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## Community Input Sought for Proposed FY2026 Town Budget

It's budget season in the Town of Vienna and community members are invited to weigh in on the proposed fiscal year 2026 balanced budget, which holds the real estate tax rate unchanged at \$0.1950 per \$100 of assessed value. The proposed \$55.5 million plan also funds pay increases for eligible employees, addresses inflationary increases in operating costs and supports three parks and recreation needs identified as priorities in a December 2024 Town Council work session.

"This proposed balanced budget is lean compared to previous budgets, with a modest 3.2 percent increase over the current year's budget to manage inflationary pressures," said Town Manager Mercury Payton. "While proposed budgets in some of our neighboring jurisdictions call for an increase in property taxes to cover their operating expenses, our proposed budget demonstrates our commitment to provide services that we can with the revenue that we have."

The Town Council began deliberating the Town Manager's proposed budget during two budget work sessions on Saturday,

March 15 and Monday, March 17. The proposed budget is available for review online: [www.viennava.gov/budget](http://www.viennava.gov/budget).

Two public hearings on the budget have been scheduled:

### Public Hearing - Proposed Budget and Water & Sewer Rates

Monday, April 7

7:30 p.m.

Vienna Town Hall

### Public Hearing - Proposed Tax Rate

Monday, April 28

7:30 p.m.

Vienna Town Hall

Residents may provide feedback at the public hearings or by emailing the full Council at [council@viennava.gov](mailto:council@viennava.gov).

The final budget vote will take place on Monday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. at Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center St., S. 📍

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# Money Well Spent

## How the Town of Vienna Spent its Share of ARPA Funding

It's been four years since the United States Congress passed The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to provide COVID-19 pandemic-related financial relief to state and local governments. It was an economic shot in the arm that gave jurisdictions the ability to pay essential workers, continue government services, and make necessary capital investments in water, sewer, and/or broadband infrastructure.

Today, the Town of Vienna's overall infrastructure is stronger, thanks to the \$17 million lifeline from the federal government. The Public Works Department received the bulk of the ARPA funds and spent more than \$10 million to improve the Town's water and sewer infrastructure, street and sidewalk network, building security and accessibility.

"The most visible accomplishments that residents will notice are the improvements to our sidewalks and streets," said Vienna Public Works Director Brad Baer. "Many of the streets that were in poor condition at the start of the pandemic have been restored to good condition, and thanks to ARPA funds, we were able to address these needs more quickly than we would through traditional funding sources."

The balance of Vienna's ARPA funds paid for needs in five additional Town service areas:

**Information Technology:** to address critical hardware, security and software needs to better serve residents and to better defend against cybersecurity threats.

**Vienna Police:** to purchase and implement a body-worn camera program, update dispatch services, critical in-car radio and video systems, and a property room barcoding system, among other projects.

**Economic Development:** to support tourism initiatives and support



local businesses hard hit by the impact of the pandemic.

**Parks and Recreation:** to fund improvements to the Town Green, the Vienna Community Center and the Nutley Property Yard.

**Finance Department:** to pay for customer-facing system enhancements and feasibility studies for improvements to Vienna Town Hall.

"It was money well spent, and very much appreciated," said Town of Vienna Finance Director Steven Barlow. "Not all

of the ARPA-funded improvements are visible to the community, but all have and will have a positive impact on the quality of life for all residents for generations to come."

Some projects are still underway and are expected to be completed by the end of 2026. In addition, the Town Council also has nearly \$1 million of interest generated by the Town's ARPA funding, which can be allocated to general projects or initiatives. 🍷





## Need a Job? We're Hiring!

**W**hether you are affected by job loss or just looking to make a change, job opportunities and unemployment resources are available in the Town of Vienna and Fairfax County. The Town of Vienna has several full-time, part-time and seasonal job openings. To view them, visit [www.viennava.gov/jobs](http://www.viennava.gov/jobs).

The Fairfax County government has also set up an online federal workforce resource hub offering a wide variety of resources and services that can help former federal employees, contractors and anyone else affected by job loss. Visit <https://bit.ly/Ffxhub> to access the hub with information on job openings and job fairs, public health resources, state and federal resources, financial help and more. 📺

## Patrick Henry Library Prepares for Moving Day

**A** new chapter in local history is about to begin as Patrick Henry Library prepares to move to a temporary library location at Cedar Park Shopping Center. Shelves at the current location on Maple Avenue are being cleared to prepare for moving and storage, and meeting room reservations are no longer being accepted at the current location.

