Appropriated \$33,036.09 in FY21 funds to Granicus, Inc. for annual maintenance and support for Town agenda management, boards and commissions module, and video streaming and archiving services.
- Approved one-year contract renewals and FY21 expenditures of \$1,335,060 with contractors identified by the Department of Public Works.
- Approved FY21 expenditures not to exceed \$48,090 with Sprint for business-related cell phone and mobile use by Town staff.
- Adopted a \$41,007,200 FY2020-21 operating budget. Council further authorized the town clerk to advertise a Notice of Adoption.
- Approved a resolution setting tax rates for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 as follows:
 - Real Estate Tax Rate: \$0.225 per \$100 assessed value
 - Bank Net Capital Tax Rate: \$0.80 per \$100 of valuation
 - Residential Utility Tax Rate: 20% of the first \$15
 - Commercial Utility Tax Rate: 15% of the first \$300.
 Council further directed the town clerk to advertise a Notice of Adoption.
- Adopted repeal of Article 13.1 – MAC Maple Avenue Commercial Zone Regulations of Chapter 18 of the Town Code. Council further directed the town clerk to advertise a Notice of Adoption.

- Found that integrity of Chapter 18 of the Town Code and the health, safety, and morals of the Town will not be impaired by requested modifications to requirements for the proposed new police station and therefore approved requested modifications related to lot coverage, parking, and location of a masonry screening wall. Council also directed that project architects provide additional options for the outdoor plaza that include more greenspace.
- Approved a design and construction agreement with Fairfax County for Town-designated public parking to be incorporated into redevelopment of the Patrick Henry Library.
- Upon finding that the public health, safety, and welfare of the Town will not be impaired, approved continued use of two public-use trailers at Louise Archer Elementary School for an additional two years from the current expiration date of August 22, 2020.
- Approved re-adoption of an emergency ordinance, to expire September 30, 2020, to permit temporary waivers of zoning regulations and review for outdoor commercial activity. The ordinance originally was adopted as an emergency ordinance at the June 1 Council meeting. Council further directed the town clerk to advertise a Notice of Adoption.

Appointed to serve

At its June 1 and 15 meetings, Council made the following appointments to Town boards and commissions:

William Comerford

Conservation and Sustainability Commission

Liz DiFrancisco

Conservation and Sustainability Commission

Michelle Kang

Vienna Public Art Commission

Simeon Moats

Historic Vienna, Inc.

Jessica Plowgjan

Planning Commission

Myles Temple

Vienna Public Art Commission



HAPPENINGS around town

The **Vienna Arts Society** (VAS) invites everyone to decorate their yards in July with **signs of gratitude** for those who have helped us cope with the challenges of the past few months. Free blank signs, recycled from the recent Town election, are available for this project at the front door of the Vienna Community Center. VAS encourages participants to take a photo of finished signs and submit them to **ViennaArtofKindness@gmail.com** or post photos to Instagram, tagging @vienna_arts_society, so that the photos may be shared with the wider community. More information is available at **ViennaArtsSociety.org**.

Mayor Linda Colbert will be the special guest at a **reunion event for Vienna Little League** players, coaches, umpires, and league officials from 1970-87. The reunion is from 1-4 pm Friday, July 3, at Yeonas Park. Meet under the trees on Rhodes Field. Masks and social distancing are encouraged, and hand sanitizer will be available. For more information, contact Denny Carrico or John Reeves through Facebook Messenger or email **dennycarrico@gmail.com**.

The **Freeman Store** is offering some of its most popular merchandise, including items from the Used Book Cellar, at **popup online sales**. These are limited time only sales with one-day porch pickup. For the next scheduled sale, check **historicviennainc.org**, @freemanstore_museum on Instagram, or the Historic Vienna, Inc. group on Facebook.

Harmonia School of Music & Art will begin offering in-person **summer camps** at the end of July. Musical theatre and creative arts camps for youth ages 5-14 and junior music camp for ages 4-6 will be offered. Students with performance experience may be interested in the advanced Singing with Shakespeare workshop in August. Space is limited in order to maintain safe social distancing, so reserve your spot now at **harmoniaschool.org**. Enrollment for fall music lessons and theater classes also has opened online. For more information, visit the school's website or call 703-938-7301.

James Madison High School graduate and United States Military Academy cadet **Caleb Suh** has founded **Operation Golden Shield**, a coalition of West Point cadets and U.S. Naval Academy midshipmen that is **serving aging veterans** during the coronavirus pandemic. This student-led community effort aims to collect and donate priority items for veterans in long-term care facilities as well as medical supplies for care providers assisting the veterans. To find out more about the program, including how to make donations online, visit **operationgoldenshield.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.

Vienna businesses with staying power

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

45 YEARS
A. Larry Miller

40 YEARS
John Whitney Painting

20 YEARS
Beck Consulting
Oberon Systems Corporation

15 YEARS
Advanced Pediatrics
Research

10 YEARS
Caffe Amouri
Mommy's Family Daycare
Palm Beach Tan
Vienna Tiger Mart

5 YEARS
Asgaard Capital
BPL Counseling
Goldberg Services
Incorporated

Namaste Spirit
Washington Resource
Associates
Zero Limits Ventures



Open for business

Town of Vienna business licenses were issued in May to:



Chi Mc
restaurant
126 Branch Road SE
571-407-7336

Loose Ends by Jo
tie up loose ends
124 Church Street NW
703-625-2268

National Orofacial Institute
dentist
429 Maple Avenue W
571-277-0744

**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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VIENNA VOICE

July TOWN CALENDAR

1	Stories & Sprinklers (Facebook Live) • 1 pm
3	Holiday: Town Offices Closed/Regular Waste Collection – No brush, bulk, or yard waste
4	Vienna Farmers Market (VCC) • 8 am-noon
6	Town Council Meeting • 8 pm
7	Kids on the Green: Wildlife Ambassadors (Facebook Live) • 10 am
7	Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 pm
8	Stories & Sprinklers (Facebook Live) • 1 pm
9	Town Business Liaison Committee • 7 pm
10	Summer on the Green: The Sarah Bennett Swanner Band (Facebook Live) • 6:30 pm
11	Vienna Farmers Market (VCC) • 8 am-noon
14	Kids on the Green: Marsha and the Positrons (Facebook Live) • 10 am
14	On Deck with Mercury (VCC) • 6-8 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.

15	Stories & Sprinklers (Facebook Live) • 1 pm
15	Board of Zoning Appeals/Public Hearing • 7 pm
16	Board of Architectural Review • 7:30 pm
17	Summer on the Green: Richard Walton Group (Facebook Live) • 6:30 pm
18	Vienna Farmers Market (VCC) • 8 am-noon
21	Kids on the Green: The Great Zucchini (Facebook Live) • 10 am
21	Public Info Open House: Park Street NE Sidewalk • 7-8:30 pm
22	Stories & Sprinklers (Facebook Live) • 1 pm
24	Summer on the Green: Karl Stoll and the Danger Zone (Facebook Live) • 6:30 pm
25	Vienna Farmers Market (VCC) • 8 am-noon
27	Planning Commission • 7:30 pm
28	Kids on the Green: Groovy Nate (Facebook Live) • 10 am
29	Stories & Sprinklers (Facebook Live) • 1 pm
31	Summer on the Green: TBA (Facebook Live) • 6:30 pm