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# **Prost to Oktoberfest!**

ear up for a day of cheers, or prost as the Germans say, at Vienna's Oktoberfest, Saturday, Oct. 1 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on historic Church Street! (Dirndl dress and lederhosen are optional.)

This festive, town tradition features live entertainment on three different stages and lots of free, family-friendly games and activities. You'll also find two beer and wine gardens, and many multinational food vendors including traditional German fare. And if that's not enough, you can feast your eyes on a car show, business expo and handcrafter booths.

All ages are welcome, and admission is free. Oktoberfest is presented by the Vienna Business Association in partnership with the Town of Vienna. For event details, visit www. viennaoktoberfest.org. 🜒







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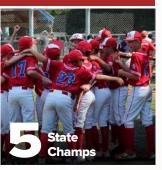
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**Church Street** 

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# Chillin' Comes to a Close

ere's your last chance to enjoy Vienna's favorite block party, Chillin' on Church! The season finale featuring live music from Texas Chainsaw Horns, food, beer and wine vendors and family fun is Friday, Sept. 16, from 6:30- 9:30 p.m. on historic Church Street. Admission is free.

Friendly reminder: no pets allowed, and attendees are not permitted to bring their own alcoholic beverages. Anyone who purchases beer or wine at the event will be

required to show an ID. For more details, visit www.viennava.gov/chillin. **V** 

# Vienna Public Works Director Steps Down

t's been 12 years since Michael Gallagher signed on with the Town of Vienna in the position of civil engineer, after which he rose through the ranks to eventually become Director of Public Works, a position he's held since 2015. Citing family reasons, Gallagher recently



announced that he and his family are relocating to Blacksburg, Va.

During his tenure, Gallagher helped facilitate a water and sewer rate study to inform the pricing structure needed to support a long-term plan to improve the Town's water and sewer infrastructure. The study determined that a modest price increase would ensure the Town would have the resources to meet the long-term goal of replacing aging water pipes and sewer liners in disrepair. The plan also addresses long-term needs associated with growth.

Gallagher also led the initiative to establish a good process for prioritizing and implementing sidewalk projects, which included soliciting feedback from residents to inform final proposals submitted for Town Council approval. Other accomplishments included implementing technical upgrades that made street signal systems more responsive to facilitate better traffic flow and accommodate pedestrians.

Gallagher's last day with the Town was Aug. 5, 2022. Deputy Director Christine Horner will serve as acting public works director until a successor is named.

# Save the Date!



Vienna Police Department looks like inside? Be among the first to see it on Friday, Sept. 2, 2022! The ribbon cutting takes place at 11 a.m. followed by

public building tours until 3 p.m. The public can also tour the building on Saturday, Sept. 3, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. **V** 

# Venue Change for Town Council Conference Sessions

Town Council meetings vs. Town Council Conference sessions: What's the difference?

Beginning Monday, Sept. 19, 2022, Council conference sessions will be held in the new Vienna Police Department community room, located at 215 Center St. S, while regular Town Council meetings will continue to be held in the Chambers at Town Hall. Conference sessions are less formal than regular Council meetings and provide the Town Council



detailed information about issues, initiatives and other public business for discussion. Unlike regular Town Council meetings, no votes are taken at conference sessions.

All Council meetings and conference sessions are open to the public, but there is no opportunity for public comment at conference sessions. Members of the public are permitted to speak at regular Town Council meetings at Town

Hall on matters that are not on the regular meeting agenda for the evening. Residents are also encouraged to speak at public hearings held at Town Hall.

The topic for the Sept. 19 conference session in the police department community room is the Town's capital budget. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. For a schedule of all public meetings, agendas, background materials and minutes, visit https://bit.ly/ ViennaMeetings. **V** 

# Help Keep Our Storm Drains and Streams Clean

By: The Conservation and Sustainability Commission

he Conservation and Sustainability Commission talked with Alan Chen, Water Resource Engineer, with the Town of Vienna's Department of Public Works.

# What are Vienna's residents likely to misunderstand about our storm drains?

I think many residents think stormwater is treated before discharging to our streams, which is not the case. Stormwater runoff is a major contributor to pollution in the Chesapeake Bay. So, it's critical to minimize the pollutants that go into our storm drains.

