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ALUs Provide a New Option for Living Space

College students, seniors and others may soon have more affordable living options thanks to a recent zoning-code change approved by the Vienna Town Council at its regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 9, 2024. The change, which took effect on Dec. 30, 2024, enables single-family homeowners to create accessory living units (ALUs) within their home. For example, a homeowner may wish to convert a portion of the basement into a small, apartment-like living space for an aging parent who needs a little family assistance or for a college student who needs an affordable setup while pursuing a degree. The new spaces are limited to a maximum of 800 square feet and must meet additional zoning requirements. For more information, contact the Planning and Zoning Department at 703-255-6341 or email dpz@viennava.gov. 📍

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Robinson Trust Sidewalk Projects Completed

Vienna's longstanding vision for a walkable community is miles closer to reality thanks to a generous legacy bequest left by former Councilmember Maud Robinson. Today, five years after the initiative began, all Robinson Trust sidewalk projects are now complete, providing more than six miles of new walkways, connecting missing links and creating entirely new walkways on well-traveled roads including Courthouse, Lawyers, Beulah and Follin Lane.

"We're very satisfied with how everything has turned out," said project engineer Robert Froh. "These projects aligned with the Town's strategic goals and the Town Council and Town staff were very supportive and helped us get through this process."


Maud Robinson and her late husband, longtime Mayor Charlie Robinson, enjoyed walking around town during their lifetime here. They envisioned a community that provided people of all ages and abilities safe passage through neighborhoods to events, businesses, schools and other locations.

"It's personally rewarding for me to drive around and see so many people using these new sidewalks, safely walking around town," said project manager Alsinia Ervin.

At first, not all residents whose neighborhoods got new sidewalks were in favor of the projects. But Ervin and Froh

worked with each homeowner to explain the work that would take place in the Town right-of-way, address community concerns and replace trees. Ervin says once the sidewalks were in place, even some of the harshest critics became believers.

"We hear stories all of the time about how the sidewalk installations have improved residents' daily lives," Ervin said. "One resident said the sidewalks have helped her get out of her house more, and another said she can now take her son, who has physical challenges, on walks."

Although the Robinson Trust projects are finished, new sidewalk projects are being planned for other parts of town in 2025. American Rescue Plan Act funds will pay for 1.4 miles of new sidewalks, and the Town's capital budget will pay for an additional 1.3 miles. All projects will help lead to the Town of Vienna Comprehensive Plan's long-range goal of having sidewalks on both sides of every street. To learn more about future projects, visit www.viennava.gov/sidewalks. 





Temporary Meals Tax Increase Vote Deferred to Jan. 27



For the second time, the Vienna Town Council voted to defer the proposal to temporarily raise the Town's meals tax from 3% to 4% to pay for a new public pool and fitness facility. The move came during its regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 9, 2024, at Vienna Town Hall. The vote was also deferred after a public hearing at the last regular Town Council meeting on Nov. 18.

At issue is the proposal to temporarily raise the meals tax by 1% for a 10-year period to pay for the design and construction of a new aquatics and fitness facility. The center would be located on the former Town Annex site located at 301 Center St., S, which the Town purchased in 2020 from the former Faith Baptist Church. The Town Council deferred its decision on the meals tax proposal to the Jan. 27, 2025, meeting to allow time to gather more information about the proposed facility's long-term operational costs and discuss it at a work session on Jan. 21, 2025, at 7 p.m. in the community room at the Vienna Police Department located at 215 Center St., S, Vienna, Va.

The Town's current 3% meals tax is among the lowest in the region and pays for capital projects such as roads, building improvements and park projects. It applies to prepared, ready-to-consume meals, and does not apply to standard groceries.

A temporary meals tax increase was used once before, from 2002 to 2008 to pay for the Vienna Town Green, which now serves as a central gathering space for public and private events and activities. Now, the Town Council believes a new aquatic and fitness center would further enhance the community's quality of life and fulfill a longstanding community wish. If the temporary 1% meals tax is approved, the facility would be constructed by 2030.