The Patrick Henry Temporary Library is expected to open in the Cedar Park Shopping Center this spring or early summer. The 2,800 square-foot location will offer a small browsing selection, public Wi-Fi, Chromebooks for onsite use, and limited programming such as story time for young patrons. Library users will also be able to pick up holds or return books at the temporary location.

The future Vienna-Carter Library will replace the existing Patrick Henry Library with an expansive, one-story, state-of-the-art facility and a four-level parking structure on the existing site located at 101 Maple Ave., Vienna. It will also feature an outdoor reading and gathering space and a flexible community space that will be open during and after regular business hours. The new Vienna-Carter library is expected to open in the summer of 2027. 📺



## Help Capture Memories of Patrick Henry Library

**P**atrick Henry Library, the Virginia Room at The City of Fairfax Library and Historic Vienna Inc. (HVI) are collaborating on a project to capture the Vienna community's memories of Patrick Henry Library before it is closed. Here's one of our favorites – a 2014 image of then Mayor Jane Seeman reading to children at the library. Mayor Seeman, loved books, loved reading, and loved Patrick Henry Library where she provided more than 3000 hours of volunteer service.

Make your memories a part of this beloved library's history by stopping at the Freeman Store and Museum to record your stories, or to borrow an interview kit from HVI and take it home to use. The kits include a recorder, a timer, and a set of questions to help jog your memory. We can also record your stories over the phone. Interviews will be transcribed and uploaded to the Fairfax County Public Library Virginia Room Oral History archive.

For more information on how to participate, email HVI at [historiciennava@gmail.com](mailto:historiciennava@gmail.com) or Patrick Henry Librarian [Deborah.Smith-Cohen@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Deborah.Smith-Cohen@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call 703-938-5187. 📺





## Enjoy Spring Blooms with the Walk on the Hill

**T**reat yourself to a glorious tour of the landscaped gardens in the historic Windover Heights district and celebrate spring with the Walk on the Hill, Sunday, April 27, from 2-5 p.m. This annual event is held on Windover Avenue between Lewis Street and Lawyers Road.

Since 1974, Walk on the Hill has inspired scores of visitors with self-guided tours through approximately 50 participating yards and gardens in the Town's historic Windover Heights neighborhood. The event also features live entertainment, exhibits, and refreshments.

For more information and to learn about volunteer opportunities for this event, call 703-255-6360 or email [rbgottfried@gmail.com](mailto:rbgottfried@gmail.com). 📞



## Picture it!

**L**ong before it was the activity hub we've come to know today, neighboring Tysons was filled with farmland and sprawling estates. Pictured here is Maplewood Manor, a magnificent mansion built in 1873 until it was torn down about a century later. It was located where Capital One headquarters stands today, just off Route 123 less than two miles from the Town of Vienna limits. 📍



## Share Your Story

**D**o your family roots extend beyond our nation's shores?

Make your family story part of Vienna history by sharing it during Liberty Amendments Month (LAM). If you have an interesting story to tell about your journey to America, path to citizenship, or what it means to be American, share it with us. Stories can be shared in any format from now through May 15 and will be included in our interactive program called "Our American Liberty Stories." For more information and to access a submission form, visit [www.viennava.gov/story](http://www.viennava.gov/story) or contact Lily Widman at [lily.widman@viennava.gov](mailto:lily.widman@viennava.gov) or 703-255-5738. 📞





## Town Seeks Architect for Volunteer Board



**A**re you an architect who has a passion for history? Apply to serve on the Windover Heights Board of Review. The board approves new construction and major exterior alterations to buildings within the Windover Heights Historic District in Northwest Vienna to ensure they are in line with the historic architectural aspects of the district.

