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Vienna Town Green concerts top the list of Mayor Seeman's Top 10 places-to-see: Jim Dowell of Falls Church performs at the Concerts on the Green open mic night on Aug. 20. Between May and September the Town Green has performances three to four nights a week, sponsored by the Town of Vienna and the Friends of the Vienna Town Green.

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# INSIDERS GUIDE

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**Oktoberfest, in its fourth year, focuses on family events and fun. The 2011 fair, with food, marketplace, entertainment and children's activities, is scheduled for Oct. 1.**



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## How a Small Town Celebrates

**Vienna hosts myriad special events during the festive seasons.**

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

**F**requently, “special events” in many towns really aren’t “special.” They’re the same events, different location. In Vienna, “special events” are special. From a three-day Memorial Day weekend festival to the traditional Halloween parade and the old-fashioned Church Street Holiday Stroll, Vienna’s special events exude small-town Americana. Maybe, that’s why, when people are asked what it is they like about Vienna, they are likely to say, “the small-town feel.”

For those of you new to Vienna — or those of you not mindful of the special events the town offers — here’s a summary compiled by the Connection.

### ViVa! Vienna!

Kick-off of the three-day Memorial weekend celebration is always Saturday.

With a footprint spanning the Historic Church Street area, ViVa! Vienna!, sponsored by the Vienna Rotary Club in partnership with the Town of Vienna, showcases hundreds of vendors offering arts, crafts, services and resources, food, and amusement rides for toddlers to teens. Live entertainment is set up on two stages, one on the main corridor, and another, dedicated to kids, in the kids’ area on the Town Green.

It’s a family event and people of all ages come to the fair. Young parents, with kids in tow, came to ViVa! Vienna! as kids themselves. ViVa! Vienna! is a tradition that begins Vienna’s seasons of traditions.

### July 4 Festival and Fireworks

Although Vienna’s fireworks went on hiatus for a year or two after a serious accident at Waters Field, the fireworks display returned in 2010, now with

musical entertainment leading up to the pyrotechnic production, at Southside Park.

The festival begins in late morning on July 4 on the grounds of the Vienna Community Center and Caffi Field. There are craft vendors and food vendors, kiddie attractions, a classic vehicle show, a benefit chili cook-off and beach-music live entertainment.

Little children — and dogs — stroll around sporting red, white and blue. The festival just looks like the 4th of July.

### Oktoberfest

Four years ago, the ViennaTysons Regional Chamber of Commerce® hosted its first Oktoberfest celebration in the Town of Vienna. It took over the Historic Church Street corridor for one day, featuring live music, food, marketplace, children’s activities and a beer garden. Expecting just a few thousand people during that inaugural festival, the organizers ran out of beer. Three times. The Vienna Inn came to the rescue but VTRCC learned a lot that year, and, never again, have they run out of beer.

Oktoberfest 2011 takes place on Saturday, Oct. 1, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entertainment runs on the main stage in the caboose parking lot and, for kids, on the Town Green stage in the dedicated children’s area.

The Town of Vienna supports Oktoberfest with its Parks and Recreation and police department resources.

### Vienna Halloween Parade

The first-ever Vienna Halloween Parade, back in 1946, was a way for the children of the town to show off their costumes, marching around the Church Street area. It’s grown since then.

Initially sponsored by the Vienna Businessman’s Association before the association morphed into the ViennaTysons Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Vienna parade is the region’s largest Halloween parade. The Town of Vienna partners to produce an evening-long event attended by thousands and thousands of current and former Vienna-area residents, many of whom were brought to the parade by their parents 30 or 40 years ago. The Vienna Halloween

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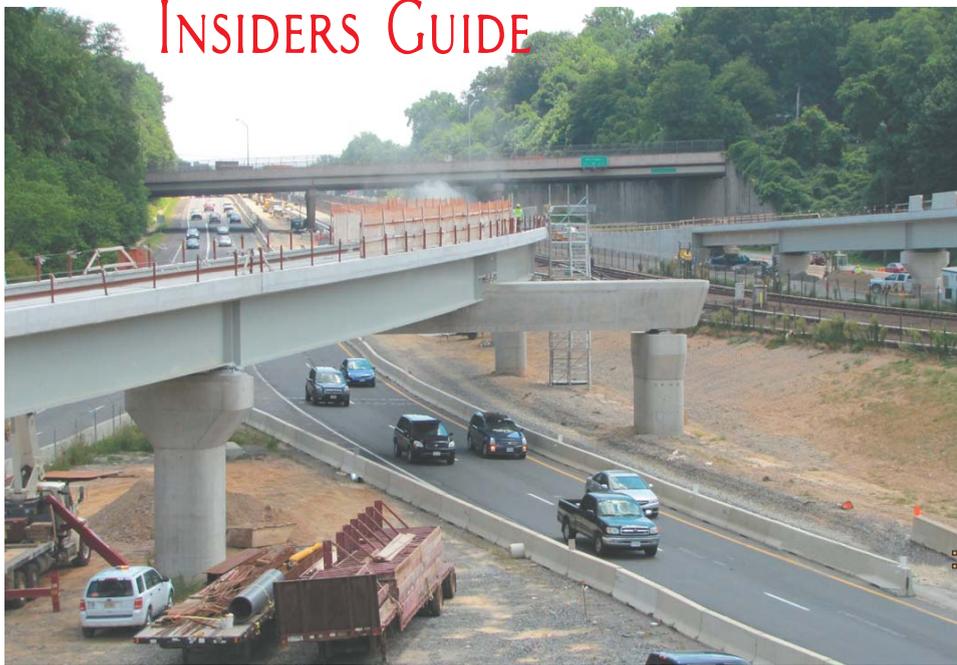
**The Annual Viva! Vienna! festival was held over the Memorial Day weekend with thousands of area residents partaking in the variety of festivities, including rides, games, vendor booths, carnival food and entertainment.**



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**The Town of Vienna’s 4th of July festival is an all-day affair with music, food, crafts vendors, beer garden and children’s activities. The celebration culminates with fireworks at Southside Park.**

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The tie in to the Metro's existing Orange Line is currently underway. Service interruptions between East and West Falls Church Stations have been occurring over the past few months. The next outage is scheduled for Labor Day weekend.

Interior work on the inbound and outbound tunnels that run underneath the intersection of Route 123 and Route 7 in Tysons Corner continues.

# Metro Is Coming at Full Speed

Phase one work approaches 47 percent completion.

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CORRIDOR METRORAIL PROJECT

Construction is moving at a fast pace all along the 11.5-mile first phase of Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project, approaching the 47 percent completion mark.

Not only are cranes and heavy equipment changing the landscape along the Route 267 corridor from East Falls Church through Tysons Corner to the eastern edge of Reston,



One of the two blue and yellow trusses has now made its way to the median of Route 7 in Tysons Corner where it is currently building the guideway between the future Tysons Central 7 and Tysons West stations.

next outage is planned for Labor Day weekend. Additional closings will continue, scheduled in coordination with Metro.

All along the Dulles Connector Road, track bed work continues westward at ground level. The rail line goes aerial near the overpass at Magarity Road to make a left turn across Route 123 on the northwest side of that busy road. Most of the construction of the aerial guideway into the first station in Tysons Corner, Tysons East at Route 123 and Scotts Crossing is complete.

**BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION** in this area of Route 123 and across the Capital Beltway has provided a commanding skyline as three huge, 370-ton horizontal cranes — two bright yellow and blue ones and one white — have been used to build the aerial guideway along Route 123, the West Park Bridge and I-495. Ground-based cranes also will continue to be used as the guideways are completed and tracks are installed when the final bridge span across I-495 is in place.

Mining of the inbound and outbound tunnel that will carry trains from the Tysons Central 123 Station to the Tysons Central 7 Station is complete, finishing work continues.

Meanwhile, one of the yellow and blue cranes has been moved to the median of Route 7 between Route 123 and Gosnell Road where it and ground-based cranes are building bridges in the median of Route 7 where the road itself has been moved and shifted as much as 60 feet. The crossing of Route 7 at Gosnell/Westpark is almost complete and bridge construction continues west where the bridges over the Route 7/Dulles Toll Road intersection are being built to carry tracks to the median of the Dulles Toll/Airport Access Highways westward to Reston.

## Quick Facts about Dulles Metrorail

❖ The Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project is being built by the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.