More information about the proposed aquatic and fitness facility is available online at www.viennava.gov/annex. 📄

New Online Payment Portal Opens in January

Paying Town of Vienna bills online is about to get a lot easier thanks to the new and improved Town payment portal. The applications for paying local taxes, permit fees and other services will all be connected through a user-friendly dashboard that simplifies the process. New to the dashboard are options for local business owners to pay for business licenses and meals taxes. The enhanced payment portal will be available beginning Jan. 6, 2025, at www.viennava.gov/cssportal. 📄



Annual Dog License Registrations Due



Did you get a new pet over the holidays, or have you renewed your current pet's license and dog tag? All dogs ages 4 months and older must be registered with the Town by Jan. 31 annually and have proof of updated rabies shots. A dog license helps animal control and local shelters easily identify your dog should it get lost or go off leash. For requirements and applications, visit www.viennava.gov/doglicense. 📄

Get to Know the New Finance Director

FIVE MINUTES WITH STEVEN BARLOW

Tell us a little bit about yourself?

I'm originally from Fredericksburg, Va. and graduated from the University of Mary Washington with a degree in Business Administration. I started my career working as a public accountant performing local government audits throughout Virginia. Not too long after, I transitioned from local government audits to federal audits, obtained my license as a Certified Public Accountant, and moved to the greater Vienna area. For the last year and half, I've worked at the Town of Vienna as the Deputy Director of Finance. It's been an incredibly rewarding and fulfilling experience serving the community in this role. As the Director of Finance, I look forward to enhancing financial transparency and identifying efficiencies in the services we provide.

What attracted you to the job?

The people. The Town has wonderful people that work across all departments who really care about this community.



Town Manager Mercury Payton and all the department heads set an excellent tone at the top, promoting "The Vienna Way," which serves as guiding principles for me and all other Town staff.

Life outside of Finance.

What are your favorite things to do or enjoy?

When I'm not working, I enjoy spending time with my wife, Chau, and our two labradoodles, Finn and Hazel. We enjoy playing golf together, traveling,

and trying new and exciting restaurants. I also enjoy attending sporting events and cheering on the Washington Nationals and the Washington Wizards.

What exciting initiatives do you want to accomplish as the Town's new Finance Director?

I'm looking forward to improving the Town's online financial processes, websites, and implementing technology to increase efficiency in the service that we provide. My goal is to reduce friction when residents need to access our websites and pay online, and to provide clear information and instructions when doing so. I also look forward to further ensuring transparency in our operating and capital budgets by implementing an online budgeting system, which could be accessed by the public.

Favorite spots in Vienna?

One of my favorite things about Vienna is the coffee and food scene. A day

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This Month's Topic on Deck: Vienna's Financial Future



A new chapter begins in the New Year as the Town of Vienna welcomes a new finance director to the ranks just as budget season begins. Join Town Manager Mercury Payton and get to know the Town's new Finance Director, Steven Barlow, during this discussion about financial planning for the next fiscal year.

On Deck with Mercury is a monthly community forum hosted by Town Manager Mercury Payton. If you missed previous episodes, you can still see them on the Town YouTube channel:

<https://bit.ly/MercuryOnDeck> 📺



ON DECK
WITH MERCURY

6 P.M.
TUESDAY, JAN. 14

LOCATION:
QAMARIA COFFEE
124 MAPLE AVE. W,
VIENNA, Va. 22180

YOUTUBE @
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spent at my favorite spots would include Qamaria for breakfast, The Sandwich Shop for lunch, and Sushi Yama for dinner.

What was your first job?

My first job after graduating college was working for a public accounting firm that

audited local governments and non-profits. It was during my time there that I visited the Town of Vienna for the first time and immediately fell in love with the area.

One thing folks would be surprised to know about you.

One thing people would be surprised to know about me is that I enjoy cooking and

learning about new dishes and cuisines. My two favorite meals to cook are Butter Chicken and Pan-Seared Ribeye.

Your baseball walk-up song would be...

If I had to pick a baseball walk-up song, it would be "Takin' Care of Business" by Bachman-Turner Overdrive. 🎵

Open for business

Town of Vienna business licenses were issued in November to:

Balanced Body Wellness Center

Massage Therapy

501 Church St., NE

Spry Till I Die

Yoga Studio

255 Windover Ave.

Parcel Plus

Packaging and Shipping

278 Cedar Lane

Vienna businesses with staying power

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

65 YEARS

AMERICAN LEGION POST 180

JACOBSON-BANKS VIENNA VENTURE, LLC

45 YEARS

CHARLES W. BLEVINS

FILA PROPERTIES, LLC

MILDRED B. ACAR TRUST

35 YEARS

AYRHILL HOUSE

ERASMO, LLC

JAS ROOFING CO.

