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Doing 'everything it takes' to stay in business

Editor's note: In the June issue of Vienna Voice, four local business owners shared how the coronavirus pandemic had impacted them. With the pandemic lingering and social-distancing requirements still impacting businesses, the Voice revisited these same business owners three months later for an update.



JIM BROOKE

Jim Brooke has plans to pass on his family's rental business of 44 years to his young adult sons.



RENEE GILANSHAH

Renee Gilanshah derives a profound joy from providing aesthetic services that bring peace and quiet - and confidence - to her clients.



EPIONE KAPPATOS

After more than 16 years of serving up breakfast and lunch at The Virginian, Epione Kappatos has begun to dream about retiring - with fond memories - down the not-too-distant road.



BLANCA MUNGUIA

Blanca Munguia's goal is to share her passion for sewing with children as a way to encourage their creativity and make them feel empowered.

photos by Adam Kincaid

All of that is in jeopardy should the coronavirus pandemic and its impacts linger through the winter or additional assistance isn't provided to these businesses.

While things generally are better for each of these four businesses than they were three months ago, and each of the business owners interviewed remains optimistic, business is anything but normal. Most of the owners reported that business was at about 50% of the norm; Gilanshah, who owns Treatwell spa, says that only about 25% of her customers have returned.

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8 am-noon Saturdays
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"I knew that many people wouldn't come back in because they were afraid or concerned," she says. "But it's even a little bit less than I thought it would be. I hope that people will get used to the new reality and feel more comfortable being close to me."

While for Gilanshah, the holiday season generally "makes or breaks" her year, most of the owners expressed concern about the coming of colder weather.

"We had a good July," reports Brooke of Brooke Rental Center. "Tents have made a big difference for us."

Tents are in demand with restaurants who are relying on outdoor seating and many folks who are craving socialization and hosting small outdoor parties in their backyards. Brooke says that business is better than it was in the spring, though his company remains down about 50% for the year. School systems and coronavirus testing sites also have rented tents from Brooke.

While there's currently a market for tents, Brooke notes that rentals of tables and chairs are way down, and glasses, dishes, and silverware, typically rented by caterers, "are collecting dust" in the warehouse.

The hospitality industry – especially caterers – has been particularly hard hit by the pandemic, Brooke says, and he doesn't really see it getting better anytime soon.

"I don't think things will really turn around until the spring if we get lucky," he says. "What are we going to rent for the next few months to pay the bills? It's going to get cold."

Most of Kappatos' customers prefer sitting outside, and she, too, worries about the cooler weather. While business has picked up a little recently, she says: "Come October, November, that will be the challenge. Who wants to have coffee outside at 7 am then? I can see business disappearing again. That's my big fear."

Kappatos received a federal Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) loan in the spring, which allowed her to reopen in May. Munguia, owner of the Heartfelt Craft Shop, and Brooke also received PPP loans, which "really, really helped us," Brooke says. Gilanshah took out an Economic Injury Disaster Loan, which, she says, buys her more

time. Kappatos also was accepted into Fairfax County's RISE grant program, to which the Town contributed \$1 million in CARES Act funding specifically for Town businesses; even though he applied, Brooke was not selected to move forward in the RISE program.

While the federal and local grants and loans have been crucial to helping these businesses sustain thus far, they've not been enough on their own. Business owners have had to undertake other measures to survive.

Gilanshah has had to get more creative with the services she offers. Facials aren't possible with mask requirements, but services above or below the mask, such as eyelash curling or tinting and makeup that emphasizes the eyebrows are. She's also spending very little money on beauty supplies, though she's spent more money on equipment to ensure safety and sanitation, including masks, air purifiers, and HEPA filters.

Gilanshah says that at her current business level, she likely could stay in business beyond the holiday season only as a hobby. What does it take for an up-close and personal spa business to survive a pandemic? "You need to be smarter than you think, have more money than you think, and be more resilient than you think," Gilanshah says. "You also have to be able to multitask because you're your own everything – accountant, PR consultant, marketer, advertiser. The future really is so uncertain."