To qualify, applicants must be registered to vote in the Town of Vienna. To learn more and to submit an application, visit [www.viennava.gov/boards](http://www.viennava.gov/boards) or call the Town Clerk's office at 703-255-6304. 📞

## Arbor Day Community Tree Planting

**T**his year's Arbor Day festivities span two days at Moorefield Park in the Town of Vienna. Join local dignitaries, scouts and parks and recreation staff for the commemorative ceremony on Friday, April 25 at 5 p.m. Then volunteer to help plant lots of native trees and shrubs at the park the following day, Saturday, April 26 at 9 a.m. The new plant installation will be the next generation of forest and will support efforts to maintain the Town's tree canopy within Moorefield Park, located at 700 Courthouse Road, Vienna. To volunteer at this community tree planting contact Jeremy Edwards at [Jeremy.Edwards@viennava.gov](mailto:Jeremy.Edwards@viennava.gov). 📞



# CSC Green EXPO

The whole family will give a hoot about the fun activities and money-saving ideas for sustainable living, and live animals at this free event featuring more than 30 local organizations representing:

**Sustainable Landscaping**  
**Composting**  
**Energy Efficiency**  
**Solar Power**

**Water Conservation**  
**Wildlife Conservation**  
**Climate Change**  
**...and more!**

**Thursday, April 24 • 7-9 p.m.**  
**Vienna Community Center**  
**120 Cherry St., SE, Vienna, VA**

[www.viennava.gov/CSC](http://www.viennava.gov/CSC)





## Updates from Vienna Parks & Recreation

### Sign Up for Vienna Happenings Newsletter

Visit [www.viennava.gov/happenings](http://www.viennava.gov/happenings) to receive the Town's weekly email with updates on what's going down around town.

### Wellness and Safety Expo

Adults ages 55+ are invited to the Wellness and Safety Expo Friday, May 9 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. The event features free medical screenings and educational opportunities regarding health strategies for older adults. It's an opportunity to nurture personal interests, learn something new and gather vital health-related information. For more information and vendor opportunities, contact Kathy Blevins at [kblevins@viennava.gov](mailto:kblevins@viennava.gov) or call 703-255-7801.

### Learning and Display Garden Volunteers Needed

Planting season is here, and Vienna's Learning and Display Garden needs volunteers. The garden highlights different crops, herbs and flowers year-round and hosts gardening classes. The garden was created in part to inspire residents to grow organic food. All volunteers ages 5-adult are welcome, and no gardening experience is required. The Town Garden Coordinator leads the service. To learn more and to volunteer, contact Brandy Wyatt at 703-255-6360 or [bwyatt@viennava.gov](mailto:bwyatt@viennava.gov).



### Spring Town Clean Up Day

Help clean up Vienna parks and trails during Spring Town Clean Up Day, Saturday, April 5 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. After meeting at the Vienna Town Green, volunteers are assigned a location in town that needs some attention. The parks and recreation department coordinates the event, providing supplies and assistance throughout the day. Preregistration is recommended not required. To register contact Brian Harrington at [bharrington@viennava.gov](mailto:bharrington@viennava.gov) or 703-255-5755.

### Bingo, Bunnies & Peeps

Celebrate spring with a traditional bingo game, chocolate bunnies, peeps and jelly beans, Friday, April 11 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. This activity for adults ages 55+ offers a friendly atmosphere and a chance to compete for 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). Register online by April 10 at [www.viennava.gov/register](http://www.viennava.gov/register)

### Vienna Theatre Company Presents: Decision Heights

**8 p.m.- Fridays and Saturdays, April 18-19, 25-26, and May 2-3**  
**2 p.m.- Sundays, April 27 and May 4**

This story about friendship explores the complex and essential role of women in wartime. Virginia Hascall has left her home and fiancé to become a Women Airforce Service Pilot, doing her part to help defeat the Axis powers in World War II. Through triumph and tragedy, Virginia and her sisters in flight suits learn as much about themselves as they do about airplanes. As the war rages, the women form a sisterhood that cannot be broken, and Virginia must make a decision that will change her life forever. Content warning for mild adult themes and smoking. Tickets are \$16. Buy tickets online:

[www.viennava.gov/webtrac](http://www.viennava.gov/webtrac).



### Vienna Theatre Company Presents: The Emperor's New Clothes

**11 a.m. and 2 p.m.**  
**Saturdays, April 26 and May 3**

This Theater for Young Audiences presentation of the classic production "The Emperor's New Clothes" is suitable for ages 3 and older. It's the fifth year the Vienna Theatre Company has presented the young audience series at the Vienna Community Center. Tickets are \$5 for children, \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors.