❖ When it is completed, it will be turned over to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to operate as part of the existing Metro system.

❖ A 23-mile branch of Metro's existing Orange Line

❖ Extends service from East Falls Church to eastern Loudoun County

❖ Four stops in Tysons Corner

❖ Being built in two phases

❖ Phase 1 is 11.7 miles and is under construction from I-66/the Dulles Connector Road to Wiehle Avenue on the eastern edge of Reston.

❖ Dulles Transit Partners is the design-build contractor for Phase 1.

❖ Preliminary engineering nearing completion for Phase 2 from Wiehle Avenue west to Ashburn. The phase 2 contractor has not been selected.

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construction is creating jobs and having a positive economic impact on this region. Construction of all five stations is well under way and utility relocations are 99 percent complete.

The new line will tie into Metro's existing Orange Line where the merger of Dulles Connector Road and I-66 and will provide a one-seat ride, no transfers needed, for those DC-bound passengers boarding the

new line in Reston and Tysons Corner when it is completed in 2013.

That tie is one of the most significant challenges for rail constructors because work is taking place close to the operating Orange Lane tracks. This work will continue to require weekend closings of rail service between the East and West Falls Church Metrorail stations for months to come. The

## What is Dulles Metrorail

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) is constructing a 23-mile extension of the existing Metrorail system, which will be operated by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority from East Falls Church to Washington Dulles International Airport west to Ashburn.

The extension will serve Tysons Corner, Virginia's largest employment center, and the Reston Herndon area, the state's second largest employment concentration. And, it will provide a one-seat ride from Dulles International Airport to downtown Washington.

## Phase 1 and 2

The project will include 11 new stations. It will be built in two phases. Phase 1 will run from East Falls Church to Wiehle Avenue on the eastern edge of Reston. It will include four stations in Tysons Corner: Tysons East, Tysons Central 123, Tysons Central 7 and Tysons West. Construction began in March of 2009 and it will be completed in 2013.

Phase 2 will run from Wiehle Avenue to Ashburn in eastern Loudoun County. A construction date has not been set for the extension that will serve Reston Town Center, Herndon, Dulles Airport, Route 606 and Ashburn

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### Wolf Trap Multiuse Trail Grant Funding

Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D- Hunter Mill) has announced that the United States Department of Transportation has awarded a \$1.5 million grant to Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for the Wolf Trap Multiuse trail. Supervisor Hudgins has worked with U.S. Rep. James Moran to secure funding for this much needed trail over the Dulles Toll Road.

A shared use path will run along Trap Road through section of Wolf Trap National Park to connect to an existing sidewalk at the north park boundary. This new path will allow pedestrians and bicyclists access to the performing arts and educational centers on one side of the Dulles Toll Road and The Barns venue on the other side. The path will link up to existing trails for connectivity to Meadowlark Gardens Park, Wolf Trails Park, W&OD Trail, and the Cross County Trail.

The project is slated to start construction in the fall of 2011.

### Vienna Participates in 'Hail the Trail'

"Hail the Trail," a Dominion Trail Mix program event that aims to beautify and positively impact the W&OD trail by being the largest cleanup effort in the trail's history, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 3, from

7:30 to 10 a.m. Hail the Trail will take place at ten locations along the trail, each labeled as a "station" along the old railroad.

The Town of Vienna is participating in Hail the Trail by hosting a station at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., SE, titled "Park Station." Volunteers are needed at the Park Station to help remove trash and invasive plants along the trail.

Each Hail the Trail participant will receive a free Trail Mix t-shirt. The first 100 registered volunteers at the Park Station Hail the Trail site will receive a free pastry courtesy of the Vienna Fresh Market. Also, the Town of Vienna's Bicycle Advisory Committee will be on site providing information on bike safety and awareness.

For more information on "Hail the Trail" or to register for the Park Station site, visit [www.dominiontrailmix.com/events/hail-the-trail.htm](http://www.dominiontrailmix.com/events/hail-the-trail.htm).

### Special Pick Up Deadline for Town Residents

Saturday, Oct. 1, is the last day for Town of Vienna residents to call for a Special Pickup this year. Residents must call by midnight on Saturday, Oct. 1, in order to receive their Special Pickup this year. No or

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Email us a photo and a note about the event.

Be sure to include the names of all the people who are in a photo, and say when and where the photo was taken. We also publish notes about news and events from local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees, anniversaries are welcome. It is especially important to us to let people know about events ahead of time in our calendar of events.

### EDITORIAL

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### LETTER

## Welcome to Fairfax County

BY SHARON BULOVA  
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Hello and welcome to Fairfax County! Congratulations for finding the best place in the country to live, work and play. Fairfax County is home to a fantastic public school system, top tier businesses, and some of the best parks and open spaces in the DC Metro region.

The Fairfax County Public School system, with a budget this year of \$2.2 billion, is consistently ranked among the best in America. In the June 2009 edition of Newsweek magazine, all eligible FCPS high schools were listed in the top five percent of public schools in the nation.

Fairfax County is also home to George Mason University, recently named one of the top five "Up-and-Coming Universities" by U.S. News and World Report. Mason is also recognized as one of the country's best value universities by Kiplinger's and one of America's



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Fairfax County is home to 22 of the 50 fastest growing companies in the Washington, D.C., area. We are also home to eight Fortune 500 company headquarters: Capital One Financial, CSC, Freddie Mac, Gannett Corporation, General Dynamics, Science Applications International Corporation, Booz Allen Hamilton and NII Holdings. Hilton, Volkswagen and Northrup Grumman have all moved their corporate headquarters to Fairfax County in the last five years.

But it's not all big business here. About 97 percent of the companies in Fairfax County are small businesses with fewer than 100 employees and less than \$1 million in annual revenue. Fairfax County is a great place to start a business; over 1,600 companies opened their doors here last year alone.

Our business community is also diverse. Fairfax County is home to more than 350 foreign-owned firms, more than any other juris-

diction in the Washington area. There are 3,923 Asian-owned businesses in Fairfax County, with \$4.6 billion in sales and receipts, 30,688 employees and \$1.5 billion annual payroll.

Fairfax County is home to more than 48,000 acres of parks and open space. In 2010, our Park Authority won the coveted Gold Medal for Parks and Recreation from the National Recreation and Park Association and the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration — edging out New York City, Miami-Dade County and Mecklenburg County, N.C.

Fairfax County offers over 500 miles of hiking and biking trails, the majority of which are asphalt paved (although some remain natural). All of the Fairfax Connector buses are equipped with bike racks so commuting by bicycle has never been easier.

We also have a vibrant arts community. The Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton allows visitors to watch artists in action, and hosts many wonderful events such as the Block Party coming up on September 3.

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ders for Special Pickups will be taken from October through January due to leaf collection during that time.

To dispose of furniture, building materials, brush, and other debris not included in the regular trash collection, residents can order a Special Pickup between Feb. 1 and Oct. 1 of each year. Place discards at the curbside, then call the Special Pickup recording at 703-255-5727. Special Pickups can also be arranged online at [www.viennava.gov/Town\\_Services/trash.htm#pickups](http://www.viennava.gov/Town_Services/trash.htm#pickups).

Each residence is allowed two free Special Pickup loads each year. Additional pickups may be arranged at a charge of \$75 per load for household items and \$25 per load for brush. Each Special Pickup is limited to one single-axle dump truck load (about the size of a Volkswagen "beetle").

## Skate Park on Wheels in Vienna

A "skate park on wheels" for ages 6-adult will be set up on Saturday, Sept. 3, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the parking lot of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St., S.

The park will feature skateboarding ramps, rails and jumps. Beginners and first-timers are welcome. Helmets are required for everyone, and wrist guards, elbow pads and knee pads are recommended for anyone under the age of 16.

The skate park on wheels is sponsored by Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins, American Inline, the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department and Club Phoenix Teen Center. Call Brandy Wyatt with Vienna Parks and Recreation at 703-255-5721.

