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Introducing Vienna Connect!

t's easier than ever to report non-emergency concerns to the Town of Vienna through a new mobile phone app called Vienna Connect! The new app allows residents to report everything from potholes to downed trees and more, quickly and efficiently.

"The functionality of Vienna Connect is more intuitive than the previous platform we were using for service requests," said Information Technology Director Tony Mull, who managed the project. "It also enables residents to upload a supporting photo, if they wish."

Vienna Connect is available for download for both Android and iPhones. You can also access Vienna Connect from a traditional computer via the Town website. Just log on to **www.viennava.gov**, click on the "report a problem" button on the homepage and start reporting.

While those who report a problem can expect email responses, residents can also check the status of their request via the app. Remember: Vienna Connect is for non-emergency issues that do not require an immediate response. The reports are monitored on weekdays during regular business hours, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m., and those who report a problem can expect a response by the next business day.

If you need immediate police, fire or emergency medical assistance, please call 911.

For water and sewer emergencies, such as water main breaks or sewer backups, or for other non-emergency requests requiring police response, such as animal control, noise or parking complaints, fender-benders and lost property, please call the Vienna Police non-emergency number: 703-255-6366.



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Starting a New Chapter in Library History

he new and improved Patrick Henry Library is slowly, but surely becoming a reality.

After a presentation about the desegregation of Northern Virginia Libraries, residents got to see architectural concepts of what the new Patrick Henry Library will look like at the Liberty Amendments Month "Liberty and Libraries" event in July.

The library will remain at its current location at the corner of Center Street, S and Maple Ave., E, but the new version will be a third bigger than the current building. It will house more meeting spaces, reading nooks for kids and adults, ample parking thanks to a new parking garage, and a welcoming outdoor plaza designed with small gatherings in mind. Construction on the two-year project is expected to begin in fall 2024.

To learn more about the history of Patrick Henry Library and the future of this Town fixture, visit https://youtu.be/dsdJ0Hr16ns. **U**











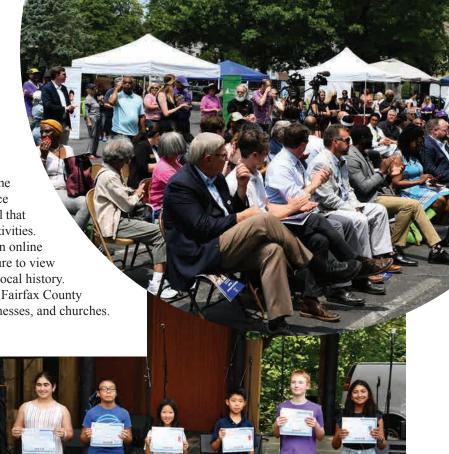
See You Next Year!

hat's a wrap for the third annual Liberty Amendments Month, and what an inspiring way to celebrate our common bonds! This year's celebration from June 17-July 17 featured education, inspiration, and family-friendly events and activities to commemorate the 13th, 14th, 15th and 19th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, which granted full citizenship rights to people who were previously excluded from the Constitution.

The month-long celebration began with the Juneteenth celebration at First Baptist Church, where U.S. Senator Mark Warner of Virginia and George Mason University President Gregory Washington delivered inspiring speeches. Following that event, community members continued to come together for weekly educational events, a lively Independence Day celebration, and a globe-spanning Multicultural Festival that closed out the month with live music and family-friendly activities.

Many of this year's events were recorded and can be seen online via the Town's YouTube channel. While you're there, be sure to view our "Liberty Minutes," short video segments highlighting local history.

This year's series was presented by the Town of Vienna, Fairfax County government and numerous community organizations, businesses, and churches. We'll see you again next year!









Updates from Vienna Parks & Recreation

Summer Fun Continues with Vienna Events!

Chillin' on Church

Friday, Aug. 18 | 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Vienna's favorite block party continues every third Friday of the month through September on historic Church Street. This family-friendly event features live music, food trucks, and beer and wine vendors. Admission is free. To learn more, including the monthly live entertainment lineup, visit www.viennava.gov/chillin.