PARK STREET BARBER SHOP

TELLEZ VIENNA EAST, LLC

30 YEARS

HICKORY MANAGEMENT, INC.

KARIN'S FLORIST, INC.

25 YEARS

EVOLUTION HEALTH & FITNESS

J.D.A. CUSTOM HOMES, INC.

PASS

TIM'S INTERIOR RENOVATIONS

20 YEARS

RUDY'S FRIENDS DOG TRAINING, INC.

YAS BAKERY

15 YEARS

APEX HAND THERAPY

CHRISTINE E. DOYLE

CVS/PHARMACY #1403

CVS/PHARMACY #1847

DOBSON, DAVANZO & ASSOCIATES, LLC

ELIZABETH CORRIGAN

ENGEL & VOLKERS TYSONS

FISHER CUSTOM BUILDERS

NETWORK SECURITY SERVICES, LLC

PELVICORE PHYSICAL THERAPY, PLLC

SALWA HASHISH

VIENNA LEASH

WALGREENS #13589

10 YEARS

AURORA LANDSCAPES, LLC

BLUE BIRD OF VIENNA

DCP DATA CONSULTING, LLC

DOMINION DIVE CLUB, LLC

DURESORT MEDIA LLC

JDC VIENNA GARDEN, LLC

POTBELLY SANDWICH SHOP

PSI FUND II, LLC

ROBINSON PAVING, INC.

SMART LOGIC, INC.

STUDIO 76, LLC

VIENNA TAX & ACCOUNTING, LLC

5 YEARS

ACUET ADVISORY, LLC

ANCHOR HOMES, LLC

APW CONSULTING

ARCANE CYBER, LLC

A.R. ROBERTS, LLC

BELLE JAR, LLC

BWT TIRE AND AUTO REPAIR, LLC

EUN YOUNG LEE

FAIRFAX RADIOLOGY CENTER

OF VIENNA

GTPI HOLDCO, LLC

LESU INVESTMENT, LLC

MOTION MASSAGE, LLC

100 CHURCH STREET NE, LLC

POPNOD, LLC

RLN CONSTRUCTION, LLC

STEMTREE FRANCHISING, LLC

THE CARPET HOUSE

UNITED RENTAL PROPERTIES, LLC

What's Next for Bambi?



BY COUNCILMEMBER ROY BALDWIN

Councilmember Chuck Anderson's column about deer overpopulation in the September issue

of the Vienna Voice struck a chord with many Vienna residents, including myself. Here's a photo of my aucuba bush after it recently served as an all-night salad bar for three or four deer.



Chuck's column inspired lots of suggestions from residents. In response, the Town Council held a work session on Oct. 7, during which Police Chief Jim Morris explained that the Town does not currently have a deer management program and that the Vienna Town Code generally prohibits the discharge of guns or use of bows and arrows. He also reported that Fairfax County has had a deer management program

since 1998, which primarily uses police sharpshooters to actively hunt and manage deer in many county parks including some surrounding Vienna. This program harvested 773 deer throughout Fairfax County in Fiscal Year 2024, including 63 in parks surrounding the town.

The Town Council authorized Police Chief Morris to contact Fairfax County to schedule deer culling by police sharpshooters in Northside Park and the mulch yard at 442 Beulah Road. On Dec. 2 we learned that the County deer management program approved our request, although their sharpshooters won't start until the Fall of 2025.

I'm hoping for much quicker action, so I intend to press for a Town Code amendment that will allow bow hunting in these same locations. We have heard from bow hunters about how successful the program has been in nearby jurisdictions, both as a means of reducing the deer population and providing fresh meat to programs that provide food for area residents who are experiencing food insecurity.

However, one statistic in Chief Morris' presentation concerned me – the County's FY24 deer management program reported a "nonrecovery" rate of 11%. As I understand it, this means that after the deer are shot, more than one in ten gets away, even though presumably grievously wounded.



For that reason, I want to pursue the concept of setting humane deer traps, which I believe could work in smaller stream parks such as Wildwood Park. These look and function in the same way as small humane animal traps, except large enough to accommodate a deer. When the deer approaches the bait to feed, it steps on a plate that causes the trap door to fall behind it, and it can be quickly and humanely dispatched and then transported to the butcher, and the "nonrecovery" rate goes to zero.

Town Attorney Steve Briglia is working on a set of revisions to the Town Code, and I hope that the Town Council will give final approval to appropriate amendments in a meeting in February.