### Spring Pickleball Hours

A new pickleball schedule is in effect at Glyndon Park from March 1–Nov. 30. To see the full schedule and to reserve your court time, visit [www.viennava.gov/courts](http://www.viennava.gov/courts).

### Virtual Parent Discussion: Opioid Overdose And Naloxone Education

**Thursday, April 24**  
**11 a.m.–12 p.m.**

According to the CDC, drug overdoses are the leading injury-related cause of death in the United States. Learn how to recognize the symptoms and signs of opioid overdose in this special training-Opioid Overdose and Naloxone Education (Revive! Kit Training). Learn how to handle an overdose situation, when to administer naloxone to reverse an opioid overdose, and what to do afterwards. Register online to receive the link to this virtual discussion: [www.viennava.gov/register](http://www.viennava.gov/register). For more information, call 703-255-5736.





## BOWMAN HOUSE POTTERY SHOW AND SALE

**Saturday, May 3  
10 a.m.–3 p.m.  
211 Center St. S**

Don't miss out on great gifts for Mother's Day or another special occasion. Explore beautiful, handcrafted pottery created by students and teachers. Shop early for the best selection.

## Gentle Reminder: Time to Tidy the Lawn

### It's the Law

Spring is here, and now is the time to plan for your yard's maintenance. Public health and safety risks can be created by overgrown grass, weeds, and other foreign growth, which is why the Town code requires property owners to maintain their yards.

Property owners should mow their grass and prune all plantings; and remove trash, litter, garbage and debris. By law, grass and weeds should be no taller than six inches in height within 100 feet of any street or adjacent property line.

Property owners must also prevent vegetation on their lots from growing into public streets or sidewalks. This ensures safe, unobstructed passage for pedestrians.

For more information, or if you see a property within the Town that is not being maintained, please contact the Town's zoning compliance officers at [DPZEnforcement@viennava.gov](mailto:DPZEnforcement@viennava.gov). 📞



## Saying "No" to the Con-sino - the Movement Continues

BY COUNCILMEMBER CHUCK ANDERSON



The Vienna Town Council made opposition to a casino in Tysons its number one priority for the 2025 Commonwealth legislative session. For the second year in a row, the "no-casino" coalition prevailed. While the legislation that would have allowed for a casino referendum in Fairfax County passed the Senate, it died in the House of Delegates. We are grateful for our representatives in Richmond, Delegate Holly Siebold and Senator Sadam Salim, for their active opposition to this measure. And we are also thankful for the hard work by civic organizations in Tysons, McLean, Reston, and Vienna for the enormous efforts they

made to defeat this bill. In the end, it took all of us working together to stop this piece of legislation.

But the fight is not over. The proponents of this bill have fought for the measure in the past three sessions, and they have vowed to bring it back next year. There is a lot of money at stake. And the proponents' promises of immense, painless tax revenue is hard to turn down.

Nevertheless, the Council remains adamantly opposed to a casino in Tysons – or anywhere else in Fairfax County. We believe that the tax and economic benefits have been greatly exaggerated, and the proponents' estimates ignore negative impacts on property values, traffic and problem gambling.

We are not sitting idle until the next session. To be successful once again, we need your help. If you have an interest in joining the "con" casino movement, please contact me. We need to keep the "con" casino movement alive. 📞





## Keeping Your Drinking Water Safe



If you've noticed a chlorine taste in your drinking water lately, there's no cause for concern. Each spring, the Town's water treatment process switches from combined chlorine to free chlorine to clean out the water distribution system, and that process started on March 24.

"You may notice a chlorine taste or odor in your drinking water during the time that free chlorine is used,"

said Emily Goodman, Town of Vienna Water and Sewer Superintendent, "but the water is still absolutely safe to drink."

Goodman says if you do notice a change, you can reduce the chlorine taste or smell by running the cold tap for 2-5 minutes, refrigerating cold tap water in an open container, or using a water filter. All of these strategies will help improve taste during the water treatment period.

Public works crews also flush water mains this time of year to ensure the Town's 900+ fire hydrants operate properly. The work takes place from 9 p.m. until 7 a.m. and will continue through May 5.