Summer on the Green Concerts Fridays, Aug. 4-25 | 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy a free summer concert on the Vienna Town Green! The Town's Summer on the Green concert series features a wide range of musical genres. Concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. and are approximately 90-minutes long. For more information visit www.viennava.gov/summeronthegreen. Thanks to our 2023 series sponsor the Rotary Club of Vienna.

Performance Schedule

Aug. 4 US Navy Band- The Cruisers

Aug. 9 Vienna Moms Inc. Presents Rocknoceros*

Aug. 11 The Hot Lanes Jazz Orchestra

Aug. 18 Chillin' on Church- Ocho de Bastos

Aug. 25 Fat Chance

Sept. 15 Chillin' on Church- Sudden M-Pac Band

*Rescheduled from June 21



Drop-in Sports Fees Rise for Non-Town Residents

Starting Tuesday, Sept. 5, dropin sports fees at the Community Center will be increased from \$3 to \$5 for people who live outside Town limits. Town residents may continue to enjoy drop-in sports at no charge.

Stay Up to Date with Vienna Happenings!

For weekly updates on events and fun things to do around town, sign up for the Town's weekly e-newsletter, "Vienna Happenings." To sign up, visit www.viennava.gov/happenings. For quick updates, follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @TownofViennaVa.

Fall Registration Begins

Planning to take a class or participate in an event this fall? Start planning now and be ready to sign up when registration opens at 8 a.m. on Aug. 7 for Town of Vienna Residents, and at 8 a.m. on Aug. 14 for participants who live outside of Town limits. To see the fall offerings, pick up a program guide at the Community Center or view it online: www.viennava.gov/parkguide.

Kids on the Green Tuesdays in August 10 a.m.

Enjoy our 6th annual series of free, interactive kids' programs on the Vienna Town Green presented by the Town of Vienna and sponsors. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy a 30-45-minute program for kids of all ages. Call the weather line at 703-255-7842 or check the Town's social media for updates on weather cancellations. Thanks to our sponsor Vienna Presbyterian Church. For more information, visit www.viennava.gov/kidsonthegreen.







Community Center Maintenance Weeks Aug. 21-Sept. 3

The Vienna Community Center pauses all programs, classes and events for two weeks each year to allow staff and vendors time to give the facility an annual deep cleaning and perform building maintenance. During the hours posted below, the building lobby will be open, the front desk will be staffed, and the lobby restrooms will be open and available to the community.

Maintenance Week Hours:

Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m.-3p.m. Sunday Closed

Big Screen on the Green

Thursdays in August 8:30 p.m.

Enjoy a summer movie under the stars on the Vienna Town Green! Complimentary water and popcorn will be available while supplies last. **Thanks to our series sponsor: Navy Federal Credit Union.**

Features:

Aug. 3 – "Sing 2" Sponsored by Longshore Properties

Theater owner Buster Moon sets his sights on producing a brand-new musical with his troupe in the glamorous Redshore City. To gain the support of a ruthless music mogul, he pitches that he'll feature Clay Calloway, a legendary but elusive rock singer, as part of the show. Now, all the group needs to do is find the recluse and persuade him to perform with them.

Aug. 10 – "Luca" Sponsored by Longshore Properties

Set in a beautiful seaside town on the Italian Riviera. Disney and Pixar's original feature film "Luca" is a coming-of-age story about a young boy experiencing an unforgettable summer filled with gelato, pasta and endless scooter rides. Luca shares these adventures with his newfound best friend, Alberto, but all the fun is threatened by a deeply held secret: they are sea monsters from another world just below the water's surface.