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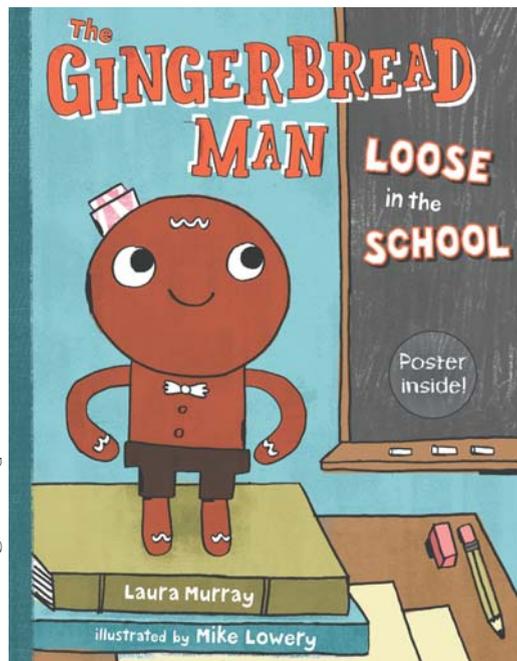
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## PEOPLE



McLean resident Laura Murray has written her first book, a children's book called "The Gingerbread Man Loose in the School."



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"The Gingerbread Man Loose in the School" is based off McLean resident and former kindergarten teacher Laura Murray's back-to-school activity.

## Vienna Scholar Awarded Department of Energy Fellowship

The Krell Institute has announced that Geoffrey Main of Vienna has been awarded a Stewardship Science Graduate Fellowship from the Department of Energy. Main, a 2006 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, will pursue a doctoral degree in computational and mathematical engineering at Stanford University beginning in the fall.

The Department of Energy Stewardship Science Graduate Fellowship (DOE NNSA SSGF) is a highly competitive program initiated and funded by the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA). First awarded in 2006, the fellowship has supported a total of 24 students at 15 universities (as of the close of the 2010-11 academic year). Fellowships are granted annually and fund the education of doctoral students whose course of study focuses on areas of interest to stewardship science, including high-energy density physics, nuclear science, or materials under extreme conditions and hydrodynamics.

Main joins a group of six first-year fellows in 2011, bringing the total number of current DOE NNSA SSGF program participants to 20 students in 10 states. As part of the program, these individuals



Geoffrey Main

are afforded exceptional benefits including a yearly stipend, full payment of university tuition and required fees (during the appointment period), and an annual academic and conference travel allowance. In return, they must complete a comprehensive program of study and are also required to complete a three-month practicum at one of four DOE national defense laboratory sites.

For more information on the DOE NNSA SSGF program, contact the Krell Institute, fellowship administrator, at 515-956-3696 or visit [www.krellinst.org/ssgf](http://www.krellinst.org/ssgf).

## Gingerbread Man Let Loose

### Local author Laura Murray turns back-to-school activity into children's book.

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

As a kindergarten teacher, McLean resident Laura Murray always had a tradition to start each new school year: Her class would make a Gingerbread Man, and as they went to recess, he would "escape." When the students returned, they had no choice but to search the school for him.

"As we would follow the Gingerbread Man through school, sometimes he would leave flour footprints or candies at various stops, and the students would go to the principal's office, the art room, the gym and other places, and of course, they would just miss him," Murray said. "It was a fun way to introduce new students to the staff and show them around school."

Murray said she realized that the exercise had a great effect on her students when sixth and seventh graders would stop by her classroom at the beginning of the year and ask if they had done it yet. A few years ago, she started telling the story from the gingerbread man's point of view.

**THE RESULT** is Murray's first children's book, "The Gingerbread Man Loose in the School." In it, the Gingerbread Man searches the school looking for the students who have gone to recess.

"On his journey, he gets help from the PE. teacher, the art teacher, the nurse and principal, and there's a lot of humor in it on his journey," Murray said. "But it also explores more universal themes such as coming into a new place and wanting to belong."

Murray said it took her about two years to write the book, and the most difficult part was putting her story down in the children's book format.

"Most children's book are no longer than 32 pages,

and have no more than 1,000 words, and it was a challenge to do that," she said. "I started at about 2,000 words, and went to critique groups and conferences and realized I had to cut it in half."

She said that learning how to keep words to a minimum involved a few different strategies, such as letting the illustrations give details that don't necessarily need to be written down.

"It's important that the pictures and text don't overlap, instead they need to work together," she said. "It's told in rhyme, rhythm and verse, which is great for the age level. Students love to learn the rhythm and chime in at the end of each line or guess the next rhyming word."

She said every syllable is important because it affects how each line is read, and it's important to make each line rhyme perfectly.

"A lot of teachers use books like this to teach students what rhyme is, and you can't have near-rhyme," she said. "And you have to have others read it to you, to make sure the emphasis is right on each syllable."

**MURRAY ESTIMATES** she went through almost 50 different drafts, including four major revisions, before getting it all sorted out. But the result, she says, is a book that can be enjoyed on several different levels. Her website contains curriculum for teachers that might be interested in integrating the book into their classrooms.

The book has received favorable reviews since its release. Ilene Cooper of "Booklist" gave it a starred review.

"Told in spot-on, deadpan rhyme and illustrated with large comic book-style panels, this title will leave kids giggling as they follow the sometimes dire consequences of G-man's efforts to be re-united with his class," she wrote.

Kirkus Reviews said "teachers looking for a new way to start the school year will eat this one up."

She says she already has ideas for future books, including one that will be for older children. More information on Murray, including teacher's materials for "The Gingerbread Man Loose in the School" can be found at [www.lauramurraybooks.com](http://www.lauramurraybooks.com).

### SCHOOL NOTES

Send school notes to [vienna@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:vienna@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday.

Oakton residents **Julia K. Horowitz**, **Caroline C. Hollis** and **Nicole E. Abdullah** were selected to participate in the 2011 Summer Residential Governor's School for Humanities and Visual & Performing Arts at Radford University. The students attend classes taught by university faculty members in the humanities, visual and performing arts to explore fields that they are considering as career options.

**Mikayla Chronister** of Oakton has been named to the spring 2011 honors list at Mary Baldwin College of Staunton.

**Helena Billington** of Vienna has been named to the spring 2011 honors list at Mary Baldwin College of Staunton.

**Eric Noll** of Vienna has been named to the spring 2011 dean's commendation list at Gettysburg College of Gettysburg, Pa.

**Caroline K. Lamberti** of Oakton has received a bachelors of science with special attainments in commerce from Washington and Lee University of Lexington.

**Alexandra L. Harper** of Oak Hill has received a bachelors of science with

special attainments in commerce from Washington and Lee University of Lexington.

**Virginia Roberts** of Vienna has graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration from Elizabethtown College of Elizabethtown, Pa.

**Benjamin D. Aldrich** of Vienna has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at Bucknell University of Lewisburg, Pa. The graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School is the son of David and Marilyn Aldrich.

**Daniel W. Markwalter** has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at Bucknell University of Lewisburg, Pa. The 2009 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School is the son of Brian and Holland Markwalter.

**Alexander J. Ohmes** has been promoted to the rank of private second class in the U.S. Army. He is a fire support specialist regularly assigned to the 1st Battalion, 19th Field Artillery, Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. The son of Chris and Cathy B. Ohmes of Marcliff Court in Vienna is a 2009 graduate of Flint Hill School.

**Kyle Harrison Bolton** of Vienna has been named to the spring deans' list and honor roll at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He is a sophomore biological sciences major.

# INSIDERS GUIDE

## What do you like most about living in Vienna?

— DONNA MANZ

### Dave Lanphear, co-market master at Vienna Farmers' Market

"The feel of the town. It's a small town in a big metropolitan area.

The Halloween Parade, Church Street Stroll, the farmers' market. I can walk my dog safely at any time during the day or night, anywhere in the Town of Vienna. Vienna Town leaders are visible and accessible as they shop at local businesses and perform volunteer work. The other night I ran into Councilwoman Laurie Cole at Plush, and recently, I talked to Mayor Jane Seeman while she was volunteering at the Patrick Henry Library.

I think there's a core set of people who really care about this town. They want to participate and make it a better place.

Also, I love the fact that our local reporter is asking people why they like Vienna."



### Kathy Longmire, rising James Madison High School senior, French tutor

"The accessibility. When I lived in McLean, you had to drive everywhere. Here, I can bike using the W & OD trail; that gives me a lot more independence. The library is nice.

I just like that everything is close by. There are a lot of nice shops, cafes, places to eat, and things to do."



### Lisa Kennedy

"The small-town feel, yet, you have everything at your fingertips. We have the library, all the parks, restaurants, bakeries and shops. We have everything right here, and Vienna's a good neighborhood."