Despite that uncertainty, Munguia at Heartfelt is offering in-person classes this fall for the first time since March. Munguia canceled all of her summer camps, which had sold out, and instead offered virtual lessons this summer.

"I won't offer virtual classes again for beginners for now," she says. "It was very frustrating to teach an 8-year-old how to use a sewing machine via Zoom. I want them to love sewing as much as I do. I don't want the challenges of virtual learning to take away from the joy of sewing."

For her in-person fall classes, enrollment has been limited to half of her normal 90 students. Despite the challenges, she is feeling "more optimistic" about business and grateful for the "amazing" support from parents and children.



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Lock it up: The key to preventing vehicle tampering, thefts

Over the course of four months (April-July), 35 vehicles in the Town of Vienna were broken into and 14 cars stolen. Citizens hold the key – literally – to helping to prevent most of these crimes. It's simple: Lock all vehicle doors, remove visible valuables, and close the windows every time you park your car.

The Town of Vienna isn't the only Northern Virginia jurisdiction experiencing an uptick this summer in stolen vehicles and vehicle tampering crimes, says Community Relations Officer Juan Vazquez. Fairfax County, Arlington, and Alexandria are getting hit hard too.

The Vienna Police Department believes, based on video evidence, that several groups may be involved in these crimes, including local youth as well as suspects traveling in from other jurisdictions with the intent to steal vehicles. Many of the stolen cars from Vienna are recovered in the District or Maryland.

"It's important to know," says Vazquez, "that none of these crimes – the larceny from vehicles or theft of the vehicle itself – are occurring when the vehicles are locked."

In surveillance videos, criminals are clearly seen trying the doors of parked vehicles on a street, including those in driveways and carports. They only enter vehicles that are left unlocked, says Vazquez. If the vehicle is locked, the criminals simply move on to the next vehicle.

In response to the rash of thefts, the Vienna Police Department has increased night shift staffing and is conducting surveillance operations throughout Town. "The Town of Vienna Police Department is using every tool at its disposal to apprehend these criminals," Vazquez says.

He encourages residents to say something if they see something. Residents who see someone or something suspicious in their neighborhood should call the police department's non-emergency line at 703-255-6366.

Again, residents hold the keys to stopping these crimes of opportunity:

- Lock your car doors always.
- Don't leave valuables in your vehicle.
- Report any suspicious activity to 703-255-6366. 📞



photo by Adam Kincaid

Zoning and subdivision code update to get underway

Efforts to update the Town's zoning and subdivision code officially get underway September 23 when Town Council and the Planning Commission will hold a joint work session with Calfee Zoning, the firm that has been hired to lead the Town through this effort.

Calfee Zoning will present its draft diagnostic report and public engagement plan and discuss with Council and the Planning Commission a code outline, style, and formatting as well as calibration of development standards.

The work session will begin at 7:30 pm Wednesday, September 23, in Town Council Chambers. Due to efforts to mitigate the spread of coronavirus, attendance at the work session will be limited; Council Chambers can hold up to 26 participants and residents. An overflow space to watch the meeting via Zoom will be provided in the Vienna Community Center.

Residents are encouraged to "attend" the work session via Zoom; visit viennava.gov/publicparticipation the week of the meeting to register and receive the Zoom link. The meeting will be recorded and archived on the Town's YouTube channel @TownofViennaVA as well as the Zoning Code Update webpage at viennava.gov.

As a reminder, while work sessions are open to the public, there is not an opportunity for public comment. 📞

Mayor @ Your Service talks Town business

Economic Development Manager Natalie Monkou and several Vienna business leaders will join

Mayor Linda Colbert to discuss how the Town of Vienna and the Vienna business community have responded to the COVID-19 pandemic.