Bike Safe Vienna

Thether you're cycling for fun, fitness, heading to work, or running errands, the Town's Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) encourages you to bike safely and be aware of the laws related to bicycling. Did you know that, in Virginia, every person riding a bicycle has the same rights and duties applicable to the driver of a motor vehicle? Additionally, the Vienna Virginia Code of Ordinances, Chapter 21, titled "Vienna Bikeway Plan" outlines supplemental regulations for cyclists, including:

- Helmets Cyclists who are age 14 and younger are required to wear an approved helmet. The BAC strongly recommends every cyclist, regardless of age, wear a helmet.
- Lights and Reflectors Every bicycle, when in use between sunset and sunrise, is required to be equipped with a lamp on the front that emits a white light visible for 500 feet in clear weather, and a red reflector or tail light (emitting either a flashing or steady beam) on the back of the bicycle.
- **Signal Device** Every bicycle is required to be equipped with a horn or bell capable of giving an audible signal for a distance of at least 100 feet.
- Bikes on Sidewalks Children younger than 11 may ride a bicycle on any sidewalk. Bicyclists of any age may ride on sidewalks wherever it is hazardous to ride in the roadway. Cyclists riding on sidewalks must yield to pedestrians.
- Earbuds/
 Earphones It is unlawful for any person to operate a bicycle while using earbuds/earphones on or in both ears.

To learn more about the laws and regulations pertaining to bicycling in Town, Fairfax County, and the Commonwealth, you can search the Code of Virginia Title 46.2 and the Vienna Virginia Code of Ordinances, Chapter 21.



Fall - The Perfect Season for Planting Trees

by Scott Diffenderfer, Town of Vienna Urban Arborist



t may seem strange (it feels strange) to be talking about fall anything right now but if you have the urge to plant a tree, fall is the perfect time to plant. August is the perfect time to plan on what you want to plant. Some of you may be thinking; "But Scott! Why is fall a better time to plant trees?" I say, "Good question!" There are many benefits to fall planting and kudos to you for deciding to plant a tree this fall.

Cooler Temperatures: If you plant trees after the hot and dry weather is behind us, the trees will perform better. They won't

need as much water as they would need in hotter months, and they won't need to be watered as frequently.

Better Planting Conditions: In fall weather, the soil is less prone to dry out due to transpiration and evaporation, and the roots actively grow at this time, so moisture is important for plant and tree health.

Better Chance for Survival: By planting in the fall, the tree has the entire time from planting until the following season (when it gets hot and dry) to acclimate to its new location. The roots will establish in that time, providing a much better opportunity for water and nutrient uptake in the next year's growing season.

Often, I am asked what the best time to plant a tree is and I usually say 5 or 10 years ago, or whenever you plant the tree. But if you can plant a tree in the fall, the chances for success are typically greater than in any other season.

Have a question about trees for Scott? Email him at Scott.Diffenderfer@viennava.gov.



Important 2023 Election Dates

Friday, Sept. 22
Early Voting Begins
Monday, Oct. 16
Voter Registration Deadline
Friday, Oct. 27
Deadline to Request to Vote by Mail
Saturday, Nov. 4
Last Day to Vote Early
Tuesday, Nov. 7
General Election

For more election information, voter eligibility and voter registration status, visit www.viennava.gov/vote.

General Election Ballot Includes Mayor and Town Council Races

he 2023 Vienna Mayor and Town Council election will be on the November General Election ballot this year for the first time ever. Also new this year – all seats will be on the ballot, rather than staggard, two-year terms in past May election cycles. The election-cycle change took place when the 2021 Virginia General Assembly passed a law that requires municipal elections to be held in November. The filing deadline has passed, and Mayor Colbert faces no opposition. Eight Town Council candidates are running to fill six seats.

Here is the 2023 slate of candidates:



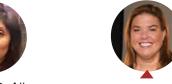


Linda Colbert*

Council:



Sandra D. Allen



Elizabeth D. Korondv



Charles "Chuck" Anderson*



Shellev M. Mountiov



Roy J. Baldwin



Jessica H. Ramakis



Rav S. Brill*



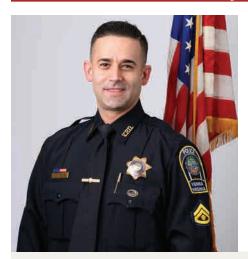
Howard Springsteen*

More information about the candidates' background will be featured in the September issue of Vienna Voice. *Incumbant



"Word from Juan"

Don't Get Scammed by Alleged Police!



ave you recently received a phone call from someone claiming to be from the Town of Vienna Police Department? If so, please be aware scammers are currently targeting residents by falsely claiming they have missed a court date or jury duty. These scammers use unregistered phone numbers and caller IDs with masking/spoofing technology to make it appear as if the call is coming from our local police department. They often request store gift cards, pre-paid debit cards, or money orders for court costs and fines. Please know that the Vienna Police Department will never call a resident asking for money or any other compensation for any reason.