### Milagro Kennedy, rising Thoreau seventh-grader

"When you first come here, you see everything is close together so you know everybody, and mostly everyone becomes family. Even though it's a small community, people come from lots of other schools. You get to meet all these new kids from other schools when you come to Thoreau.

There's ViVa! Vienna!, concerts at the park, the bike trail."

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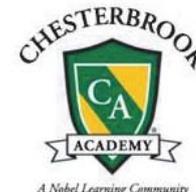
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After the Washington & Old Dominion Railroad tracks were pulled up in Vienna, Gertie and Sam Savia saved spikes that were used in the tracks. Shirley Martin (right) grew up with Sam Savia on Church Street.



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"I loved Vienna when I was growing up ... It was great. I never wanted to leave it."

— Lifelong Vienna resident, Shirley Martin

"One of my favorite things I remember was that our backyard was the neighborhood playground. The yard was a mess."

— Gertrude "Gertie" Savia

"I've got a scar on my elbow from when I was riding my bike on Maple Avenue. It was loose gravel. I skidded on it and fell."

— Sam Savia

# Vienna the Way It Was

Lifelong residents share memories of the 'country' town.

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

Friends Shirley Martin and Gertie and Sam Savia agree on a lot of things about old-time Vienna. Such as the bygone trolley that rode from Washington through Vienna to Fairfax. And they miss it.

"I don't know why they got rid of it," said Martin. "It was so convenient."

The trolley and the train rode the same W & OD tracks from D.C. to Vienna, both making use of the station on Dominion Road.

"We have a rusty old spike from when they pulled up the tracks," Gertie Savia said. Sam believes there are still some spikes along the W & OD trail if you look for them.

As big a hit as the trolley was, the autorailer rekindled memories that brought broad smiles to Martin and the Savias. The autorailer didn't last long, Sam Savia said, maybe five or six years. This is how the autorailer worked, they said. When the trolley got to the Vienna station, the wheels came up, the tires went down, so it could come off the track. "It turned around on its tires," Martin said.

**THERE'S A REASON** the Historic Church Street district is called that.

It really is historic. On Church Street, Vienna's earliest businesses grew up, as did the churches. That Church Street was the center of the community is why it was paved before Maple Avenue was.

Dominion Road was previously called Railroad Avenue, and "Sanitary" — yes, you read that correctly — was a grocery store before it became Safeway. Safeway made an intermediate re-location before it found its long-term home on Maple Avenue. Maple Avenue, a gravel road, had maple trees.

"I've got a scar on my elbow from when I was riding my bike on Maple Avenue," said Sam. "It was loose gravel. I skidded on it and fell. I guess I was about 12 years old."

Simone "Sam" Savia was born in 1926 on Church Street in the house that is now home to the Diamond Spa. Sam's father, Salvatore, moved to Vienna to relocate his Washington, D.C. barbershop in the little town in 1921 after immigrating from Sicily.

"We had a long kitchen table that opened up," said Sam Savia. "On special occasions, we would open up the table all the way and mom would roll her dough for pasta."

Martin was born on Maple Avenue, which was then an unpaved road, in front of the old post office. The old post office is now the

Blackeyed Susan on Church Street. Bazin's on Church is where the original Vienna Volunteer Fire Department stood and Martin moved across the street from the fire department as a young girl. Her mother owned a coal yard, ice house, and woodyard at Mill Street and Ayr Hill Road.

"We would cut the ice and people would take it home to use in their iceboxes," said Martin. "I wish I had saved a set of tongs."

A creek, now filled in with a drainage pipe running through it, ran behind her mother's office. "I spent my life there, catching tadpoles, playing in it," Martin said. "Everything was clean then. You could step in the creek. I was a tomboy."

When Shirley Martin's husband, a World War II aviator, returned home from the war, the young couple moved to McLean for a short time. Then, in 1948, they moved into a home on Glyndon Street. She couldn't wait to get back to Vienna. "The only thing I'd do differently is that I'd get back to Vienna faster," Martin said.

"I don't think I'm glad that anything changed in Vienna. I wanted it to be the way it was for the rest of my life."

**GROWING UP ON CHURCH STREET**, Sam Savia and Shirley

Martin rollerskated down the sidewalk. The sidewalk on Shirley's side of the street was brick, an uneven surface, she said. Sam's sidewalk was concrete. "Shirley would come to my side and we'd rollerskate," said Sam.

Martin remembers the bank guard at Vienna Trust running outside, waving his gun at the youngsters, admonishing them to stay away. "I don't think he had bullets," said Martin.

Unlike today, where many children play inside on computer games, kids, during most of the 20th century, played outdoors.

"Very few children were overweight in those days," said Gertie Savia. "We were always outside doing something."

Except to listen to the radio when the Green Hornet and Jack Armstrong the All-American Boy came on the air.

"Jack Armstrong came on at 5 p.m.," Martin recalls, laughing at the recollection. "Remember that?"

Martin recalled the picnics down at the pond. Her mother would tell her, "don't get wet." Which, of course, Shirley did. "I'd throw my jeans over the woodburner so they would dry out before she got home." A friend fell in the icy pond, Martin said, but they got her out. "We made bonfires to get warm."

"One of my favorite things I remember," said Gertie, "was that our

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## Center of Excellence

Inova Fairfax Hospital: Nationally recognized regional medical center.



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## Strong and Diverse Growth

BY GERALD L. GORDON

The last few years have brought the worst overall economic and financial situation this nation has faced since the Great Depression. Yet, at its height, the unemployment rate in Fairfax County never topped about 5.5 percent. Office space absorption continues and the vacancy rates have declined to about 13.3 percent, well within what is considered the healthy range.

This has been the case, despite the fact that several federal actions and pronouncements have had dampening effects on the county's economy. These include the uncertainties surrounding continuing resolutions, plans to in-source contracts from the private sector, and decisions to reduce Defense Department procurement over a three-year period.

The county's economy has remained stable throughout this difficult period because its economic base is not as dependent as it once had been on direct federal employment and government contracting. The most recent additions of non-traditional businesses (for Fairfax County) include the headquarter operations of Volkswagen North America and Hilton Worldwide. Growth in the bio sector and other private-sector-oriented technologies complement the federal-re-



FAIRFAX COUNTY ECONOMY

lated growth and the result is an economic base that is better able to withstand the shifting fortunes of one or a few industry sectors or even the economy as a whole.

This is not to say that the federal sector is not important. Fairfax County benefits in a great many ways from being part of a "government town." We are proud also to have added in the last few years the global headquarters of CSC, SAIC, and Northrop Grumman to the list of extraordinary companies that call Fairfax County home.

As the population continues to grow and become increasingly diverse, the cost of public services continues to increase. However, in Fairfax County, given the growth in, and stability of, the economy, the Board of Supervisors continue to provide high quality public services while reducing the real estate tax rate that residents pay. Business growth has been strong and diverse, and all of the county's constituents — both businesses and residents — are the beneficiaries.

The author is President and CEO, Fairfax County Economic Development Authority.

## Helping Children Succeed

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## SCHOOL NOTES

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**Margaret Esmond** of Vienna has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at the Savannah College of Art and Design of Savannah, Ga. She is seeking a bachelor of fine arts in illustration.

**Paul Hanna** of Vienna has graduated with a bachelor of fine arts in industrial design from the Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, Ga.

**Kelsey Keane** of Vienna has graduated with a bachelor of fine arts in industrial design with a minor in furniture design from the Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, Ga.

Vienna residents **Lindsey Jones** and **Magda McNeill** were named to the spring 2011 dean's list at Randolph-Macon Academy.

**Elisabeth Bertolett** of Vienna received a Denison Founders Scholarship at Denison University for approximately one-half tuition and is based on academic achievement, leadership and personal merit.

**Jillian Reagan** of Vienna received a Denison Alumni Scholarship at Denison University for approximately one-half tuition and is based on academic achievement, leadership and personal merit.

**Rebecca Shaak** of Vienna has been named to the 2011 dean's list at Lake Forest College of Lake Forest, Ill.

**Grant Phillips** of Vienna attended the 22nd World Scout Jamboree in Sweden July 27-Aug. 7, as part of Jamboree Troop 70005. Phillips, 14, is a Life Scout of Troop 979 and a rising freshman at James Madison High School.

