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Liberty Amendments Month Continues

he Town of Vienna's inaugural Liberty Amendments Month continues this month with community organizations, businesses, and individuals helping shape the four weeks of festivities taking place through July 19.

A celebration of the 13th, 14th, 15th, and 19th amendments, which extended rights to those who had previously been excluded from full participation, Liberty Amendments Month is the brainchild of Town Manager Mercury Payton, who during this past summer of discourse and strife, sought a way to bring us together and to find common ground.

Liberty Amendments Month

kicked off on June 19 at First Baptist Church of Vienna's annual

Juneteenth Celebration.

The celebration included an opening ceremony for Liberty

Amendments Month that offered thoughtful

reflection on the liberties assured by these four amendments to the U.S. Constitution. In addition, each week through July 19, the liberty amendments will be celebrated with contests, entertainment, lectures, performances, classes, themed restaurant specials, art exhibits, films, shows, walks, and more. The month-long celebration will culminate with a multicultural festival featuring food, drinks, crafts, and entertainment from around the world on July 17. The Town Offices are closed on July 19th in observance of Liberty Amendments Day.

Liberty Amendments Day has been recognized as an official 2021 Town holiday and the month-long celebration has been officially recognized by the commonwealth of Virginia, having been adopted this year by the General Assembly.

For more information on the schedule of events and activities, viennava.gov/liberty. To learn more about the Amendments, visit constitutioncenter.org/interactive-constitution.







IN THIS ISSUE







ViVa! Vienna! Raises \$40,000 for charity

hank you to all who came to ViVa! Vienna! 2021!
Whether you screamed on a roller coaster, feasted on the festival treats, shopped at local businesses, or enjoyed the entertainment, the Rotary Club of Vienna is grateful for the 25,000 attendees who came out to enjoy Memorial Day weekend as they were able to raise \$40,000 for charity. A special thank you to all of the volunteers who worked after a year that will not be forgotten. Enjoy the photo story below to relive the weekend. See you next year!











Home Protection Suggestions

By Council Member Howard Springsteen

ach year the Mayor and Council individually write a column for the Newsletter on a subject they choose. This year I would like to recommend three important suggestions homeowners and renters can take to protect against electrical surges, storms, and sewer and water pipeline breaks and/or leaks.

In July 2019, many residents in southwest Vienna experienced

Install a whole-home electrical surge protector.

electrical surge damages due to storm and electrical power issues resulting in major residential electrical equipment and appliances being damaged or ruined. In the September 2019 Vienna Voice Newsletter, I mentioned the importance of having a whole-home surge protector installed to protect your home's electrical system and appliances. This relatively inexpensive device provides critical one-time protection when installed in the electrical service panel by a professional electrician. Two months ago, northeast Vienna residents experienced similar electrical issues after a storm and

Given the potential damage that can happen during storms, I again encourage you to invest in an approved

electrical outage.

whole-home surge protector and have it installed in your electrical panel by a professional electrician. This step will ensure considerable savings in terms of replacement costs and minimize the risk of losing all your home appliances. This can happen anywhere in Vienna. (See picture of installed protector)

Check your insurance coverage for underground sewer and water line breaks.

Coverage is available through homeowner or renter insurance policies for sewer backups. I would also highly recommend you obtain special coverage for water line breaks or leaks that could

> Dominion Energy offers at a very low rate and as an add-on to your monthly electric bill. According to many Town of Vienna residents, this coverage has proven to be very useful when water

> > lines break or leak. Water line replacement on private property can exceed \$5,000 and is not a Town responsibility. No matter what you choose, the key is to have insurance coverage for these occurrences which are not predicable and can occur with no warning.

> > > Have a safe summer!



photo by Adam Kincaid

Vienna chomps at the bit to get paws on a dog house

ith help from local businesses sponsoring, decorating, and painting dog houses for the Code Create Vienna Canine Cottage Court exhibit, the Town raised \$2,510 after the dog houses were auctioned on Tuesday, May 11. Here is what each decorated dog house went for at auction:

100 – Skorpio's/Maggio's	\$115
101 – Green Hedges School	\$95
102 – Very V!enna	\$125
103 – Fisher Custom Homes	\$255
104 – Greenheart Juice Shop	\$145
105 – Pennywise Thrift Shop	\$505
106 – One Neighborhood Foundation	\$405
107 – Mindfulnest Yoga	\$115
108 – Vienna VA Foodies	\$335
109 – JDA Custom Homes	\$415

To view the gallery of the dog houses, visit the Canine Cottage Court page under Public Engagement at codecreatevienna.com. Thank you to businesses for sponsoring the houses and to those who participated in the auction.







photos by Adam Kinca



Stories & Songs

Wednesdays June 30 - July 28 · 1 p.m. · Behind the Freeman Store

oin us for a weekly story hour, often accompanied by songs, games or crafts. This event is presented by Historic Vienna, Inc., and the Town of Vienna.