If you have received a jury duty summons and need to confirm its validity, you can contact the Fairfax County Circuit Court Jury Duty Clerk at 703-246-7816 and press 0. If you believe you have missed a court date, you can contact the Fairfax County General District Court at 703-246-3764 to check the status of your case. If you suspect scammers have targeted you, please report the incident to the Town of Vienna Police Department at our non-emergency number 703-255-6366.

Juan Vazquez is the Vienna Police Department Public Information Officer. He conducts community outreach and public safety programs for area schools and community groups. To contact him, email **Juan.Vazquez@viennava.gov** or call 703-255-7845.

Putting Experience to the Test

hoever heard of a 50-something-year-old rookie police officer? That was Town of Vienna police officer Chip McElhattan just a couple of years ago! He's proof positive that age is just a number, and as a Vienna officer, he brings with him his prior career experience in the federal service. Qualifying for local law enforcement isn't easy, but McElhattan was up to the test, and he's already been recognized for valor! See his inspiring story in our video series, "What's Your Story?" View it on the Town's YouTube Channel: https://bit.ly/OfficerChip. It also runs periodically on the Town of Vienna Community Network (TVCN) - Cox Channel 27 and Verizon Channel 38.

Do you have an interesting story to tell, or do you know someone else who does? Tell us about it! Send an email to **pio@viennava.gov** with "What's Your Story" as the subject line.





Topic on deck: Vienna's Tree Canopy



own beautification and the community's tree canopy are the topics for this month's "On Deck with Mercury" program. Town Manager Mercury Payton and Park Maintenance Superintendent Jeremy Edwards discuss the impact of new development on Vienna's tree canopy and plans to increase coverage. Plans to update the planter boxes on Maple Avenue and Church Street to create a more welcoming feel are also discussed. "On Deck with Mercury" is

a monthly community forum hosted by Town Manager Mercury Payton. You can also catch this program and previous episodes on the Town's YouTube channel, www.YouTube.com/TownofViennaVa.



MEET THE MAYOR

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

- Meet the Mayor: Periodically Mayor Colbert sets up "office" in various Vienna locations. The next "Meet the Mayor" is on Friday, August 4, from 9-10:30 a.m. at the Vienna Inn, 120 Maple Ave., E. Stop by, grab some coffee or some breakfast, and share your thoughts.
- Business Walkabout: The mayor and Economic Development Director 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 most months. Meet in front of Vienna Town Hall on Friday, August 18, at 9:30 a.m.

• Office Hours: Drop in for open

office hours 10:30-11:30 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@viennaya.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.

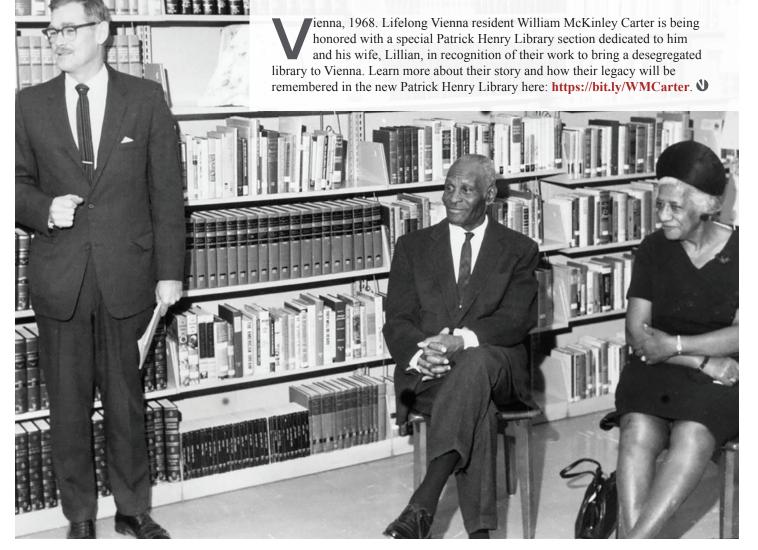
Need Relief?