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## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 24

### Opera's Greatest Hits From Wolf Trap Opera's Alumni Stars.

8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Stephen Lord, conductor. Performers include Stephanie Blythe, Matt Boehler, Lawrence Brownlee, Tracy Dahl, Mary Dunleavy, Richard Paul Fink, Oren Gradus, Denyce Graves, Alan Held, Robert Orth, Eric Owens, Emily Pulley, Carl Tanner, and James Valenti. Tickets \$20-55. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

### The Influence and The Good Fight.

8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

## THURSDAY/AUG. 25

### An Evening with The Greencards.

8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

### Patrick Henry Book Club.

1 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. "Alphabet Juice" by Roy Blount, Jr. Adults. 703-938-0405.

### Portrait Painting Demonstration.

7 p.m. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna. Jonathan Linton will select one of the audience to be his model. Free. 703-319-3971 or [www.ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org).

### The Temptations and The Four Tops.

8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. R&B hits. \$38 in-house, \$22 lawn. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

## FRIDAY/AUG. 26

### Movies in the Park.

8:45 p.m. Glyndon Park, 300 Glyndon St. N.E., Vienna. Call for film and weather information. Free admission, bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. 703-255-7842.

### Banjo Man.

10:30 a.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

### Joe Pernice and Frank Padellaro at 7 p.m., Shawn Sky, JFK, Nando and Hunit Grand at 10 p.m.

Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

### English Conversation Group.

10 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. English conversation group. Adults. 703-938-0405.

### Pokemon League.

3 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Learn and play. Age 5-18. 703-938-0405.

### Writing Group.

11 a.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Freewriting. 703-790-8088.

### John Prine with Richard Thompson.

8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Bluegrass, country, and folk. \$42 in-house, \$25 lawn. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

## SATURDAY/AUG. 27

### Billy T's Time Machine.

5 p.m. Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Free. 703-288-9505.

### Kids Show: Ryan Buckle & Friends: Science You Can Sing To!

10:30 a.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

### Ben Tufts and Friends: Craig Tufts Memorial Fundraiser.

4 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

### The Pietasters and The Thrilltones.

9:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).



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10 a.m.-1 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Horticultural tips and strategies. 703-242-4020.

### Mary Chapin Carpenter with Loudon Wainwright III.

8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Contemporary folk and country. \$42 in-house, \$25 lawn. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

### SHARE Food Drive.

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. At the Pimmit Hills Safeway, 7401 Colshire Drive, McLean and the Chesterbrook Safeway, 6244 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. SHARE's food pantry provides food and basic household supplies to needy families and individuals. [steve.j.ni@gmail.com](mailto:steve.j.ni@gmail.com).

## SUNDAY/AUG. 28

### Roger Henderson Memorial Benefit.

1 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

### Hot August Night: A Tribute to Neil Diamond.

7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. With Jammin' Java's Songwriters Circle featuring Shane Hines, Todd Wright, Anthony Fiocco and Luke Brindley. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

### Bruce Hornsby & The Noisemakers with Punch Brothers.

8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts,

1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Spanning rock, bluegrass, country, and jazz.

\$42 in-house, \$25 lawn.

[www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

## MONDAY/AUG. 29

### Fishing Fun for Kids.

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. For ages 6-8. Learn to cast a fishing rod, reel in a fish and practice fishing safely. Make a lure to take home. Catch sunfish and bass. Learn how to care for aquarium fish. Bring snacks, lunch, and a bathing suit and towel for the fish water maze. \$75 per child. Register at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/) or 703-222-4664.

### The Great Zucchini.

10:30 a.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

### Andy Davis, Josh Hoge and Kevin Daniel.

7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

### English Conversation.

10:30 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. English practice for non-native speakers. Adults. 703-242-4020.

### Karl Anthony Jazz Jam Mondays.

8 p.m. Maplewood Grill, 132 Branch Road, Vienna. Straight ahead jazz by drummer Karl Anthony with guest musicians. If you play, bring your ax. 703-281-0070.

## TUESDAY/AUG. 30

### Goodnight, Sleep Tight.

7 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Come in pajamas for stories and songs. Age 1-5 with adult. 703-938-0405.

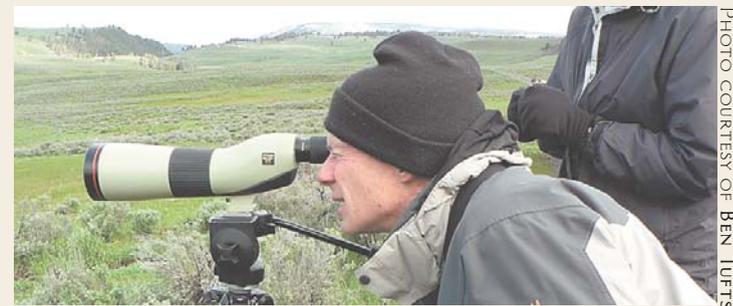


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Craig Tufts, who shared his passion for nature at the National Wildlife Federation for more than 30 years, was most in his element when he was surrounded by nature. He "knew everything" about nature, a former colleague said.

# Local Musicians Perform at Benefit

## Benefit raises funds for Craig Tufts Environmental Education Award.

Craig Tufts was Chief Naturalist at the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) when it was housed in Vienna, and, then, Reston. For more than 30 years at NWF, Tufts shared his love of nature with children, families, audiences and colleagues. He promoted NWF's Backyard Wildlife Habitat Program into national prominence, authored a book on wildlife and gardening, and appeared on television. His death in the summer of 2008 from brain cancer stilled the voice of someone who was passionate about nature and music. To those who knew him and worked with him, Tufts left a legacy that lives at NWF today.

His family and friends celebrate the life of Craig Tufts with an annual NWF scholarship for children to attend nature "summits," eco-tourist vacations held around the country.

On Aug. 27 at Jammin' Java, Craig's son Ben hosts a concert to benefit the scholarship fund. The Craig Tufts Environmental Education Award provides an award to a participant aged 8 to 18 and an accompanying adult. The award provides travel, room and board, and program fees.

"He is inimitable, one of a kind," said NWF coworker Ellen Lambeth of Vienna, who refers to Tufts in the present tense. "Anything you need to know, he knows about. Craig's thirst for knowledge is tremendous. He's still with me."

Tufts, who lived in Reston for several years, passed on his love of music to his oldest son, Ben. Now a band director for area

high schools, Ben Tufts has played for local bands, as well. On Saturday, Ben Tufts brings to Jammin' Java more than 20 musicians from the area to perform at the concert to benefit the Craig Tufts Environmental Education Award.

Now in its third year, the scholarship, funded by Tufts' family and the Wildlife Federation staff donations, continues to be awarded by NWF through an application selection process.

"Personality-wise, he [Craig Tufts] was one of the kindest, nicest and wittiest people I ever knew," said NWF colleague and librarian Sharon Levy, Vienna. "He knew everything. He was amazing."

"Craig knew the Latin names of plants as well as the common name," Levy said. "He was so eager to share his knowledge with everyone. He looked to everybody as a friend, he remembered everybody."

The Aug. 27 benefit concert at Jammin' Java on Maple Avenue, Vienna, begins at 4 p.m. and is for all ages. Tickets are \$10.

To learn more about the environmental education award, go to [http://www.childrenandnature.org/news/detail/nwf\\_family\\_summits\\_craig\\_tufts\\_educational\\_scholarship\\_award\\_for\\_youth\\_8-18/](http://www.childrenandnature.org/news/detail/nwf_family_summits_craig_tufts_educational_scholarship_award_for_youth_8-18/).

"Every time I look around, I think of Craig," said Lambeth, who was on the committee to select recipients. "You can't beat the idea of scholarships in his name. The first recipients did very well. We think of them as the new Craigs of the world."

— DONNA MANZ

## INSIDERS GUIDE

# Memories of Growing Up in Vienna

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backyard was the neighborhood playground. The yard was a mess. The kids had bases, tents, in it.”

“Those were the good days,” said Martin, who raised three boys and one girl in Vienna. “The kids were more important than yard work.”

Gertrude “Gertie” Savia was born in Georgetown and moved to Vienna in January, 1954, when she married Sam. She met Sam when she visited her Aunt Catherine who lived at the corner of Center and Church streets, a few doors down from the Savias. Sam, on the fire department baseball team, was friendly with Gertie’s brothers who came to “throw around” a baseball out in the country. Gertie, five years younger than Sam, wasn’t noticed by her future husband until she was 20 years old. Sam and Gertie married in 1954, and, shortly thereafter, Sam and a friend, Carter Gibson, helped get Vienna Little League off the ground. Savia became a VLL team manager at a time where there were six major league teams and 12 minor league teams. Being instrumental in VLL’s infancy is one of Sam’s achievements in the community. In July, Savia was honored by the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department for 70 years of service.