Please practice social distancing and wear a face covering if you are not vaccinated. Storyteller and schedule below:

June 30	with Cuppett Performing Art Center – Reading of
	Bunheads by Misty Copeland and ballet demonstration

July 7 with Donna Patrick Henry Library
 July 14 with reader Joan Schrager from HVI
 July 21 with Alicia from Patrick Henry Library

July 28 with Operation Paws for Homes – books about dogs and visits with dogs who are up for adoption.



photo by Adam Kincaid, prior to COVID-19

Big Screen on the Green

Thursdays in July and August at 8 p.m.

Glyndon Park, 300 Glyndon St NE, Vienna VA 22180

July 8 - Remember the Titans (a part of Liberty Amendments Month)

In Virginia, high school football is a way of life, an institution revered, each game celebrated more lavishly than Christmas, each playoff distinguished more grandly than any national holiday. And with such recognition, comes powerful emotions. In 1971 high school football was everything to the people of Alexandria. But when the local school board was forced to integrate an all black school with an all white school, the very foundation of football's great tradition was put to the test.

August, 12 - Onward

In Disney and Pixar's ONWARD, two teenage elf brothers, Ian and Barley Lightfoot (voices of Tom Holland and Chris Pratt), get an unexpected opportunity to spend one more day with their late dad and embark on an extraordinary quest aboard Barley's epic van Guinevere. Like any good quest, their journey is filled with magic spells, cryptic maps, impossible obstacles, and unimaginable discoveries. But when the boys' fearless mom Laurel (voice of Julia Louis-Dreyfus) realizes that her sons are missing, she teams up with a part-lion, part-bat, part-scorpion, former warrior – aka The Manticore (voice of Octavia Spencer) – and heads off to find them. Perilous curses aside, this one magical day could mean more than any of them ever dreamed.





Kids on the Green

Tuesdays in August · 10 a.m. · Vienna Town Green

MAGIC SHOWS · LIVE INTERACTIVE KIDS MUSIC · PUPPET SHOWS

July 6	Christylez Bacon – kids Hip Hop	July 27	The Great Zucchini
	(part of Liberty Amendments Month, week 3)	August 3	Blue Sky Puppets on Rufus
July 13	Mark H. Rooney: Taiko, the Art of Japanese Drumming (part of Liberty Amendments Month, week 4)	Ö	Mr Jon – Kids Music and Storytelling
July 20	Cataré: Music Rhythm and Roots from Latin America	August 17	7 TBA





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2021 Summer on the Green Concert Series

Fridays in August · 6:30 p.m. · Vienna Town Green

his summer series offers free performances presented by the Town of Vienna, Rotary Club of Vienna, and additional sponsors. In the event of bad weather please call the weather line at 703-255-7842 or Vienna Parks and Recreation at 703-255-6360 two hours before the event. Bring chairs and blankets, no alcoholic beverages are permitted. We recommend leaving pets at home. Please wear a face covering if you are not vaccinated.

July 2	No Concert	July 23	Shenandoah Run
July 3	Justice for All Concert (starts at 6 pm)	July 30	Fat Chance
July 9	US Army Band Swamp Romp	August 6	The Rockits
July 10	Women Rock featuring Cathy Ponton Smith	August 13	US Navy Band Commodores
July 16	Sarah Bennett Swanner Band		





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. From 9-10:30 am Friday, July 2, she'll be available at the Town Green. If there's inclement weather, call 703-255-6304 to check on a backup location.
- 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.

Topic on deck for July: Liberty Amendments Month

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, as well as the TownofViennaVA channel on YouTube.



SIGN UP FOR VIENNA HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER

Visit viennava.gov/happenings to receive the Town's weekly email with updates on what's going down around town.