o you need assistance paying your past due water bill? The Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is a temporary, federally funded program to assist low-income households with water and sewer bills. The program is now available for residents who are experiencing financial difficulty in paying their past-water bill. To qualify, households must have a past-due water bill and a gross household income below 150% of the federal poverty level. Businesses are not eligible for this assistance. Eligible households may apply for LIHWAP relief through Sept. 30, 2023. For more information, visit www.virginialihwap.com or call 1-888-373-9908.









Mayor's Pet of the Month

eet Dixie, a 14-year-old rescued Lab Dalmatian mix and the devoted pet of Nancy and Mark Mabee. Dixie may be getting on in years, but you wouldn't know it from the way she plays with her toys and noses into her toybox just like a puppy would. Plus, she can still raid a refrigerator like nobody's business if it isn't on lockdown.

Congratulations, Dixie! You're the Mayor's Pet of the Month!

Nominations for Mayor's Pet of the Month are accepted on an ongoing basis. To nominate your pet, send an email to 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.





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History Presentation

Monday, Aug. 7 7:30 p.m.

Join Historic Vienna, Inc. for a special presentation of "Drop Dead Gorgeous" presented by Jim Lewis, a local historian, author and preservationist. Jim will take you on a journey through some of the deadliest beauty trends of the past such as poisonous skin regimens, bad diets, tight corsets and the hottest hairstyles! The presentation will be held in the Council Chambers at Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center St., S. Free admission. Open to the public.

Lions Club Dining for Dollars Fundraiser

Tuesday, Aug. 8 11 a.m.-9 p.m.



Enjoy a delicious meal and support a worthy cause at the same time by dining at Fosters Grille Vienna on Aug. 8, and the second Tuesday of every month. Simply ask the cashier to put your receipt in the Lion's box, and Foster's will donate 20% of your purchase to Lions' youth, sight, hearing, and community programs. For more information contact Lion Tom at golfertom1943@gmail.com.

Children's Craft Program

Friday, Aug. 11 | 1 p.m.



Get creative with the Freeman Store & Museum! Children ages 3-12 will work with a variety of recycled materials to create lovely crafts. Adaptions made for each age group. Admission is free, and no registration required. The Freeman Store & Museum is located at 131 Church Street, NF.

Breakfast Buffet Fundraiser

Sunday, Aug. 20 | 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Celebrate August with American Legion Post 180's legendary breakfast buffet! Enjoy Joe's magnifi-



cent omelets, scrambled eggs, potatoes, bacon, sausage, pancakes, Vienna's sausage lady's renowned sausage gravy with biscuits. Post 180 cake and more! Proceeds are used to send local high school students to the Girls State conference. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$12 for children younger than 12. For more information call: 703-409-3564. American Legion Post 180 is located at 330 Center St. N., Vienna, Va.

The Legion Auxiliary is also accepting contributions of newborn disposable diapers, baby lotion, baby wipes, newborn clothes or gift carts to Walmart or Target to support expectant mothers who are female veterans in need.



Whether you're a budding artist, an art enthusiast or a seasoned professional, there's something creative for everyone to enjoy this summer with the Vienna Arts Society (VAS)! For details about the following programs and events, visit www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

Encaustic Oil Painting Workshop

Sunday-Tuesday | Aug. 13-15

Join artist Rachael McCambell at the Vienna Art Center for a three-day painting workshop. The center is located at 243 Church St. Northwest. To register, visit the VAS website.

Third Thursday Evenings with Art Aug. 17 | 4-7 p.m.