In the meantime, please keep us abreast of your experience with deer and your suggestions by emailing us at **Council@ViennaVa.gov**. And for goodness sake, don't feed the deer! 🙅

Mayor & Chief at Your Service

TOPIC: THE HIDDEN DANGERS OF SOCIAL MEDIA

If you have children who use social media and other online apps, you may want to tune in for the latest episode of "Mayor and Chief at Your Service." Mayor Linda Colbert, Police Chief Jim Morris and Officer Juan Vazquez led this sobering discussion at the Vienna Police Department on Nov. 12, 2024, about threats from online predators who use social media in new ways to target children and teens. The 30-minute program reveals the warning signs and shows you ways you can protect your loved ones while they're online. Watch the program on the Town's YouTube channel: <https://bit.ly/SMpredators>. 🙏





Word from Juan

With winter weather upon us, snowy and icy roads can make driving hazardous. Here are some key tips to help you stay safe this season:

Prepare Your Car

Before heading out, make sure you have essential items in case you get stranded:

- Blankets, warm clothing, and extra gloves
- Non-perishable snacks, water, and a flashlight
- Jumper cables, ice scraper, and sand or salt for traction
- Fully charged phone and car charger

These items can keep you safe if you're stuck in snow or traffic.

What to Do After a Snow-Related Fender Bender

If you're in an accident, stay calm and:

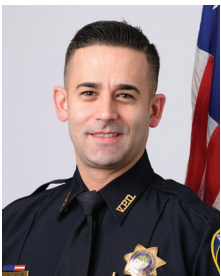
1. Move to a safe location if possible, and turn on your hazard lights.
2. Check for injuries and call 911 if needed.
3. Exchange information with other drivers and document the scene.

Response Times During Snowstorms

In snowy conditions, it may take longer for officers to respond due to emergency call demand and road conditions. Please be patient as we prioritize safety and work to reach you as quickly as possible.

By staying prepared and driving cautiously, you can help ensure your safety on the road this winter. Stay safe and warm! 🇺🇸

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.



Stay In the Know about Snow

Ever wonder what it takes to prepare for and battle the winter weather events in the Town of Vienna? Stay in the "snow" and learn about the Town's entire process and response to inclement weather in the latest episode of "On Deck with Mercury." Watch it periodically on the Town's cable channel, TVCN (Cox 27; Verizon 38), or anytime on the Town's YouTube channel here: <https://bit.ly/OnDeckDecember>.

For updates on the Town's operating status during inclement weather, check the Town's social media pages @TownofViennaVA, or visit the web: www.viennava.gov or tune into the Town Cable Channel, Cox 27 or Verizon 38. You can also sign up for text messages or email notification via Vienna Alerts at www.viennava.gov/alerts. 🇺🇸



It's Snow Season, Please Be a Good Neighbor!

Just as the Town has a responsibility to clear streets and public sidewalks after a snowfall, it is imperative that commercial and residential property owners do their part to help keep public passageways safe by clearing parking lots, sidewalks and other customer-facing or public areas on their property. Please be sure residential and other private snow-clearing activities are completed without piling snow on public streets, sidewalks or other public rights-of-way. By working together, Vienna can weather any winter storm and get moving again efficiently. 🇺🇸

Spreading Holiday Cheer on Two Wheels

No amount of foggy, cold weather could stop police officers from Vienna and other Northern Virginia jurisdictions from teaming up with Santa and friends for this year's Santa's Ride.

Santa swapped his sleigh for a motorcycle on Dec. 10, 2024, and joined officers to pick up toys and donations for sick children and local families in need before visiting students at schools all across the County. Santa's first stop was the Vienna Police Department, where he fueled up before heading out to pick up gifts across Fairfax County. This year, the donations were especially generous, thanks to the community support. Since 1988, Santa's Ride has been delivering joy to children in hospitals and charities. The 2024 ride was supported by multiple local police and sheriff's departments. 📍



Updates from Vienna Parks & Recreation

Sign up for Vienna Happenings E-Newsletter

There's always something fun to do in the Town of Vienna. Stay up to date with our weekly e-newsletter, Vienna Happenings. To sign up, visit www.viennava.gov/happenings.

Vienna Community Center Holiday Hours:

Tuesday, Dec. 31:

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 1: Closed

Friday, Jan. 17 (Inauguration Day Observed):

10 a.m.-10:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 20

(Martin Luther King Day):

10 a.m.-10:30 p.m.