To learn more about Vienna's water main flushing program, visit [www.viennava.gov/watermain](http://www.viennava.gov/watermain). 📺

## MEET THE MAYOR



**Mayor 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, April 4, from 9-10:30 a.m. at Simply Social Coffee, 260 Cedar Lane, SE. Stop by, enjoy some coffee and share your thoughts.
- **Mayor's Walk:** Join Mayor Colbert for a chat and stroll through the Town on the third Friday of most months. The next walk is on Friday, May 16. Meet in front of Town Hall at 9:30 a.m.
- **Office Hours:** The mayor is available to meet in her office weekdays, by appointment. To make an appointment, email [mclark@viennava.gov](mailto: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](https://www.facebook.com/TownofViennaVA). 📺

## Topic on deck: Noise and Zoning Ordinances



Spring blooms and the green, green grass of summer are sights to behold, but their care and maintenance can cause other community concerns in the form of equipment noise and unsightly growth. Join Town Manager Mercury Payton and public safety and zoning officials to learn about the Town's noise and zoning ordinances as they relate to warm weather lawn and landscaping activity. Share your concerns about noisy situations and learn how you can report related problems.

"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, APR. 8**

**LOCATION:**  
**VIENNA TOWN GREEN**  
**144 MAPLE AVE. E.**  
**(RAIN LOCATION:**  
**VIENNA TOWN HALL,**  
**127 CENTER ST. S.)**

**TOWN WEBSITE STREAM:**  
**[WWW.VIENNAVA.GOV/TVCN](http://WWW.VIENNAVA.GOV/TVCN)**

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**@TOWNOFVIENNAVA**






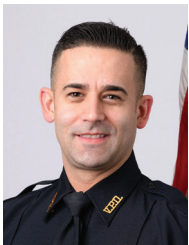
## Drug Take Back Day Makes Medication Disposal Easy and Safe

**D**o you have unwanted or expired medications in your medicine cabinet? Don't throw them in the trash! Instead, drop them off at the Vienna Police Department during National Drug Take Back Day. The semi-annual event is held as a public service to provide Vienna residents with an opportunity to get rid of unwanted medications safely and anonymously.



This year's spring Drug Take Back Day will be held on Saturday, April 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the police department located at 215 Center St. S, Vienna, Va. Medications may be dropped off in their original containers, but personal or identifying information should be removed from prescription bottles. Liquid products should be sealed in their original container to prevent leakage. Vape pens and other e-cigarette devices are also accepted, but only if batteries have been removed. Not accepted are intravenous solutions, injectables, and syringes due to associated hazards, except for EpiPens.

More than 170 lbs. of unused or expired medications were collected during the fall Drug Take Back Day event in October 2024. Vienna Drug Take Back Day is being conducted in partnership with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the Virginia State Police. For more information, contact Vienna Police at 703-255-6366. 



### Word From Juan


#### Safely Dispose of Unwanted Firearms

**I**n my 17-year career with the Vienna Police Department, I've received numerous inquiries from residents asking how to properly dispose of an unwanted, found, inherited or nonfunctional firearm. If you're a Town of Vienna resident, we've got you covered!

The Town of Vienna Police Department will gladly accept firearms you no longer wish to keep and ensure they are properly and safely destroyed, all at no cost to you. Here's what you need to do:

- **Step 1:** Make sure your firearm is unloaded.  
If you also have ammunition you'd like to get rid of, we can handle that too!
- **Step 2:** Don't try to unload the firearm yourself if you're unsure.  
Bring the firearm directly to the Vienna Police Department.
- **Step 3:** Once you arrive and park outside the police department, stay in your vehicle, and call our police dispatcher at 703-255-6366. An officer will meet you outside to ensure the firearm is safely handled.
- **Step 4:** Bring your ID with a Town of Vienna address and your phone number.  
The officer will ask you a few quick questions about how you came to have the firearm, write a short report, and safely package the firearm for destruction.

**Important Safety Reminder:** Never bring a firearm, loaded or unloaded, inside the station. All unwanted firearm deliveries take place outside in the parking lot.

It's as easy as that! Together, we can help keep our community safe by ensuring unwanted firearms are disposed of properly and responsibly. 

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](mailto:Juan.Vazquez@viennava.gov) or call 703-255-7845.