The Art Center stays open late on the third Thursday of the month! Bring friends and family to mingle with artists, view original artworks and hand-crafted gifts, and enjoy a sip and a bite.

Gallery in the Village Green

Get inspired with an all-member exhibition celebrating summer. On display 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Saturday. The gallery is located at 513 Maple Ave., W in the Village Green Shopping Center.

Take a Seat Vienna Returns!

Discover 40 hand-painted cypress benches placed at sponsor locations around town! Local artisan Ralph Reinecke created the benches, which were painted by Vienna Arts Society

members. Maps are available at sponsors' locations, at the Vienna Art Center and online: www.viennaartssociety.org/ take-a-seat-vienna.





Open for business

Town of Vienna business licenses were issued in June to:

BM Trading, LLC

Home Business-Online Sales 1026 Moorefield Creek Road, SW

B Mars Home Improvements

Handyman

352 Glyndon St., NE

Deal Hunter Estate Sales, LLC

Estate Sales

386 Maple Ave., E. - #200

Hamadis Hair Studio

Beauty Salon

303 Maple Ave., W - #C

Monceau Solutions, LLC

Home Business – Consultant 203 Locust St., SE - #A

Nail Ritual, LLC

Nail Technician 333 Maple Ave., E Ray's Photography

Photography

301 Maple Ave., W - #410

Restore Hyper Wellness &

Cryotherapy

Wellness Center 214 Maple Ave. W

Sunrise of Vienna OPCO, LLC

Assisted Living Facility
374 Maple Ave. W

The Mixx Delight, LLC

Restaurant

448 Maple Ave., E

Vienna School of the Arts, LLC

Tutoring

115 Beulah Road, NE - #200E

Vienna businesses with staying power

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

30 YEARS

MYRA BINNS BRIDGFORTH, LMFT, LPC

10 YEARS

NMA ARCHITECTS, LLC

5 YEARS

AMRO TOUR & CHARTER, INC.

COUNTDOWN TO NONE, INC.

DAY CONSULTING LLC

GRYPHON GLOBAL ADVISORY SERVICES, LLC

OM WITH ALI LLC

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	Finance Director	. Marion Serfass	703-255-6322
	Human Resources Director	. Michelle Crabtree	703-255-6351
	Information Technology Director	.Tony Mull	703-255-6364
	Parks & Recreation Director	. Leslie Herman	703-255-6356
	Planning & Zoning Director	. David Levy	703-255-6340
	Police Chief	. Col. James Morris	703-255-6390
	Public Information Director	. Karen Thayer	703-255-6330
	Acting Public Works Director	. Christine Horner	703-255-6380

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

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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 a.m.-4:30 p.m. PRSRT STD U.S. POSTAGE PAID Merrifield, VA Permit No. 36



August town calendar

1	Kids on the Green (Town Green) • 10 a.m.
1	Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 p.m.
3	Big Screen on the Green (Town Green) • 8:30 p.m.
4	Meet the Mayor • 9-10:30 a.m.
4	Summer on the Green (Town Green) • 6:30 p.m.
6	Little Library Open • 1-4 p.m.
8	Kids on the Green (Town Green) • 10 a.m.
8	On Deck with Mercury (Cox 27, Version 38) • 6 p.m.
9	Summer on the Green (Town Green) • 6:30 p.m.
10	Big Screen on the Green (Town Green) • 8:30 p.m.

11	Summer on the Green (Town Green) • 6:30 p.m.
15	Kids on the Green (Town Green) • 10 a.m.
15	Vienna Public Art Commission (VCC) • 7 p.m.
17	Board of Architectural Review • 7:30 p.m.
18	Mayor's Walk • 9:30-10:30 a.m.
18	Chillin on Church (Church Street) • 6:30-9:30 p.m.
23	Planning Commission • 7:30 p.m.
24	Conservation and Sustainability Commission (VCC) • 7:30 p.m.
25	Summer on the Green (Town Green) • 6:30 p.m.
28	Town Council Meeting • 8 p.m.