7:30 pm • Tuesday, September 15 • Town Hall

The everyday heroes behind the Town of Vienna's service

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

The way that things get done amidst the lingering coronavirus pandemic may be radically different from “normal” times, but Town of Vienna staff members across all departments have worked diligently since March to bring residents the same quality of service as well as virtual access to favorite classes and events.

Focus on service and safety

Take trash for example. Vienna's sanitation crew has not missed a beat, continuing to collect trash as scheduled each week as well as brush and bulk items. Many surrounding jurisdictions initially limited brush and bulk pick-up.

“We provide an essential service to residents,” says Operations Superintendent Jonathan “Bubba” Wooden. “We won’t allow waste to sit around in Vienna.”

In order to keep sanitation workers safe, Wooden says, they ride separately or on the backs of trucks when possible to keep as socially distant as possible. If employees must share the inside of a vehicle, then they’re required to wear masks.

Safety has never been more important – for workers and residents, especially as Town facilities reopened to the public in July. Parvez Khan and O’Neil Campbell in the Public Works Department have taken on



important safety tasks. Khan is part of the crew that cleans and sanitizes Town buildings each and every day – as well as an extra time after court sessions on Mondays or in anticipation of public meetings.

“Of course we try to clean everything, but we really focus on high-touch areas,” says Khan. “We’ve tried to adapt our mindset to think ‘What would someone in their daily routine be most likely to touch? Is it door handles, railings?’ We’ve really expanded upon our regular cleaning.”

Campbell has constructed and installed protective plexiglass barriers for all service counter areas so that employees and customers who come into Town facilities can interact safely. In addition, to increase safety for visitors, masks are required in public areas of Town buildings and hand sanitizing stations are available.

24/7 – even in a prolonged pandemic

While continuing to provide service 24 hours out of each day, the Vienna Police Department also has adapted operations to maintain services while keeping people safe.

While police services often require person-to-person interaction, the departments has undertaken several strategies to limit exposure for officers and residents.

“We started limiting exposure by limiting traffic stops to dangerous driving situations,” says Lt. Tom Taylor. “While the station was closed, we took reports that didn’t require an actual police presence via telephone. We also required that officers use PPE [personal protection equipment] in certain situations and at certain locations, but early during the pandemic it was hard to come by.”

Service customers deserve

While Town facilities were closed to the public (accept by appointment) from mid-March to July 6, many Town employees worked from home, holding Zoom meetings with colleagues and clients and utilizing digital technologies and telephones as much as possible to serve citizens and others.

The Finance Department created, in partnership with the Public Works Department, a kiosk set up outside Town Hall’s front doors with some of the Town’s most popular forms and documents; encouraged payments electronically or via the drop slot at Town Hall; and conducted a good deal of business via telephone. Still, some functions, services, and tasks cannot be handled remotely.

“Many jobs can be done remotely without sacrificing the level of service,” says Finance Director Marion Serfass. “Some cannot.” Examples of such tasks include opening the mail and mailed payments, managing deposits, and cutting checks for payments.

“Some customers want and need to come in for services,” Serfass says. “This is particularly true for new businesses who need help with the forms and water customers with billing questions.

“We exist to serve citizens and businesses,” she adds. “We will always do whatever we can to meet their needs. It may look different than it used to, but we will do all we can to ensure our customers get the service they deserve.”



photos by Adam Kincaid



Vienna events are still live (streamed)

Obviously, many of Vienna's popular events have looked very different this summer due to the need to limit large gatherings, but Parks and Recreation Department staff members have found new, creative ways to deliver programming and engage with Vienna.

Summer on the Green, Kids on the Green, and Stories, Songs & Sprinklers were held largely as scheduled this summer – via Facebook Live.

Events Coordinator Lily Widman says: "We have learned a lot about creating and editing videos, new ways to connect with our residents online, and I personally have gotten to really channel my inner Mr. Rogers as host for our livestream Kids on the Green programs.