#### Where do the Town of Vienna's storm drains discharge?

They drain directly into Piney Branch, Bear Branch, Wolftrap Creek, and Hunters Branch. Each of these streams eventually discharges into the Potomac River and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay.

# What pollutants does runoff carry into the town's drains and waterways?

Debris, fertilizer, oil, paint, pesticides, pet waste, sediment, and trash. Some litter may harm wildlife in our streams by spreading pollutants and possibly being ingested by animals. Plus, debris, sediment and litter contribute to inlet clogging, which leads to backups and flooding.

#### Does the Town of Vienna clean out storm drains?

The DPW routinely inspects each of the Town's storm drain inlets for clogging or structural damage and cleans out any



clogs. Residents can call the DPW at 703-255-6380 to report any maintenance issues they notice.

#### How can Vienna's residents help?

Good environmental practices such as picking up pet waste, minimizing fertilizer and pesticide use, checking your vehicles for any oil discharge, and washing your vehicles at a commercial wash are all beneficial. Take a moment to pick up litter at your curb or remove leaves and mulch from the grate of a surface inlet.

Report any illicit discharges by individuals and businesses to the Town. This includes businesses draining wash water into the storm drains, construction sites utilizing inadequate sediment control measures, vehicles and grease receptacles dripping oil onto pavement, and residents dumping paint down an inlet. Each incident will result in massive ecological damage to our streams. You can make a huge difference by informing the Town so we can quickly clean up the discharge and prevent future illicit discharges.

## **Stop Sign Enforcement Yields Big Results**

S afety was top of mind for Vienna police officers as they stepped up efforts to ticket motorists who failed to come to a complete stop at a stop sign, a stop light or a flashing red light this summer. The four-week-long Stop Sign Enforcement Campaign was in response to a noticeable uptick in stop sign violations throughout town. By the time it was over, police issued citations for 219 stop-sign violations and 74 other traffic



violations with a goal of raising awareness and ensuring both motorist and pedestrian safety by avoiding preventable crashes. The Vienna Police Department plans to conduct similar traffic enforcement campaigns in the future to highlight the importance of obeying traffic laws. Doing so helps ensure safe travels for everyone.

# Topic on deck for September: Maud Robinson Trust Sidewalk Initiative



oin Town Manager Mercury Payton and public works staff for an update on the Maud Robinson Sidewalk initiative to make Vienna a walkable community. Tune into the recorded program at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13 on the Town of Vienna Community Network (TVCN) (Cox 27; Verizon 38) or via the Town's YouTube channel @TownofViennaVa.

On Deck with Mercury is a monthly community program that highlights Town initiatives. If you missed last month's episode highlighting the new police department, you can still catch it and

previous episodes on the Town YouTube channel: https://bit.ly/MercuryOnDeck.

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## **Updates from Vienna Parks & Recreation**

#### Vienna's Halloween Parade

Save the date for this year's Vienna Halloween Parade: Wednesday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m. on Maple Ave.

Since 1946, the Town of Vienna has hosted this beloved town tradition that ushers in the fall season. This year's parade, led by parade marshal Leigh Kitcher of Historic Vienna, Inc., is themed "Time machine- Vienna in the past, present, and future."

Interested in participating in the parade? Submit your application by Friday, Sept. 16, 2022. More information and applications are available online at www.viennava.gov/Halloween.

#### Teens on the Green Showcases Local Talent

Like talent shows? You'll be awed and amazed by the performances at Teens on the Green, Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Vienna Town Green. The public concert showcases the talents of local teen performers. The concert is free and presented by Vienna Parks and Recreation and the Club Phoenix Teen Center.

#### Club Phoenix Teen Center Open House



Join Club Phoenix Teen Center for an open house Thursday, Sept. 8, 2022, from 5-7 p.m. and see what the center has to offer! Parents, families, and friends can explore the space and the programs that await local



teens in their free time. Play games, create art, and enjoy refreshments in this safe and structured environment. Club Phoenix Teen Center is located in the Vienna Community Center.