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Send community news and high-resolution photographs to michelle.crabtree@viennava.gov. All material provided is subject to editorial review and revision and will be used as space allows. Deadline for the August issue is July 10.



Chillin' on Church - Vienna Block Parties

3rd Fridays in August and September 6:30-9:30 p.m. · Historic Church Street

LIVE MUSIC · BEER & WINE FOR SALE · FOOD TRUCKS · FAMILY FUN · FREE ADMISSION

August 20

September 17

Ocho de Bastos Latin Pop Rock

Deja Gruv Band R&B, Funk and Soul

ring your blanket or lawn chair and enjoy a night out with family, friends and neighbors! Please note: must be 21 or older and present a valid ID to purchase alcoholic beverages (we 100% ID). All alcoholic beverages must be consumed inside event gates. No outside alcoholic beverages permitted.

More info at viennava.gov/chillin. Please wear a face covering if you are not vaccinated.



Valor Awards

n June 15, 2021, the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce hosted the 43rd Annual Fairfax County Valor Awards. The awards celebrate the remarkable achievements of Fairfax County's First Responders, who exceed their call of duty with their lifesaving acts. This year, Vienna Police MPO Kenny Smith and PFC Chip McElhattan received the Life Saving Valor Award for their actions saving an individual in cardiac arrest at the scene of an accident.



Pictured from left to right: Town Manager Mercury Payton, Officer Dale "Chip" McElhattan, and Chief Morris



Pictured from left to right: MPO Kenny Smith, Town Manager Mercury Payton, and Chief Morris

The 2021 Town of Vienna **Water Quality Report** provides information on 2020 water quality testing.

To read the 2021 Water Quality Report, visit: viennava.gov/2021waterquality



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Staying Cool and Sustainable this Summer

By Desiree Di Mauro and Bill Comerford

ummertime and the livin' is HOT if you live in Virginia, and adding to climate change is the last thing we want to do. So how can we be sustainable and cool this summer in Vienna? Here are a few tips:

- Conserve energy you can stay cool while also conserving energy! Draw shades and curtains on the sunny side of your house to keep rooms cool. Be sure to turn off all lights when not in use – even LED and CFL bulbs release some heat. And look for those cross-current breezes to cool the house without air conditioning. Going on vacation? Don't forget to raise your air conditioning temperature until you get back. And when you return, don't set your thermostat extra cold - it won't cool your home any faster.
- Adjust your ceiling fans ceiling fans are a great way to stay cool. In the summer, switch the rotation so they're running counterclockwise. And remember, ceiling fans cool people, not air, so please turn them off when the room is empty.
- Plant native plants and you thought native plants were just about providing habitat for native animal species. In addition to

- the wonderful habitat they provide, native plants (particularly trees and shrubs) help to cool our environment. According to the U.S. Dept of Energy, shading and water evaporation from plants can reduce ambient temps by 6 degrees F. So enjoy the shade and cooling of beautiful native plants in your yard!
- Eat a "cool" diet did you know spicy foods can actually make you feel cooler? Since we've got lots of great restaurants in Vienna (including Sustainability Challenge awardees Social Burger, Caboose Brewery, Blend 111, and Caffe Amouri), why not take a night off from cooking and enjoy some body-cooling, palatepleasing spicy food? Chilled foods and salads are also a great choice on a hot day – and you keep your house cool by not firing up the stove!



• Stay hydrated – drinking water is one of the best ways to stay cool, but remember to use your reusable bottles. No single use bottles for you! Plan ahead and prepare your water bottle with some ice and cool water to keep you chilled all day long.

Vienna's Conservation and Sustainability Commission wishes you a happy, cool, and sustainable summer! \mathbf{V}



Get the Code Create Scoop!

tay up to date with the zoning code update by visiting the website www.codecreatevienna.com, signing up for email updates, and looking at the calendar for upcoming events. You are encouraged to share your thoughts on any topic at any time through the



website or by e-mailing codecreate@viennava.gov. We look forward to hearing from you.

Know your flood hazard

o you know if your property is within a Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)? Call 703-255-6380 or email dpw@viennava.gov to find out the flood hazard for your property.