"I have been overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness of folks in Vienna during the pandemic," she adds. "Seeing people come together to donate 4th of July in a Box to 109 local families in need was a particularly nice reminder of how our community can come together to care for one another."

Widman encourages residents to keep tuning into Town social media channels @TownofViennaVA to enjoy more live content and interact with friends. 📶



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Kappatos, too, is grateful for the "wonderful Vienna community" and support of her customers as she and other business owners face challenges "we never dreamed of."

To meet current business challenges, Brooke is working with the landlord of the company's Arlington property to defer rent payments and he's worked with his bank to defer mortgage payments as well. In addition, he's spending a lot less money on replacement of rental equipment. He may need to refinance, or as he says "trade in equity," in order to survive.

"It's scary," Brooke says. "I always thought that if I worked hard, tried to do the right thing, and made smart decisions, this would be something – a job, a career – that I could pass on to my children, you know. To realize that may not be true...."

"We love being in Vienna," he adds. "We've put everything into this, my family has.... I really, really want to hang on and continue to be part of the fabric of the community. We're going to do everything it takes to stay here." 📶



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MEET THE MAYOR

Mayor Linda Colbert offers several opportunities for residents to meet with her each month, both in her office and out and about in the community.

- **Meet the Mayor:** The first Friday of each month, the mayor sets up “office” in various locations in the community and invites residents to come meet her. **Friday, September 4, she’ll be at Sarah Walker Mercer Park, 247 Nutley Street NW, from 9-10:30 am.** In case of rain, the mayor will move to Amphora Restaurant.
- **Business Walk-About:** The mayor and Economic Development Manager Natalie Monkou visit various businesses on the second Friday of each month.
- **Mayor’s Walk:** Join Colbert for a chat and stroll through Town the third Friday of each month. Meet at 9:30 am in front of Town Hall.
- **Office Hours:** Feel free to drop in for open office hours 9-11 am Tuesdays and Thursdays, during which time the mayor will do her best to be available. Or make an appointment to meet with the mayor on Wednesdays; email mclark@viennava.gov or call 703-255-6304 to schedule an appointment.

September topics

- New facilities or parks, property acquisition, road and sidewalk improvements: How the Town maps its future through the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
- Specific projects funded through the 2020 CIP and general obligation bonds
- Financing these large projects: Where does the money come from?

On Deck with Mercury is a monthly community forum hosted by Town Manager Mercury Payton. The program provides an opportunity for Town residents to learn about recent projects and accomplishments of the Town, receive a preview of upcoming initiatives, and ask questions and have an open discussion. On Deck with Mercury is recorded for later broadcast on the Town’s cable access channel, channel 27 on Cox and 38 on Verizon Fios.



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Deadline for the October issue is September 10.



Halloween Parade marches on...to a different tune

The Town of Vienna's 74th annual Halloween Parade is certain to be unique. Amongst the annals of Town Halloween Parades, the 2020 edition, thanks to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, will be like no other.

A short parade of 10-15 floats will make its way through Vienna neighborhoods in the form of a "wave parade" from 10 am-noon Saturday, October 31. The parade will travel through all four quadrants of Vienna; a more precise route will be published Thursday, October 29, at viennava.gov/halloween.

Residents are invited to view the parade from their neighborhood or along the route while practicing social distancing and wearing masks, especially if within six feet of people not in your household. Please refrain from standing in the street or sitting on street curbs to view the parade. Halloween costumes are encouraged! 🎃



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Get the Town's spook-tacular Halloween in a Bag

If you liked the Town's 4th of July in a Box, you're going to LOVE Halloween in a Bag! The Town of Vienna provides everything your little ones need to celebrate Halloween at home, including crafts and toys, safe ideas for Halloween fun, and recipes. Halloween in a Bag provides supplies for two children and will include:

- pumpkin decorating kit
- Halloween candy and treats
- spooky crafts
- recipes and activities
- vampire teeth and an assortment of Halloween fun

Fear not, there's a lot more too. Bags are \$20 each and limited to two per household. Town residents may purchase bags beginning September 1 via viennava.gov/webtrac; search under "special events" to reserve a bag. Area residents who live outside of Town may purchase bags beginning September 8.