#### Fall Activities for Adults Ages 55+ Explore Historic Culpepper

Enjoy a walking tour along one of Culpepper's oldest and most picturesque streets with homes dating back to 1831 in this delightful day trip on Sept. 14. Also included is a docent-led tour of the Culpepper Museum, and a tour among rolling hills to Brandy Station battlefield, which still retains much of its wartime character as the location of the largest cavalry battle in the United States. Lunch is on your own at Thyme in Culpepper. Trip cost is \$74 for town residents: \$92.50 for all others. For more details and to register, visit www.viennava.gov/parkguide or stop by the Vienna Community Center.

#### Sign Up For Vienna Happenings E-Newsletter

Want to know what's going on around town? Sign up for our weekly Vienna Happenings e-newsletter and stay up to date on fun things to do in Vienna. To sign up, visit www.viennava.gov/ happeningssignup.

While you're at it, don't forget to follow the Town of Vienna on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter at @TownofViennaVA.

#### MEET THE MAYOR



### Mayor Linda Colbert offers several opportunities for residents to meet with her each month:

Meet the Mayor: The first Friday of each month, Mayor Colbert sets up "office" in various locations in the community. On Friday, Sept. 2, from 9-10:30 a.m. she'll be at 29th Parallel Coffee located at 106 Lawyer's Road, NW. Stop by, grab some coffee, and share your thoughts.

**Business Walkabout:** The mayor and Economic Development Manager Natalie Monkou visit various businesses on the second Friday of each month.

**Mayor's Walk:** Join Mayor Colbert for a chat and stroll through the Town on the third Friday of each month. September's walk is cancelled, and the Mayor looks forward to resuming the walks on Friday, Oct. 21. Meet at 9:30 a.m. in front of Town Hall on Center Street.

Office Hours: Drop in for open office hours 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, during which time the mayor will do her best to be available. Or, schedule a Wednesday meeting. To make an appointment, email mclark@ viennava.gov or call 703-255-6304.

Mayor Colbert also does a weekly Facebook video highlighting upcoming events and Town Council business. You can catch it each Wednesday on the Town Facebook page @TownofViennaVA.

## A Win for Vienna American, 50 Years in the Making

ienna's very own American Little League 11-year-old All-Star team, better known as "The Big Red Machine," was unstoppable in an unprecedented summer of little league baseball. Hot off their wins in last year's District 4 Championship and the Virginia State Championship, the Big Red Machine won the Tournament of State Champions (also known as the Southeastern Regional) on Aug. 3, the highest level 11-year-old baseball players can reach.

"This summer was one these boys, these coaches, and these families will never forget," said Shannon Aimone whose son, Ryne, plays on the team. "Every single player had a critical play or moment this summer and they all carry one another."

Vienna's state champions went head-to-head against other east-coast state champions in Wilson, North Carolina. Facing some of the best competition in the country, the Big Red Machine swept the series, 5-0, defeating teams from West Virginia, Georgia, and North Carolina. The team closed its final game against North Carolina with a double play to end both the 5th and 6th innings in what was a nail-biting contest, winning 2-1.

"As impressive as the accomplishments are, the most impressive thing about this team is that everywhere they play, they are praised for their energy, enthusiasm,



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and sportsmanship," said Vienna American coach Chris Leggett. "This group of kids has genuinely enjoyed representing their town in the best possible way."

The Vienna American Little League 11-year-old All-Star team is the first Vienna team to win the Southeast Regional Championship since 1972! This year's win was 50 years in the making for the Big Red Machine – a golden achievement of which all Vienna residents can be proud! ♥

### **Open for business**

Town of Vienna business licenses were issued in August to:

Arch and Beauty Studio Beauty Salon 226 Maple Ave. W America's Best Wings Restaurant 262 Cedar Lane, SE **Donutchew** *Restaurant* 107 Maple Ave. W Perspectives Counseling Center of Vienna Psychotherapist 360 Maple Ave. W

### Vienna businesses with staying power

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

**35 YEARS** ENDOCRINE AND DIABETES CENTER, P.C.

30 YEARS LYN WEXLER DESIGNS

**25 YEARS** ANTHONY APPRAISERS, INC. MICHAELS **20 YEARS** AM REMODELING, LLC BARBARA ROSECRANS

**15 Years** Novexus, LLC Rose Restaurant Streamside, LLC

**10 YEARS** CUBESMART, L.P. 5 YEARS

CIRCULO DE PUERTO RICO, LLC FF MASSAGE, LLC GREETALIA, LLC HERAT ORIENTAL HOPE ADVANCED VETERINARY CENTER GAIL BAMFORD JEWELL MIRIAM GIBBS, LLC LAUREN B. SCHUTTLOFFEL



