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Vienna Businesses Recognized for Sustainable Practices

Nine local businesses and organizations were recognized for their efforts to adopt environmentally sustainable practices during the Vienna Town Council meeting on Monday, Feb. 1, 2023. The annual Sustainability Challenge, sponsored by the Town's Conservation and Sustainability Commission, encourages local businesses to demonstrate sustainable practices in one or more of five areas: Energy Conservation, Water Conservation, Waste Reduction, Transportation and Purchasing.

Two businesses emerged as 2023 Sustainability Champions for completing all five categories. They are C&C Garage, and Roberto's Ristorante Italiano.

Businesses and organizations that met the criteria in individual categories were also recognized as 2023 Sustainability Awardees. They are Body Grace Yoga, Vienna Assembly of God, Vienna Vintner Wine Shop, Vienna Presbyterian Church, Hawk & Griffin, Sundown & Rise Up, and Trace The Zero Waste Store.

The Sustainability Challenge is a voluntary, free, self-certification program designed to help Vienna businesses, nonprofits, and community organizations achieve and model sustainability. To be certified, organizations evaluate their current practices and document their sustainability activities. To learn more, visit <u>www.viennava.gov/sustainabilitychallenge</u>.

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