Bags may be picked up at the Vienna Community Center in October. Town staff will contact purchasers with more details and to schedule a pick-up time.

The Town is accepting business sponsors for Halloween in a Bag as well as donations of candy and other items and donations of bags to go to families in need. For more information about sponsorships and donations, email halloweeninabag@viennava.gov or call 703-255-6360. 🎃



Reflecting on 2020

by Councilmember Nisha Patel

The year 2020 started off with great hopes, aspirations, and excitement. A few of my professional goals were to get as many people to 20/20 vision as possible, improve our Town's community outreach, and address zoning issues.

While working toward these goals, a lot has changed since the beginning of this year. We were all blind-sided by a pandemic that has changed the way we conduct business and interact with others. Instead of spending long hours in the office, I find myself busy at home, zooming with patients and colleagues and finding ways to keep my family entertained. As unfortunate as this pandemic is, it has brought many families closer together. Businesses and local governments have adopted safer ways of conducting business, workplaces are cleaner, and children are becoming more computer savvy and coming up with creative ways to entertain themselves. Obviously, I am eager for a resolution to COVID-19, but I will never forget how our daily lives have been altered.

During this pandemic, Town Council has remained busy. This year Town Council has:

- held our first community conversation to discuss additional allowances for outdoor living space
- approved a budget for fiscal year 2021
- hired a consultant to assist in our zoning rewrite
- repealed the MAC
- approved CARES Act funding appropriation

- worked with Fairfax County to address parking issues in Town through construction of a new parking garage along with a new library

- worked toward constructing a new police station that will be up to current standards

- planned to introduce a Councilmembers Want to Know survey in an upcoming *Vienna Voice* to give our community a chance to participate in important issues facing our Town.



While waiting for a resolution to this pandemic, there are numerous ways to stay occupied, including participating in our Town government by attending meetings virtually or responding to surveys in the *Vienna Voice* or on the Town website. Whatever you choose to occupy your time, remember, this will be over soon enough, and we will most likely resume our busy day-to-day lives. As frustrating as this year has been, we need to remember to keep plugging away at our goals, stay upbeat, treat others kindly and with respect, enjoy any additional personal time we can get, and, most importantly, stay safe! 🍷

A Day to Remember

Commemorate Patriot Day
and honor the victims and heroes of 9-11
with Vienna American Legion Post 180

9 am • Friday, September 11 • Freeman House Lawn



Oktoberfest finds way to *zelebrieren* despite event cancellation

Though the big, loud, crowded, and beer-infused event has been canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Oktoberfest committee is wrapping up final details for a Distanz Oktoberfest celebration that still will include fun and beer – without the usual crowd. The committee is planning safe, fun activities and events that will hit all of the festival's favorite notes – including a beer garden, festival food court, and live music – with more chances than ever to support local businesses.

There will be lots of ways to join the Distanz Oktoberfest festivities, whether as a guest of the event or as a business sponsor/vendor. For more information and to sign up for opportunities, visit viennaoktoberfest.org. 🍷



Plant native - and you will surely be amazed

by Susan Ide Patton, Conservation and Sustainability Commission

We've all heard the news about insect population decline, bird numbers dwindling, and the rise of invasive species that are finding their way here, and which – without their natural predators – are rapidly outcompeting our native species. Perhaps, too, you've caught wind of a growing movement to reduce lawn size and wondered about the benefits of replacing grass with flowers and shrubs. Or perhaps you've seen signs in your neighbor's yard declaring their property a wildlife sanctuary and wondered how your yard could be a wildlife sanctuary too.

The simple answer is: Plant native. Plants that evolved in our area have a unique relationship with the soil in which they grow and with the insects that co-evolved with them. When you create a pesticide-free garden that is composed of mostly native plants, your garden will support hundreds of insects that are at the core of our natural world and critical to our food web.