Swapping plastic for paper: How to dispose of yard waste

airfax County has eliminated plastic bags from yard waste collection. This ban went into effect on March 1, 2021, and the county began enforcing the new rule on April 19, 2021. Penalties will be assessed to any collector who delivers yard waste in plastic bags to Fairfax County solid waste management facilities. What does this mean for Town residents? It means that, as of April 19, 2021, the Town will no longer collect yard waste in plastic bags. Residents must place grass clippings, leaves, weeds, vines, and other materials loose in reusable containers or paper bags made specifically for yard waste and available at hardware stores. This new policy is better for the environment. It also prevents expensive waste processing machinery from becoming clogged or damaged by plastic bags. For more information visit https://www.viennava.gov/residents/townservices/trash-and-recycling **V**



Correction Note:

s previously stated in prior newsletters, the Maud Robinson Trust contains a very generous gift to the Town of Vienna for new sidewalk construction. Under the terms of the Trust, money may be provided to the Town for the construction of new sidewalks which would otherwise be delayed or deferred due to budgetary reasons. Any new sidewalk construction will be approved by the Town Council and then funds released by the Trustee. Previous newsletter's may have stated the trust terms in a way that was not accurate.



lease take a few minutes to complete this NEW 2021 Pandemic Experience **Survey** to share how the pandemic has impacted you. Documenting Vienna's experience during the covid pandemic is an important part of Historic Vienna, Inc.'s mission to preserve our Town's history. For additional opportunities to share your story, visit www.historicviennainc.org and click on "Covid Stories."



Summer Updates from Vienna Parks & Recs



July 4th Fireworks

Yeonas Park, 1319 Ross Drive SW
Park Opens at 7 pm, Band starts at 7:30 pm
Fireworks begin at dark (approximately 9:30 pm)

Cap off America's birthday with a hometown fireworks show worthy of "oohs" and "aahs" and live music from Big Bad JuJu.

We kindly ask the spectators wear a face covering if not vaccinated. Spectators are encouraged to socially distance while watching the fireworks and be courteous to others.

Please note:

- Alcohol is prohibited.
- Please leave pets at home.
- No glass containers allowed.
- Chairs are not permitted on the baseball fields.

*Note: The Sprinklers and Sparklers event is cancelled for 2021.

For more information, visit viennava.gov/july4.



Stories and Songs

Stories and Songs will be held at the Freeman Store, Wednesdays at 1 pm from June 30-July 28. Join Historic Vienna Inc for a half hour of story time, songs and activities. Visit viennava.gov/events and click on 'stories and songs' for updates.



For event information or additional details contact Lily Widman, lily.widman@viennava.gov, 571-274-3388.

Vienna businesses with staying power

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

40 YEARS

Ken Foley Custom Homes

20 YEARS

Vienna Family Medicine



15 YEARS

Easy Stone Center

Navy Federal

Brokerage Services

Spanish Women's Care

10 YEARS

Choice Handyman Services
Cuppakitchen
The Fresh Market

5 YEARS

Cohen Consulting
Colleen's Creations
Evergreen Montessori Home School
Karla Moffet
Lisa M. Gring-Pemble
Park Street Valet and Tailoring
Sharon Bee Cheng

Vienna Singing Princesses

Open for business

Town of Vienna business licenses were issued in May to:

Yang's Massage

massage therapy 303 Maple Avenue W 703-589-8939





HAPPENING Saround town

Vienna Host Lions Club will hold a fundraiser from 11 am-9 pm on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at Foster's Grille -Vienna. Simply tell your cashier or put your receipt in our Lion's box, and Foster's will donate 20% of your purchase to Vienna Lions' youth, sight, hearing, and community programs. For more information about VHLC Activities, Events, or Membership visit us at facebook.com/ viennahostlionsclub or ViennaHostLionsVa.org

The Town of Vienna Community Band remains an active association of musicians. The band will have small ensembles play at the Vienna Farmers Market the first three Saturdays in July. Here is the lineup for the ensembles playing at the Vienna Farmers Market in July: July 3, Brass Ensemble; July 10, Nitehawks; and July 17, Nitehawks. The performances are on Saturdays between 9:00-10:00 am at the Vienna Community Center Parking Lot, 120 Cherry Street SE, Vienna, VA 22180. www.viennacommunityband.org

The Freeman Store & Museum is open Wednesday thru Sunday 12 noon-4 pm. Come shop all our new merchandise in the Store! New Vienna items, Amphora Diner ornament and fun things for the kitchen - all made in the U.S.A. Marie Kisner's book "Vienna Stories: 1950-2000" is also back on our shelves.