All 2025 Vienna Community Center holiday hours are available at www.viennava.gov/hours. For the holiday open gym schedule, visit www.viennava.gov/opengym.

Bingo, Cookies and Cocoa

Friday, Jan. 24, 2025

1:30-3:30 p.m.

Adults ages 55+ are invited to sign up for an afternoon of bingo, cookies and hot cocoa at the Vienna Community Center. Enjoy a traditional bingo game

in a friendly atmosphere for a chance to win bargain prizes. Bingo cards are \$2 for 2 cards (limit 2 cards/person). Please bring an inexpensive or lightly used item to donate to our prize table (no food items). Pre-registration is required by Jan. 20. Register online: www.viennava.gov/webtrac or call 703-255-6360.

Vienna Theatre Company Presents: Rumors

Set in the 1980's, "Rumors" is a riotous comedy by Neil Simon that takes place during an elegant dinner party hosted by New York's Deputy Mayor. When the guests arrive, they discover a gunshot wound and a missing spouse, setting off a chain of mistaken identities, cover-ups, and outrageous rumors.

Show Dates:

Fridays and Saturdays

Jan. 17-18, 24-25, 31 and Feb. 1

8 p.m.

Sundays

Jan. 26 and Feb. 2

2 p.m.

Tickets:

All tickets are \$16 and are on sale now. Buy tickets in advance online at www.viennava.gov/theatre or at the Vienna Com-

munity Center. Tickets may also be purchased at the door before showtime, if still available.

Club Phoenix Teen Center Public Events:

School of Rock Concert

Friday, Jan. 3

4-6 p.m.

Enjoy the local talent from the youth in the Greater Vienna area while you play shuffleboard, billiards, or a round of uno.

Second Semester Open House

Thursday, Jan. 30

2:30-7 p.m.

Everyone is invited to check out the Club Phoenix Teen Center during this open house. Meet the staff, ask questions and learn about the programs, daily activities, volunteer opportunities, and more. Challenge your friends and parents in a game of shuffleboard, billiards, or table tennis. The Fairfax County Community Services Board will also be available to answer questions on local wellness resources available for parents and teens.

Zoom Parent Discussions

Join us for these virtual workshops designed to help parents build stronger relationships with their teenage children:

Introductory Workshop on Conscious Parenting

Tuesday, Jan. 21

7:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: Zoom, link provided upon registration

In this one-hour virtual workshop on Conscious Parenting, you will learn effective communication techniques to reduce conflict and create a deeper connection with your children. Presented by Mahtab Tehrani, MD, Conscious Parenting Coach.

Fairfax County Wellness Resources for Teens

Tuesday, Jan. 28

11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Location: Zoom, link provided upon registration

This virtual lunch session offers an overview of available wellness resources for parents and teens, presented by the Fairfax County Community Services Board. This information session will include parent discussions, suicide prevention resources, and more. To register for these virtual parenting workshops, visit www.viennava.gov/webtrac or call the Community Center at 703-255-6360.



Town Green Features Holiday Display Lottery Selection



For the second year in a row, the holiday tree on the Town Green is accompanied by a community display submitted in the Town of Vienna's holiday display lottery. While the policy allows for up to three displays to be selected, only one entry was submitted in 2024, and it met the criteria for display – a menorah submitted by Chabad Tysons to commemorate Hannukah.

"Our Town Manager, Mercury Payton, championed this process last year to provide an opportunity for community members to honor various winter holiday traditions in our public space," said Vienna Parks and Recreation Director, Leslie Herman. "We live in a multi-cultural community and providing an opportunity for people to share traditions that may be different from our own helps foster mutual respect and understanding among all residents in the season of light."

At press time, the group was planning a celebratory menorah lighting next to the Town's holiday tree on the Freeman Store lawn on Sunday, Dec. 29, 2024, at 5 p.m. to commemorate Hanukkah, which happened to fall during the 2024 Christmas season. Everyone was invited to participate in the festivities.

Vienna residents still have plenty of time to enjoy all the holiday lights on the Town Green. All displays are permitted to remain in the Town-owned public space until Friday, Jan. 10, 2025. 🕒

Parks and Rec Program Manager to Retire after 36 Years of Service

If you've ever signed up for a Vienna Parks and Recreation program or attended a Town event, chances are Amy-Jo Hendrix helped coordinate the effort. She started her career as one of two programmers 36 years ago, focusing on developing programs for teens and seniors and supervising evening staff members at the community center. She distinguished herself in the field and rose through the ranks serving as Recreation Program Manager, and for a time served as interim Director and Community Center Manager.