Beyond that, a garden of native plants will bring the beauty of butterflies, the busy-ness of our more than 3,500 native species of solitary bees, and the birds that rely on all those insects to feed their young. Best of all, a garden of native plants is easier to care for because the plants are already adapted to our local soil and water conditions.

While you may not think that your garden matters in the grand scheme of conservation, Doug Tallamy, author of *Nature's Best Hope* (2019), points out that the largest percentage of land in the United States is privately owned and that together we can fill our gardens with native plants until they stretch across the country to create a "Homeland National Park." Please consider adding your garden to our country's largest "national parkland."

Here's how you can take action:

- Come to the **Town of Vienna Native Plant Sale** at the community center the morning of September 12 to pick some perennials that will add life to your garden for years to come.
- Join hundreds of your Vienna neighbors and get your yard recognized as a **Certified Wildlife Habitat** by the National Wildlife Federation (nwf.org/garden-for-wildlife/certify).
- **Convert a portion of your lawn** into a native plant bed to turn "dead" space to "life" space.
- Access **Plant NoVA Natives** to find useful and proven lists of native plants for your garden (plantnovanatives.org/). 🍷



Let's talk trash, Vienna

Dispose of masks responsibly

We're glad that you're using masks in public places to help protect one another from spread of the coronavirus, Vienna. However, too many discarded masks are ending up as litter along Vienna streets, sidewalks, and trails. Please dispose of used masks responsibly – and help keep Vienna beautiful as well as safe.



photos by Adam Kincaid

Recycle glass

The best way to dispose of glass bottles and jars and to ensure that they are recycled is to take them to Fairfax County's purple recycling bin at 431 Mill Street NE. The bin was removed early during the pandemic, but Fairfax County has since resumed providing glass collection and recycling. Fairfax County recycles the glass for use as a substitute for stone in county projects. ♻️

Poll workers needed for November election

The Fairfax County Office of Elections needs workers to assist voters on Election Day, November 3.

It requires thousands of enthusiastic and trained election officials to ensure efficient and well-run elections in the largest voting jurisdiction in Virginia. Election officer training classes for the November general election will begin online this month. Registered Virginia voters are encouraged to apply.

In particular, bilingual Vietnamese or Korean speakers are needed in Annandale, Centerville, and Falls Church. Compensation begins at \$175.

To ensure the best chance of a precinct assignment for the November election, apply by September 15 at vote4fairfax.com/apply/. More information is available at fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/officers/new-officers. 🗳️

Open for business

Town of Vienna business licenses were issued in July to:

Cindy Nail Spa

nail salon
302 Maple Avenue W
703-314-4416

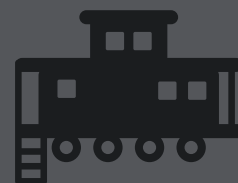
Wawa

grocery store/takeout
465 Maple Avenue W
703-599-7944



30
years ago...

The Town dedicated its restored caboose #503 during a September 15, 1990 ceremony.





HAPPENINGS around town

Little Bits of Kindness, a charming collection of small artworks by **Vienna Arts Society** members selling for \$50 each, and **Plus More**, which showcases members' larger paintings, are on display from 10 am-5 pm Monday-Saturday through October 3 at the gallery in the Village Green, 513 Maple Avenue W. No appointment necessary.

The **Town of Vienna Community Band** will hold an all-band Zoom meeting at 6:30 pm Sunday, September 6. From 6:30-7:30 pm September 13, music folders will be collected from band members in the Vienna Community Center parking lot. Interested in playing beautiful music with the Vienna Community Band? The band currently is recruiting enthusiastic musicians in all sections, especially flute, clarinet, bassoon, oboe, tuba, and euphonium. For more information, visit viennacommunityband.org.