Free Artist Presentation: The Vienna Arts Society invites the public to free virtual art programs the second Thursday of each month. Internationally acclaimed artist, Rachael McCampbell of Tennessee, demonstrates her method of painting with Cold Wax Medium using palette knives and squeegees to get the rich texture she wants as she expresses the story she's trying to tell. Thursday, July 8, 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Find the link to join at www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

The Vienna Art Center in the Windover Building at 243 Church St., NW, displays new exhibitions of original art every two months, and we are now open Saturdays from noon to 4:00 pm. "Take a Seat" opens July 5. Meanwhile, you'll find original art by VAS members in the following easily accessible locations around town. For details check www.ViennaArtsSociety.com or call 703-319-3971.

The Vienna Arts Society is pleased to announce that we will again host the "Summer of the Arts" at the Gallery in the Village Green from June 28 - July 30. This special exhibition features original artwork from Pathway Homes, a non-profit organization providing housing and support services for the mentally ill. Mon. - Sat., 9 am to 5 pm, 513 Maple Avenue W.

VYI Cheerleading is open for Fall 2021 registration. VYI Cheerleading is a recreational cheer program and team sport for those wanting to gain basic to intermediate cheerleading skills - no experience is required. Program is open to rising kindergarteners through 8th graders. Cheerleading is a low commitment activity involving 1 practice and 1 game each week for 8 weeks. VYI Cheerleading sideline cheers for the VYI Football program at home games. Practices and games are located within Vienna (the main field is at Waters field by the community center). Registration fees will include practice shirt, shorts, bow, socks, and end of season award. Coaches (minimum 18 years) and Assistant Coaches (minimum 16 years) are also needed - please register online. Registration is open through August at http://www.vvi.org/Default. asp?org=vyicheer.org.

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 to michelle.crabtree@ viennava.gov. 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.



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703-255-6300 voice
TTY Virginia Relay 711
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Vienna, VA 22180-5179
Monday-Friday • 8 am-4:30 pm

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JUIY TOWN CALENDAR

2	Meet the Mayor (Town Green) ● 9-10:30 am	
3	Vienna Farmers Market (VCC) ● 8 am-noon	
3	Liberty Amendments 15 th Amendment Kick Off (Town Green) ● 6 pm	
4	July 4 Celebration (Yeonas Park) ● 7 pm	
5	Holiday: Town Offices Closed	
6	Kids on the Green ● 10 am	
6	Windover Heights Board of Review ● 7:30 pm – CANCELED	
7	Stories, Songs & Sprinklers (Behind Freeman Store) ● 1 pm	
8	Town Business Liaison Committee ● 7 pm	
8	Big Screen on the Green ● 8 pm	
9	Summer on the Green ● 6:30	
10	Vienna Farmers Market (VCC) ● 8 am-noon	
10	Liberty Amendments 19 th Amendment Kick Off (VCC) ● 2 pm	
12	Town Council Meeting ● 8 pm	
13	Kids on the Green ● 10 am	
13	On Deck with Mercury (Café Amouri) ● 6-8 pm	
14	Stories, Songs & Sprinklers (Behind Freeman Store) ● 1 pm	
15	Board of Architectural Review ● 7:30 pm	

16	Mayor's Walk (Town Hall) ● 9:30 am
16	Summer on the Green ● 6:30
17	Vienna Farmers Market (VCC) ● 8 am-noon
17	Vienna Multicultural Festival ● 2 pm
19	Holiday: Town Offices Closed to observe Liberty Amendments Day
20	Kids on the Green ● 10 am
21	Stories, Songs & Sprinklers (Behind Freeman Store) ● 1 pm
21	Board of Zoning Appeals/Public Hearing ● 7:30 pm
22	Conservation and Sustainability Commission ● 7:30 pm
23	Summer on the Green ● 6:30
24	Vienna Farmers Market (VCC) ● 8 am-noon
26	Police Station Construction Update (301 Center St.) ◆ 7 pm
27	Kids on the Green ● 10 am
27	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee ● 7 pm
27	Transportation Safety Commission ● 8 pm
28	Stories, Songs & Sprinklers (Behind Freeman Store) ● 1 pm
30	Summer on the Green ● 6:30
31	Vienna Farmers Market (VCC) ● 8 am-noon