LOYAL COMPANION NORDWIND VIKING COMBAT GROUP NEVERS SOLUTIONS, LLC PAWFECT PUPS, LLC PHOENIX REHABILITATION AND HEALTH SERVICE THE STADTLER AGENCY, INC. WIRELESS VISION, LLC



# **HAPPENINGS**around town

#### Virtual Art Presentation Thursday, Sept. 8 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Join the Vienna Arts Society for a virtual art presentation by abstract artist and instructor, Joyce McCarten. Discover what inspires her to create her large oil paintings in this online presentation via Zoom. For more information about the artist and to join the presentation, visit www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

#### AAUW Open House Saturday, Sept. 10

#### 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Stop by Patrick Henry Library for the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Vienna Area Branch open house and learn about a variety of interest groups, public programs, and engagement activities in AAUW's advocacy for equity for women and girls in education, the workplace, and government (Learn, Earn, and Lead!). New members joining at the event will receive a discount on the first year's dues. Visit https://vienna-va. aauw.net for more information.

#### JeanFest22

#### Saturday, Sept. 10 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. & 7-10 p.m.

Enjoy this new family fun and music festival sponsored by the Rotary Club of Vienna! Start the day on Mill Street and the Vienna Town Green for family friendly activities, live music, food trucks and more! The fun continues with a fundraising classic rock concert featuring the FBI Band at 7 p.m. at Jammin' Java. For more details visit www.jeanfest22.org.

#### Public Art Reception Sunday, Sept. 11

#### 1-3 p.m.

The public is invited to mingle with artists at the Vienna Arts Society's celebration of upcoming events featuring the organization's 2023 public art project: "Take a Seat Vienna Returns." Enjoy light refreshments at the American Legion's covered outdoor pavilion, located at 330 Center St. N, Vienna. Rain date Sept. 18.

#### Vienna Community Band Season Begins Sunday, Sept. 11

6 p.m.

Do you play an instrument? Join the Vienna Community Band at the Vienna Community Center for its first rehearsal of the season under the direction of its new music director, Gilbert Corella! Gilbert currently serves as the conductor for the Loudoun Symphonic Winds and has 20 years of experience leading community bands. He also served in the US Air Force Band as a tubist and drum major. The Vienna band's fall concert is scheduled for Oct. 23, 2022. For more information, visit www.viennacommunityband.org.

#### American Legion Breakfast Buffet Sunday Sept. 18 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Enjoy Joe's custom omelets, scrambled eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, our famous sausage gravy & biscuits, Post 180 cake AND Fall Festival cake! Cost is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children younger than 12. Proceeds are used to send local high school students to the Virginia Girl's State program. For more information call 703-255-2918. American Legion Post 180 is located at 330 Center St. N.

#### Gallery in the Village Green Sunday, Sept. 18 4-5:30 p.m.

Meet the artists behind the Vienna Arts Society "Art Treasures I, Oils and Acrylics" exhibition, judged by Robert Yi of George Mason University's School of Art. Enjoy refreshments during the awards reception at the gallery located at 513 Maple Ave. W. Exhibition runs through Oct. 9. Gallery hours: Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. **Vienna Art Center**, Windover Professional Building, 243 Church Street, NW, suite 100 LL. Drop by to see members' original artworks and discover hand-made jewelry and other items in the gift shop. Wednesday-Saturday, 12-4 p.m. and by appointment. 703-319-3971.

#### Presentation: From Enslavement to Statesmen Saturday, Sept. 24 2:30-4 p.m.

Join National Park Service Supervisory Ranger Kenya J. Finley for this enlightening history presentation at the Vienna Community Center. For a few years between Reconstruction and the beginning of the Jim Crow era, roughly 2,000 African Americans rode a wave of reform to some of the most important political offices at the local. state and federal level, and nearly a dozen former slaves served in the U.S. Congress. These trailblazers faced mistreatment and intimidation from both the public and their fellow lawmakers, but they also served as some of the nation's most prominent advocates of racial equality. From a former manservant to a little-known Civil War veteran, learn about five men who rose from slavery to become part of the United States' first generation of Black Congressmen. Presented by Patrick Henry Library.