"I took pride in every program and event we created for the community," Hendrix said as she reflected on more than three decades of service just before retiring in December 2024. "We often worked long hours and on holidays, but in the end, the appreciation of the public made it all worth it."

Over the course of her distinguished career, Hendrix ran classes, camps, special events, Vienna Theatre Company and Vienna Youth Players events, and the Bowman House pottery program. She assisted with two Community Center renovation projects, started the Club Phoenix Teen Center program, and helped to bring pickleball to Vienna in 1988. At one time, she even helped mow and line athletic fields!

The holidays were especially busy as Hendrix helped plan and coordinate holiday programs year-round, including Halloween



parties for kids, Lunch with Santa at the Community Center, and a Stockings for Soldiers event, which won a state award for Best New Special Event from the Virginia Recreation and Parks Society (VRPS) in 2005. And if you ever attended a Town-wide event, such as the Halloween Parade or the 4th of July celebration, you could often see Hendrix in action helping to make sure each activity went off without a hitch.

"One of my favorite memories is from the 4th of July," Hendrix recalled. "We'd be up at 5 a.m. to get ready for the event, and we worked hard to get all the pieces together and enjoyed watching the attendees have a great time."

In addition to her work in Vienna, Hendrix has been an active member of VRPS since 1988. She served in numerous regional and state leadership roles, served as the editor of the organization's statewide parks and recreation magazine for 16 years, and currently serves as a member of the VRPS Foundation board.

As Hendrix begins her next chapter in retirement, she leaves behind an impressive body of work. It's a legacy that will continue to serve the Vienna community for generations to come.

"I will miss the people I worked with every day because they are what made Vienna a great place to work," she said. 🕒




A “Hairy” Situation Leads to Lifesaving Campaign

As in years past, Vienna Police officers went “undercover” to take part in #NoShaveNovember to raise awareness about prostate cancer and to generate support for research to find a cure in this year’s nationwide Zero Cancer Grow-and-Give campaign.


Police Chief Jim Morris suspended the dress-code rule, relaxing the department’s no-beard policy for the entire month of November so officers could participate, and their efforts paid off!

For the fourth year in a row, Town of Vienna Police can claim “victory” over the competition in this year’s nationwide Zero Cancer Grow-and-Give campaign. The department raised a total of \$3,439, the most money in the competition for the First Responder category.



Nearly 250,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in the United States this year alone, and the illness is very treatable if diagnosed early. In addition to raising awareness and funding research to find a cure, the Zero Cancer organization provides educational materials to men and their families and offers screenings for men who would otherwise be unable to afford them. 


Picture it!

Vienna, circa 1923. The Kenyon family gathers on the front porch of a Vienna home for this photo. The image is part of a National Photo Company collection at the Library of Congress. We don’t know much more than that other than Vienna’s Kenyon family roots date back to 1866. According to a present-day Kenyon family member and an historian who saw the image on the Town’s Facebook page, the original Kenyon family farm was in the vicinity of the present-day Westwood Country Club, and descendants lived in homes throughout Vienna including Park Street, Mill Street and the northwest part of town. 



Mayor’s Pet of the Month

Meet Hufflepuff, or Huffy for short! He is part of the Yazdani family, and he was named after the Hogwarts house, Hufflepuff. He’s an adorable Golden doodle, with three-quarters mini poodle and one-quarter golden retriever in his blood. Huffy has a big heart for making new friends, whether they’re people or other dogs, and energy outdoors is contagious. Whether it’s a game of fetch or a round of soccer, he’ll lift your spirits, even if he gets a bit muddy in the process.

Congratulations, Hufflepuff! 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 be recognized.



HAPPENINGS around town

Fairfax Lions Club Dining for Dollars Fundraiser

Tuesday, Jan. 14 • 11:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

Happy New Year to our supporters and to Foster's! Enjoy a delicious meal and support a worthy cause by dining at Foster's Grille in Vienna on the second Tuesday of every month. Simply ask the cashier to put your receipt in the Lions' box, and Foster's will donate 20% of your purchase to support Fairfax/Vienna-area youth, sight, hearing, and community programs. If you have used eyeglasses and hearing aids, please bring them with you for donation. For more information, contact Lion Tom at golfertom1943@gmail.com.