## Open for business

Town of Vienna business licenses were issued in February to:

**MAUI GLOW CLUB, LLC**  
*Tanning Salon/Permanent Charm Bracelets*  
123 Church St., NW

## Vienna businesses with staying power

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

35 YEARS  
**ANITA'S MEXICAN FOOD**

30 YEARS  
**KBT MINERALS**

20 YEARS  
**VIENNA VILLAGE GROUP, LLC**  
**PAPA JOHN'S PIZZA #1916**

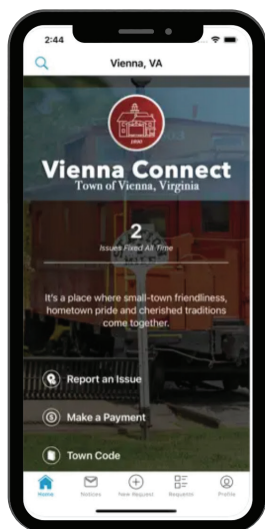
15 YEARS  
**IONIA, LLC**  
**ENTERPRISE BUSINESS CONSULTING, LLC**

10 YEARS  
**CAROLYN UBBEN ARCHITECT, PLLC**  
**DOGAN & JOHN HAIR SALON, LLC**

5 YEARS  
**NATIONAL OROFACIAL INSTITUTE, LLC**  
**KARLA COLLETO**



## Report Problems with Vienna Connect!



**F**rom potholes to overgrown shrubs to zoning violations, the Town's mobile app, Vienna Connect, makes it easier than ever to report non-emergency concerns to the Town of Vienna. Just download the app on your Android or Apple device, register, and click "Report an Issue." The platform enables users to upload a supporting photo and features an interactive map that pinpoints the location of each report. Those who report a problem can expect email responses or may check the status of their concern via the app. You can also access Vienna

Connect from a computer via the Town website. Just log on to [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov), click on the "report a problem" button on the homepage and start reporting.

Please note: Vienna Connect is only for non-emergency problems that do not require an immediate response. For time-sensitive non-emergency issues such as noise complaints, please call the Vienna Police Department non-emergency number: 703-255-6366. For all emergencies, please call 911. 📞

## Mayor's Pet of The Month

**M**eet Luckie, the official third-generation feline greeter and beloved team member at Brooke Rental Center! Luckie warmly greets anyone who walks through the center doors with a gentle nudge and a friendly purr. He also relishes other duties (live mousetrap and paperweight), strolls through the parking lot, visits the neighbors and occasionally naps under the sun.

Congratulations, Luckie!  
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](mailto: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.

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Send community news and high-resolution photographs to [karen.thayer@viennava.gov](mailto:karen.thayer@viennava.gov). All material provided is subject to editorial review and revision and will be used as space allows. **Deadline for the May issue is Apr. 10.**





# HAPPENINGS around town

## Spring Bazaar

**Saturday, April 5**

**10 a.m.-3 p.m.**

Mark your calendar for this festive annual fundraising event in the Flame Room sponsored by the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary. Explore vendor booths and shop for great handmade gifts. Be sure to check out our bake sale, our Vera's Attic table and firehall T-shirts available for purchase. There will also be delicious lunch options available to purchase from our kitchen. The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department is located at 400 Center Street South, Vienna, Va. Admission is free, and door prizes will be awarded.



efforts to beautify five Vienna public gardens at the same time! The sale features native Virginia plants and club-nurtured plants that grow well in Vienna. Preorder online at <https://ahgcplantsale.square.site/> and pick up your order between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. on May 10 next to the Freeman Store & Museum, 131 Church St., N.E. in Vienna. More plants, crafts, demonstrations, garden advice and other vendors will be available during your pickup.

## Japanese Carving Demonstration

**Thursday, April 10**

**7-8:30 p.m.**

The public is invited to Doré Skidmore's demonstration of Momoyamabori, the Japanese art of carving intricate bas reliefs at the Vienna Art Center. She'll bring sample wood blanks, and there will be an opportunity to try your hand at using small Japanese Carving tools to feel how this gentle art form is created. The Vienna Art Center is located in the Windover Professional Building, 243 Church St., NW, Suite 100 LL, Vienna. For more information, call 703-319-3971 or visit [www.ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org).