“Vienna was a pleasant place to live, to raise a family, just marvelous,” said Gertie Savia. “No crime. You didn’t have to keep your eye on the kids every minute like parents have to do today.”

**GLYNDON PARK**, between Glyndon Street and Beulah Road, now a green oasis of playground, picnic tables, baseball field and tennis courts, was once

a dump. As development around Ayr Hill grew, the site was filled with dirt. The earliest VLL games were played there and that park is where mid-20th century Vienna watched Town fireworks.

Sam Savia recalls the quicksand at Black’s Pond. “We had a horse who got stuck in it.”

One of the things that has changed about Vienna, said Gertie Savia, is that neighbors no longer all know one another. “It’s not like it used to be,” Gertie Savia said. “When your children were young, you knew everybody.” Still, she said, were she a young mother today, she would “certainly live in Vienna.”

Savia, the father of one boy and three girls, calls Vienna the “best place” for raising kids.

**IN THE HOUSE** at the corner of Center and Church streets where the John Edwards salon is now, the old telephone office set up there. The Savias have a phone from those days when you needed an operator to connect your call.

Gertie remembers her aunt’s phone number from those days, 37J. That’s it ... two numbers and a letter.

When the Savias and Martin talked about Vienna as it was 50 to 60 years ago, recollections spilled forth, memories of friends, of life as it was before technology saturated home life and Vienna grew from country to suburb. They recalled young men from Vienna who did not make it home from World War II, and small family-owned businesses where the owners knew their customers by name.

“I loved Vienna when I was growing up,” said Martin. “It was great. I never wanted to leave it.”



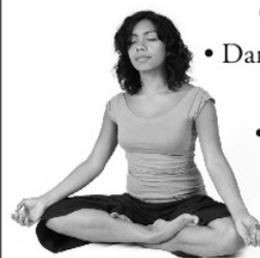
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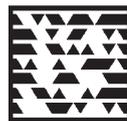
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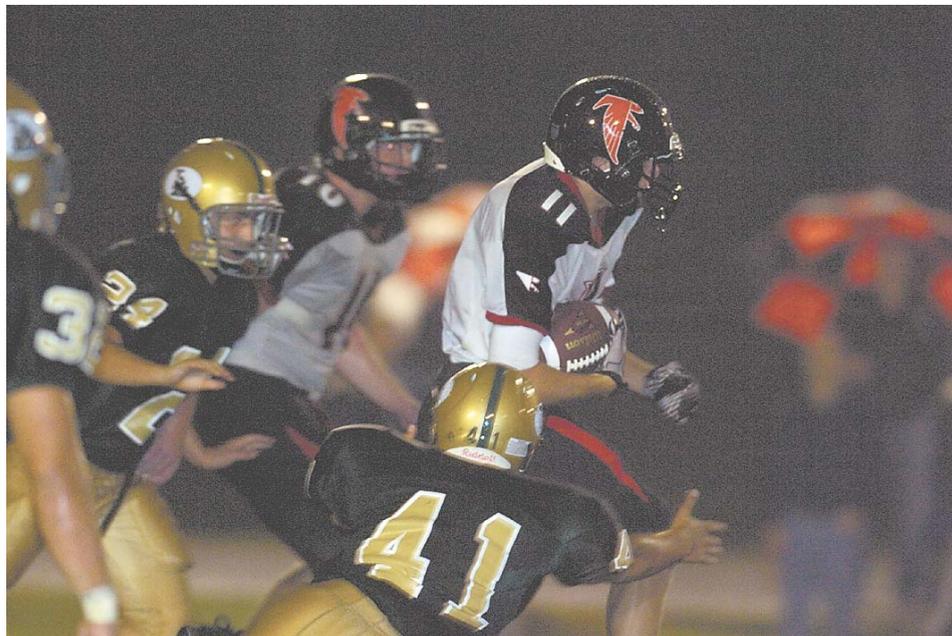
# SPORTS

**The McLean MPS 94 Hotspur Green U17 boys' soccer team** is looking for quality players. The team is coached by Ed Beach (B licensed), who has come to McLean to also coach the U17/18 U.S. Soccer Development Academy Program team in McLean. Beach's former Great Falls '91 Elite team won the last three consecutive Virginia State Cup titles. Interested players should contact Tom Hixon at 703-759-3805 or at tom.hixon@cox.net.

**Great Falls boxer Jimmy Lange** is scheduled to face "El Toro" Muñoz of Topeka, Kan. for the World Boxing Union's (WBU) vacant 154-pound championship on Saturday, Sept. 10 at the Patriot Center in Fairfax. The scheduled 10-round fight is set to begin at 7 p.m. Prior to the main event bout, there will be seven under-card fights featuring several local boxers.

Lange (36-4-2 record, 24 knockouts) has won his last five fights, including a unanimous win over Mike McFail this past June in Virginia Beach. The former star from season one of The Contender television show has headlined all 12 Patriot Center pro boxing shows dating back to September of 2005.

Lange's upcoming opponent, Muñoz (22-14-1, 16 knockouts), a native of Mexico, lost his last fight to undefeated top prospect Mike Jones in Philadelphia on June 25. Munoz turned pro at age 18 and has faced



**The Madison High football team is preparing for the upcoming new fall season under new head coach Lenny Schultz. The Warhawks will open up the schedule with a game at local rival Oakton on Friday night, Sept. 2 at 7:30. Their home opener will be the following Friday, Sept. 9 versus W.T. Woodson.**

world-class competitors such as Julio Cesar Chavez Jr., Hector Camacho, Austin Trout, Joel Casamayor, Yory Boy Campas and Alfonso Gomez.

**The Mad 5K Run and One Mile Walk** are scheduled to take place on Saturday, Sept. 24 at James Madison High School in Vienna. The event, scheduled to begin at 8 a.m., will benefit the Madison High cross country program. Awards will be presented to the top three male and female finishers,

as well as age group award winners. T-shirts and refreshments will be available for all. Entry fee is \$15 for students, \$20 for adults. Register at: <http://www.fcps.edu/MadisonHS/> or contact Madison cross country coach Craig Chasse at [craig.chasse@fcps.edu](mailto:craig.chasse@fcps.edu).

**David Curtin, a golfer from Springfield**, earned a silver medal at the recent Special Olympic World Games held July in Athens, Greece.

Curtin, at the World Games, represented Special Olympics Virginia for Team USA. He took silver in the men's 18-hole tournament with a cumulative 409 for his four rounds.

Curtin has participated in Fairfax County Special Olympics since he was a child, competing in golf, swimming, track and field, basketball, and softball. Last July, he won a gold medal competing in Level 5 Individual Play at the Special Olympics National Games in Lincoln, Neb. He recently played in the Azalea LPGA Pro-Am Invitational, teaming with LPGA golfer Stephanie Loudon.

**Brandon Kuter, a Robinson Secondary graduate** and current baseball relief pitcher for George Mason University (GMU), was named Relief Pitcher of the Year of the Atlantic Collegiate Baseball League (ACBL) this summer.

The ACBL is one of eight summer leagues sanctioned by the NCAA and is partially supported by Major League Baseball. Kuter's team, the Westhampton Aviators (N.Y.), is a part of the ACBL's Hampton Division.

Kuter, a hard-throwing 6-foot-7-inch right-hander and rising junior at GMU, was selected as the Hampton Division's Outstanding Reliever after posting 10 saves in 21 appearances. He allowed one run and struck out 36 batters in 22.1 innings for a 0.40 ERA. He recorded a save in the ACBL All-Star Game and was a key member of an Aviators' team, which captured the Hampton Division title.

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**Alliance Church Centre**, 12113 Vale Road in Oakton, will hold its Vacation Bible School Aug. 24-26 from 8:45 a.m.-1 p.m. The Sonsurf Beach Bash will have Bible stories, crafts, skits, games, songs, snacks and more for nursery school-6th grade. 703-264-1273 or 703-795-8801.