Five Hills Garden Club has received two district awards for 2019-20: Outstanding Garden Club and Outstanding Garden Club Newsletter. While unable to hold meetings or programs in person, Five Hills members continue to care for Glyndon Park, the BlueStar Memorial near the caboose, and garden beds at the Oakton Library.

The **Freeman Store** continues to offer some of its most popular merchandise, including items from the Used Book Cellar, via **pop-up online sales**. These are limited-time sales with one-day porch pick-up. For the next scheduled sale, visit historicviennainc.org, @freemanstore_museum on Instagram, or the Historic Vienna Facebook group page. To purchase items before or after these pop-up sales, email your request to historicvienna@gmail.com.

Vienna Arts Society's Art Center in the Windover Building at 243 Church Street NW has reopened by appointment only and following CDC guidelines. Find handmade jewelry, cast glass and pottery, greeting cards, and more. The *Water Water Everywhere* exhibit closes September 5. *Nature and Wildlife* will be on display September 9 through Halloween. To visit, call 703-319-3971 from 12-4 pm Wednesday-Saturday.

The **Ayr Hill Garden Club** is hosting an online **Flower Bulb Sale**. Select the bulbs you want, choose a pickup date, and pay online at ayr-hill-garden-club.square.site. Orders may be picked up at the Vienna Farmers Market from 8 am-noon Saturdays in October at the Vienna Community Center.

Historic Vienna, Inc. has made it easy to join, donate, and express an interest in volunteering. Simply visit historicviennainc.square.site.

Harmonia School of Music & Art is offering a new **Harmonia Day Program**, which provides students the structure of in-person education with the added benefit of socialization with peers in a safe, socially distanced environment. The day program provides a structured school day, including supervision of virtual school classes, homework and study help, physical movement, daily dance breaks, and group music and theater classes. Call 703-938-7301 or visit harmoniaschool.org for more information about the day program or fall music lessons and theater classes.

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.

30 YEARS

Donna F. Burch
Finn's Pool & Spa Service

25 YEARS

Jose D. Martinez

20 YEARS

David M. Wiedeman

10 YEARS

Alex Borowsky, CPA
Katherine Thomas
Landscapes by Peel

McGillicuddy Associates

Tan Minh Tran Nguyen

5 YEARS

Artisan Dental Lab
David Youseff Appraisals
Elements Massage

Geniuskloud

Marjan Carryout & Catering
Merle Norman Cosmetics

5

years ago...

In preparation for expansion and renovation, the Vienna Community Center temporarily closed its doors beginning September 4. According to the September 2015 newsletter, classes were scheduled to held in alternative locations throughout Town, and parks and recreation staff temporarily moved to the Cedar Lane Park Shopping Center.

**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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September TOWN CALENDAR

1 Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 pm

4 Meet the Mayor (Mercer Park) • 9-10:30 am

5 Vienna Farmers Market (VCC) • 8 am-noon

7 Holiday: Town Hall Closed/Regular Waste Collection

8 On Deck with Mercury (VCC) • 6-8 pm

9 Planning Commission • 7:30 pm

10 Town Business Liaison Committee • 7 pm

11 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony (Town Green/Freeman Store) • 9 am

12 Vienna Farmers Market (VCC) • 8 am-noon

12 Native Plant Sale (VCC) • 8 am-1 pm

14 Town Council Meeting • 8 pm

15 Mayor @ Your Service • 7:30 pm

16 Board of Zoning Appeals/Public Hearing • 7 pm

17 Board of Architectural Review • 7:30 pm

18 Mayor's Walk • 9:30 am

19 Vienna Farmers Market (VCC) • 8 am-noon

21 Town Council Work Session • 7:30 pm

23 Joint Work Session: Town Council & Planning Commission • 7:30 pm

26 Vienna Farmers Market (VCC) • 8 am-noon

28 Town Council Work Session • 7:30 pm

29 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee • 7 pm

29 Transportation Safety Commission • 8 pm

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