## Ayr Hill Garden Club Plant Sale

**Order online now**

Preorder plants for your garden now through April 26, and support the Ayr Hill Garden Club's

## Third Thursdays with Art Thursday, April 17 4-7 p.m.

Meet Vienna's Artist of the Year, Jodi Condes! Bring friends and family to the Vienna Art Center to enjoy light refreshments, mingle with artists and friends, and view a special exhibition of Jodi's artwork. Learn more about Jodi's creative journey online: [www.ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org). The Vienna Art Center is located in the Windover Professional Building, 243 Church St., NW, Suite 100 LL, Vienna. For more information, call 703-319-3971.

## American Legion Breakfast Buffet

**Sunday, April 20**

**8 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Celebrate Easter at the American Legion Auxiliary's 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. Proceeds are used to support Girls State and youth activities. American Legion Post 180 is located at 330 Center St., N., Vienna. For more information, call 703-409-3564.

## Cleanup Vienna Contest

**Tuesday, April 22-Wednesday, April 30**

The North East Vienna Citizens Association (NEVCA) is celebrating an extended Earth Day this year, and encourages North East Vienna residents to compete in a community cleanup contest for a chance to win prizes. Contestants will:

- take a bag with them when they go for a walk
- pick up litter along their stroll, and
- send a selfie of themselves holding the bag to [nevcacontest@gmail.com](mailto:nevcacontest@gmail.com).

Emails will be entered in a drawing to win gift cards at NEVCA's May 8 meeting. Open to all residents in the North East. For contest details, visit [www.nevca.org](http://www.nevca.org).

## Taste of Vienna

**Saturday, April 26**

**11 a.m.-8 p.m.**

Mark your calendar for the Taste of Vienna at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. The back parking lot will be lined with restaurant tents featuring the tastes of the world and the greater Vienna area. The event also features a beer/wine tent, a stage with live performances and kids' activities. Admission is free, and attendees can purchase tastes from indi-



vidual vendors. The VVFD is located at 400 Center St., S, Vienna.

For more information, visit [www.tasteofvienna.com](http://www.tasteofvienna.com).

## Free Paper Shredding Event

**Saturday, May 17**

**9-12 p.m.**



Purge your home of unwanted paper at this free paper shredding event at the Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Road, Vienna. Get rid of old tax papers, utility bills and other paper items in your files that are no longer needed. If you have old eyeglasses and bath towels that are serving no purpose at your house, bring them with you, too! Eyeglasses will be donated to the Fairfax Lions Club and bath towels will be donated to the Lost Dog and Cat Rescue.

## Freeman Store Now Open

Visit the Freeman Store & Museum, open 12-4 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays. Shop for your favorite Vienna swag, discover a vast selection of fun toys and classic games, pick up some sweet treats or look for used books in the Cellar. Located at 131 Church Street NE.



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# April TOWN CALENDAR

**1** Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 p.m.

**5** Town Clean Up Day (VTG) • 9 a.m.

**5** NOVA Model Railroaders Open House • 1-5 p.m.

**7** Town Council Meeting • 7:30 p.m.

**9** Planning Commission Meeting • 7:30 p.m.

**10** Town Business Liaison Committee • 7 p.m.

**10** Board of Architectural Review • 7:30 p.m.

**15** Tax Day (Federal Taxes Due)

**16** Board of Zoning Appeals • 7:30 p.m.

**18** Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 8 p.m.

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**21** Town Council Work Session (VPD) • 7 p.m.

**22** Mayor's Volunteer Recognition Program (VFD) • 7 p.m.

**23** Planning Commission Meeting • 7:30 p.m.

**24** CSC Green Expo (VCC) • 7 p.m.

**25** Arbor Day Tree Ceremony • 5 p.m.

**25** Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 8 p.m.

**26** Arbor Day Tree Planting (Moorefield Park) • 9 a.m.

**26** Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 8 p.m.

**27** Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 2 p.m.

**27** Walk on the Hill (Windover Heights) • 2 p.m.

**28** Town Council Meeting • 7:30 p.m.

**29** Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (VCC) • 7 p.m.

**29** Transportation Safety Commission • 8 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/calendar](http://www.viennava.gov/calendar) for updates.  
VTG, Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E  
VVFD, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St., S  
VPD, Vienna Police Department Community Room, 215 Center St. S  
VCC, Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., SE