#### Freeman Store Birthday Party Saturday, Oct. 15

#### 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Freeman Store & Museum's Used Book Cellar is turning 6 this fall, and you're invited to join the celebration! Stop in to enjoy some family fun and explore special book sale offerings. The Freeman Store is located at 131 Church St. NE.

#### Take A Swing at Preventing Homelessness! Wednesday, Oct. 19

#### 1 p.m. Shotgun Start

Join Family PASS for its 6th Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Westfields Golf Club in Clifton, Va. This Fred Couples-designed course is fun and accessible for the novice golfer, yet challenging and thought-provoking for the experienced golfer. Registration is \$195/golfer and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, box lunch, buffet dinner and prizes. To register, visit: https://birdease.com/FamilyPassGolf2022.



# 9/11: A Day of Remembrance

oin Vienna's American Legion Post 180, local leaders and community members for the Vienna Patriot Day ceremony, Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022, at 9 a.m. on the Freeman Store lawn, 131 Church St., NE. The annual day of remembrance commemorates the day 21 years ago when terrorists flew commercial planes into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a Shanksville, Pennsylvania field killing nearly 3000 civilians, first responders and military personnel. The public is invited to attend.



#### Americanism Essay Contest Winners



American Legion Auxiliary Vienna Unit 180 honored two local students for their Americanism essays about supporting families who provide care to their own families. This year's winners are Sophia Reyes of Our Lady of Good Counsel (7th and 8th grade) and Allison Paruti of Madison High School (11th and 12th grade). This is Allison's Paruti second win at the Department level since she began entering the contest in

third grade and Sophia's first win. In addition to local awards for their essays, Sophia and Allison also received a state award from the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Virginia program. Congratulations!

## **Mayor's Pet of the Month**

eet Cooper, a 1-year-old parti poodle who loves to visit with customers at Merle Norman in the Danor Plaza shopping center. Since his arrival one year ago, Cooper starts his day making the rounds at neighboring stores, especially the barber shop and Norm's. This business ambassador

also offers a special welcome to Vienna Business Association Executive Director Peggy James when she stops by.

Congratulations, Cooper! You're the Mayor's Pet of the Month for September! **V** 



**LOVE PETS?** Check out the Mayor's Pet of the Week each Monday at 12 p.m. on the Town's Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages (@TownofViennaVA). To nominate your pet, email **Mayor@viennava.gov** with your pet's name, type of pet (please be specific), a photo of your pet, and three reasons why you think your animal should recognized. Nominations are accepted on a continuing basis, and there is no deadline for submission.

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# September town CALENDAR

4	Little Library Open • 1-4 p.m.
4	Club Phoenix Open House • 5-7 p.m.
5	Town Offices Closed (Labor Day)
6	Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 p.m.
8	Town Business Liaison Committee • 7 p.m.
10	Quarterly Recycling Day
	(Northside Property Yard) • 8 a.m2 p.m.
11	9/11 Remembrance Day Ceremony
	(Freeman Store Lawn) • 9 a.m.
12	Town Council Meeting • 8 p.m.
13	On Deck with Mercury • 6 p.m.
14	Planning Commission • 7:30 p.m.

15	Board of Architectural Review • 7:30 p.m.
16	Chillin' on Church • 6:30-9:30 p.m.
17	NOVA Model Railroaders Open House • 1-5 p.m.
19	Town Council Conference Session • 7:30 p.m.
20	Vienna Public Art Commission • 7 p.m.
21	Board of Zoning Appeals • 7:30 p.m.
22	Conservation and Sustainability Commission • 7:30 p.m.
24	Teens on the Green • 11 a.m1 p.m.
26	Town Council Meeting • 8 p.m.
27	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee • 7 p.m.
27	Transportation Safety Commission • 8 p.m.
28	Planning Commission • 7:30 p.m.

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings take place at Town Hall, 127 Center Street S. Meeting schedule subject to change; check **www.viennava.gov** for updates. VCC-Vienna Community Center VPD-Vienna Police Department