**The Church of the Good Shepherd**, a United Methodist church at 2351 Hunter Mill Road in Vienna, will begin its "Champions of the Faith" series on Sunday, Aug. 28, in the 10 a.m. worship service. The "Champion the Dream" event will be on the anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech, the same day the Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial is to be unveiled. Wesley Theological Seminary Professor of Urban Ministry Fred D. Smith, PhD, will lead the 9 a.m. Sunday school class then deliver a sermon at 10 a.m. on the "Beloved Community," the Biblical theme adopted by the civil rights movement.

[www.GoodShepherdVA.com](http://www.GoodShepherdVA.com).

**Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church**, 9201 Leesburg Pike in Vienna, has a 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service through Sept 4. Beginning Sept. 11 Worship is 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., and Youth Fellowship at 6 p.m. September study groups are Monday night's 'Companions in Christ', and Tuesday 10 a.m. Bible Study. Bell Choir practice is Wednesday at 7 p.m. and choir practice at 8 p.m. Call 703-759-3722 to register for PreSchool and Mother's Day Out. 703-759-3508.

**Christ the King Lutheran Church**, 10550 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, will mark the beginning of the Sunday School year for all ages on Rally Day, Sunday Sept. 11. To celebrate, the Church will host a Rally Day BBQ on the front lawn following the 11 a.m. service. Members and visitors are invited to join in the fun, including burgers and dogs and all the fixings. [www.gflutheran.org](http://www.gflutheran.org).

**Epiphany United Methodist Church**, 1014 Country Club Drive in

Vienna, will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a special worship service on Sunday, Sept. 25 at 11 a.m. [www.epiphanyumc.com](http://www.epiphanyumc.com) or 703-938-3494.

**The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA)** offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. [www.jssa.org/growth-learning](http://www.jssa.org/growth-learning).

**HAVEN of Northern Virginia** offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. Contact 703-941-7000 or [www.havenofnova.org](http://www.havenofnova.org) for schedules and registration information.

**McLean Bible Church Fitness Class** at Body & Soul Fitness. Balance is key, energy is renewed and strength is gained. 9:45 a.m. Mondays and Fridays. Free childcare for registered students. [bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org](mailto:bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org).

**Vajrayogini Buddhist Center** offers ongoing classes on meditation and Buddhist philosophy, Mondays at 7 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. \$10 per class. 202-331-

2122 or [www.meditation-dc.org](http://www.meditation-dc.org).

**St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church**, 1830 Kirby Road in McLean. The third Sunday service every month at 10:15 a.m. allows children to play active roles in the music and as greeters and ushers. Traditional services are every Sunday at 8:15 and 10:15 a.m.

**Vienna Presbyterian Church**, 124 Park St. in Vienna, presents the 12-week program "Passages," for those experiencing separation or divorce. The DivorceCare series meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Cost of materials \$20, scholarships available. 703-938 9050 or [Passages@ViennaPres.org](mailto:Passages@ViennaPres.org).

**Vienna Assembly of God** has a ministry to children on Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. at the corner of Center N and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E. Children's Church on Sundays also available. 703-938-7736 or [www.ViennaAG.com](http://www.ViennaAG.com).

**Vienna Christian Healing Rooms**, every Saturday, 1-5 p.m., at 8200 Bell Lane. A team of Christians is available to anyone requesting prayer. Free and open to the public. 703-698-9779 or

[www.viennachristianhealingrooms.com](http://www.viennachristianhealingrooms.com).

**Chesterbrook United Methodist Church** is at 1711 Kirby Road, McLean. Worship service is at 11 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. for adults and children. Rev. Kathleen Card, Pastor. 703-356-7100 or [www.ChesterbrookUMC.org](http://www.ChesterbrookUMC.org).

A **Centering Prayer Group** meets Fridays, 9:30 a.m. at Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, 1301 Trap Road, Vienna. The hour includes a brief reading related to Centering Prayer, followed by a 20-minute prayer period. E-mail Martha Thomas at [mmthomas211@hotmail.com](mailto:mmthomas211@hotmail.com) or call the church at 703-759-3509.

**The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington** and the Jewish Outreach Institute offer the Mothers/Parents Circle, an umbrella of free educational events and resources. Jewish rituals, ethics and the creation of a Jewish home, regular meetings and group Shabbats and holidays. Participants include Sha'are Shalom, Congregation Beth Emeth, Temple Rodef Shalom and the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia. [ShalomDC.org](http://ShalomDC.org).

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BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

Throughout their sports histories, Vienna-area schools Madison, Marshall, and Oakton High Schools have experienced some memorable seasons and outstanding games which helped shape their rich traditions in athletics.

Newcomers to the Vienna area who love high school sports will enjoy attending and maybe even rooting for the Warhawks, Statesmen, or Cougars in the upcoming school year ahead.

Here, we will take a brief glimpse back at some of the Vienna-area's greatest high school teams of the past and the seasons which will forever be etched into the minds of those who played on or followed those teams.

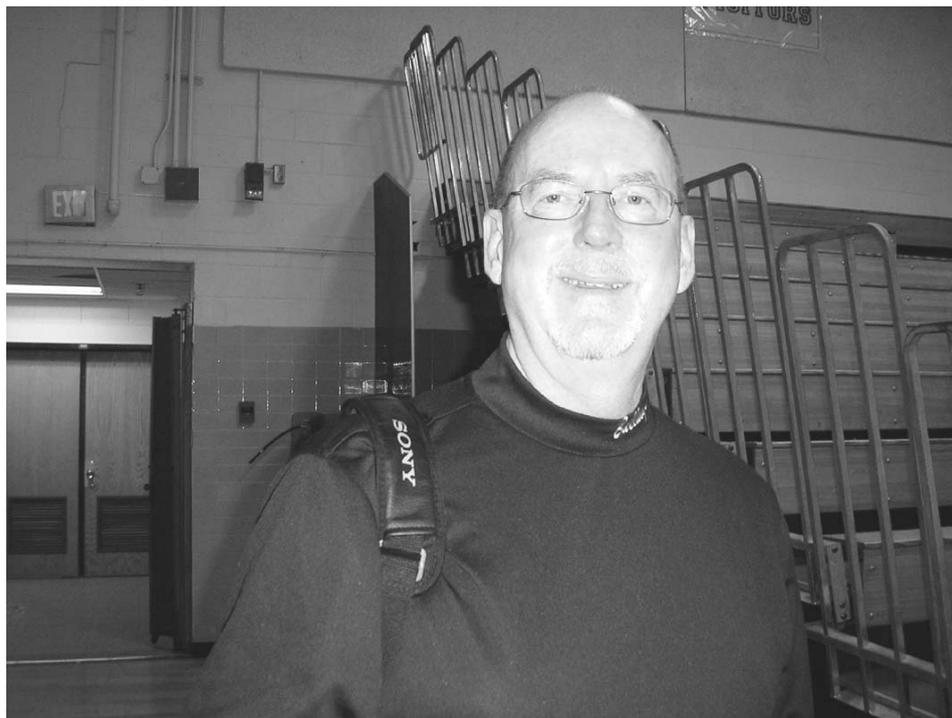
**OAKTON FOOTBALL**, nearly five years ago, captured its first state football crown when it defeated Landstown of Virginia Beach, ending the Eagles' 27-game win streak.

The Cougars, under head coach Joe Thompson that season, struggled in the always-difficult Concorde District, enduring one stretch of games where they went 1-2. But Oakton ended the regular season strong with three straight district wins to gain momentum heading into the Div. 6 region playoffs.

The Cougars went on to win both the region and state crowns. The team's offense featured running back Keith Payne, who rushed for 2,059 yards and 26 touchdowns. Other big seasons from the offensive side of the football came from fullback Taylor Naleppa (919 yards, 7 TDs) and quarterback Kevin Houghton (989 yards passing, 7 TD passes).

While the Oakton offense was a dominant force, its defense might have been even better. The Cougars' defense was led by Jared Ruppert (83 tackles, 7 sacks), Jeremy Rudolph (53 tackles, 3 sacks), Naleppa (69 tackles, 2 sacks), Sean Purcell (89 tackles, 3 interceptions), Donald Murphy (71 tackles, 4 interceptions), Curtis Eward (60 tackles, 6 sacks), and Thomas Rupp (96 tackles).

With such a high powered offense and a defense in which so many players stepped up, it's no wonder Oakton knocked off Landstown, the defending state champion.



Former Madison High girls' basketball coach Pat Deegan is now at the helm of the Westfield High girls' team.