Football Fandemonium Bingo Sundays in January • 6 p.m.

Stop in to play Bingo on Sundays and support the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department at the same time! January's theme is Football Fandemonium offering these specials if you wear football attire:

Jan. 5 | \$10 Off Bingo Games

Jan. 12 | Free Dauber

Jan. 19 | \$10 Off Instant Games

Jan. 26 | Free Dessert

The fire department is located at 400 Center St. S, Vienna, Va. Doors open: 4 p.m.,

Bingo starts: 6 p.m. For more info visit:

<http://vvfd.org/bingo.html>.

Thursdays with Art

Thursdays in January are special at the Vienna Art Center. Whether your "zooming" in or stopping by in person, you're sure to have a great time.

Second Thursday, Jan. 9, 7-8:30 p.m. - Stay in your cozy home and ZOOM with Barbara De Pirro for a "Just Paint Experience featuring Acrylic & Watermedia." For details and to register, visit www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

Third Thursday, Jan. 16, 4-7 p.m. - Drop in to the Vienna Arts Center to mingle with friends and enjoy a sip and a bite while seeing the latest artwork by local artists from all over the world. The center is located at the Windover Professional Building, 243 Church St., NE, Suite 100 LL, Vienna. **Fourth Thursday, Jan. 23, 12-4 p.m.** - Open studio! Artists gather at the center and work on paintings, learn from tutorials and share some creative energy. We'll save you a seat if you contact us at maryperko@icloud.com.

American Legion Breakfast Buffet Sunday, Jan. 19 • 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Welcome the New Year at the American Legion Auxiliary at Post 180 Breakfast Buffet. Enjoy Joe's custom omelets, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, breakfast potatoes, sausage gravy, biscuits, blueberry pancakes, fruit cocktail, Post 180 Cake and more. Adults \$12, children younger



than 12, \$5. This is a fundraiser for Girl's State and local youth activities. For more information, call 703-409-3564. American Legion Post 180 is located at 330 Center St., N, Vienna.

INOVA Blood Drive

Wednesday, Jan. 29 • 1-5 p.m.

Blood donations tend to drop this time of year because of holiday vacation schedules. Help replenish local, life-saving blood supplies by participating in the INOVA blood drive at American Legion Post 180 Patriot Hall located at 330 Center St. N, Vienna. To register, visit <https://post180va.org>.

Books and Tours by Appointment January & February

The Freeman Store & Museum, Used Book Cellar and Little Library Museum are open by appointment only in January and February. To schedule a tour, visit, or to make a purchase, email HistoricViennaVa@gmail.com. Used Book Cellar donations are welcome year-round. For more information, visit www.HistoricViennaInc.org.

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January TOWN CALENDAR

1	Town Offices and Community Center Closed (New Year Holiday) (No Waste Collection)
6	Town Council Meeting • 7:30 p.m.
7	Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 p.m.
8	Planning Commission • 7:30 p.m.
9	Town Business Liaison Committee • 7 p.m.
13	Town Council Work Session (VPD) • 7 p.m.
14	On Deck with Mercury (Qmaria) • 6 p.m.
15	Board of Zoning Appeals • 7:30 p.m.
16	Board of Architectural Review • 7:30 p.m.
17	Town Offices Closed (Inauguration Day Observed) (Regular waste collection) (VCC Open 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m.)
17	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 8 p.m.
18	NOVA Model Railroaders Open House • 1-5 p.m.
18	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 8 p.m.

20	Town Offices Closed (MLK, Jr. Holiday) (Regular waste collection) (VCC Open 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m.)
21	Vienna Public Art Commission (VCC) • 7 p.m.
22	Planning Commission • 7:30 p.m.
23	Tree Advisory Committee (VCC) • 6:30 p.m.
23	CSC Meeting (VCC) • 7:30 p.m.
24	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 8 p.m.
25	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 8 p.m.
26	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 2 p.m.
27	Town Council Meeting • 7:30 p.m.
28	Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee • 7 p.m.
28	Transportation Safety Commission • 8 p.m.
31	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 8 p.m.
31	Dog License Fee Due

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings take place at Town Hall, 127 Center Street S.
Meeting schedule subject to change; check www.viennava.gov/calendar for updates.
VCC, Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., SE
VPD, Vienna Police Department Community Room, 215 Center St., S