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Joe Thompson's Oakton Cougars won the Div. 6 Northern Region football crown in 2006.

**MARSHALL HIGH FOOTBALL** competed in one of the region's best all-time games in 1988 when the Statesmen, in a Div. 5 region title game versus Yorktown, were going for their third straight region crown.

The Statesmen gave it a valiant effort but fell short to the Patriots, 26-20, in what was a controversial ending to the game.

When Marshall's Keith Lyle, on the game's final play, seemingly crossed the goal line on a fourth-and-goal play from the one yard line, it appeared the Statesmen had won.

Lyle, a skilled position player on offense and a member of the Marshall secondary on defense, would go on to enjoy a fine NFL playing career.

But on this day at Washington-Lee High School in Arlington, Lyle, with yellow paint on his uniform indicating he had indeed reached the end zone, experienced heartbreak along with his teammates as officials ruled that he had not crossed the goal line and gotten into the end zone for what would have been the region-clinching TD.

Later, then-Marshall coach Mike Skinner

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would say, "The game film shows he was across the [yellow] goal line from his waist to his knees."

Yorktown converted two Marshall fumbles into touchdowns and led by more than a touchdown in the fourth quarter. But Marshall's Tracy O'Neal came up with a clutch interception, which led to a three-yard scoring run by Joe Swarm (Marshall's current director of student activities) with just less than nine minutes remaining.

Marshall's defense held Yorktown and the Statesmen's offense had the ball again with plenty of time for a final drive. Marshall, trailing 20-16, moved the ball to the one before the final play controversy.

**THE MADISON'S GIRLS'** basketball team, in the 1992-93 season, won its second state championship over a four-year period under head coach Pat Deegan when it defeated Mechanicsville High by 15 points in the finals game played in Charlottesville.

The Warhawks' toughest postseason test that season had come in the Northern Region semifinals when Madison was matched up against a Centreville High squad which had perhaps the best frontcourt player in the region in Tye Hall. Madison, which had experienced its lone loss to Centreville earlier in the season, won the region semifinals affair, 50-49, in front of a packed gymnasium at Lake Braddock Secondary. The win advanced Deegan's squad into the region finals and also qualified the Warhawks for the state playoffs.

Two years later, Deegan's Madison team was vying for another state crown. The Warhawks defeated Robinson in a Northern Region title game rout, 68-40, behind 12 three-pointers. The two teams met again in the state finals. This time, Robinson, unveiling an effective matchup zone defense, held Madison to 25 percent shooting and just 3-of-23 shooting from three-point territory. The result was a 44-39 Robinson finals game victory over the Warhawks in Lynchburg.

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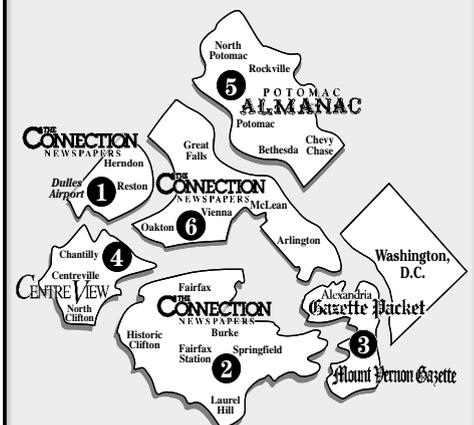
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# Metrorail to Dulles: What Comes Next?

FROM PAGE 4

From Tysons to Reston, track work continues across Difficult Run and the W&OD Trail to the Wiehle Avenue Station in the median just west of Wiehle Avenue.

## Looking Ahead

Here's what to expect in the coming months:

- ❖ Tunnels from Route 123 to Route 7 will complete by end of year and track laying

will then begin.

- ❖ Additional track installation all along the alignment.

- ❖ Aerial Truss construction will finish bridge spans near Capital One on Route 123 by early September, and move build spans toward I-495. When that work is done this fall, it will be moved to median of the Dulles International Airport Access Highway where it will be used to construct the flyover to/ from Route 7.

- ❖ Bridge construction in the median of

Route 7 at Spring Hill Road starts.

- ❖ Beltway crossing will be complete by end of year.

- ❖ The final at-grade bridge at Difficult Run will be completed in late August.

- ❖ Additional full and single-tracking outages will be required on the Orange Line

- ❖ Station work will include installations of elevator and escalator shafts and auxiliary power facilities.

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**Senior Fall Prevention Classes.** The Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Drive, Fairfax. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30-2:30 p.m., Mondays and Fridays from 2-3 p.m. Classes are held in a heated indoor pool and are designed to work on balance and core muscles in order to prevent injuries and falls. Instructor now certified in Back and Hip Rehab. \$10 per class. Pre-registration required at 703-667-

9800.

**Encore Chorale Potomac Academy Open House and Rehearsal.** 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Drive, Fairfax. For the fall season, Sept. 6-Dec. 13. For singers age 55 and up. Jeanne Kelly, Conductor. 301-261-5747 or [Jeanne.Kelly@encorecreativity.org](mailto:Jeanne.Kelly@encorecreativity.org).

### THURSDAY/SEPT. 8

**Happy Hearts Senior Adult Fellowship Potluck Lunch.** 12:30 p.m. Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road, Vienna. Discussion about the effects of 9-11 and games. Open to the public. Bring a favorite food dish. Chicken provided. \$2 donation. 703-938-6753 or [www.antiochdoc.org](http://www.antiochdoc.org).

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

**Vienna AAUW Open House.** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave E, Vienna. Learn about upcoming lectures by noted authors and advocacy to fight sex discrimination; entertainment and local tours, book clubs, gardening and dining groups. Free. 703-321-7499 or [www.aauwofva.org/branches/vienna](http://www.aauwofva.org/branches/vienna).

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 11

**DivorceCare and DivorceCare for Kids.** 11 a.m. McLean Presbyterian Church, 1020 Balls Hill Road, McLean. First of thirteen weekly sessions. 703-821-0800.

### TUESDAY/SEPT. 13

**Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Meeting.** 9:30 a.m. Fairfax County Government Center, Board Auditorium, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-3151, TTY 703-324-3903.

**Vienna Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce TIPS Luncheon.** 12:15 p.m. Shula's Steakhouse, 8028 Leesburg Pike, in the Tysons Corner Marriott. Every Tuesday. 703-862-4895.

**NARFE Vienna Chapter 1116.** 1:30 p.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., Vienna. With Nancy Scesney, who helps plan decluttering projects. Free. 703-938-6580.

**NARFE McLean/Great Falls Chapter 489.** 12 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Potluck lunch. [Wsodell1789@aol.com](mailto:Wsodell1789@aol.com).

### WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 14

**Virginia Chronic Pain Support Group Meeting.** 1:30 p.m. at Kaplan Center for Integrative Medicine, 6829 Elm St., Suite 300, McLean. Constructive ways of coping with physical limitations, relationships, work and more. Group leader, Jodi Brayton, LCSW. 703-532-4892.

### Multiple Sclerosis Support Group.

7 p.m. Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St., NE, Vienna, VA. A group for anyone with multiple sclerosis, their family and friends. Sponsored by the National Capital Chapter of the MS Society. The group meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Free. 703-768-4841.

### THURSDAY/SEPT. 15

**Welcome Luncheon for John E. Potter, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority President & CEO.** 11:15 a.m. Sheraton Premiere at Tysons Corner, 8661 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. Hosted by Committee for Dulles Washington Airports Task Force. \$55-\$75. 703-572-8714 or 703-430-8749.

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 18

**GriefShare.** 6 p.m. McLean Presbyterian Church, 1020 Balls Hill Road, McLean. First of thirteen weekly sessions. 703-821-0800.

### MONDAY/SEPT. 19

**Sierra Club/Great Falls Group Monthly Meeting.** 7 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Green home strategies and tools, including bug and pest management, rainwater harvesting and management, native vegetation and more. [sbonney001@aol.com](mailto:sbonney001@aol.com) or 703-402-9292.

### TUESDAY/SEPT. 20

**Registration for English Classes.** 7 p.m. St. Mark Christian Formation Center, 9972 Vale Road, Vienna. Seven proficiency levels. Classes meet Tuesday and Thursday at 8 p.m. beginning Oct. 4. \$20. Optional basic computer skills class for intermediate and advanced ESL students. 703-300-3936 or [st.mark.esl@gmail.com](mailto:st.mark.esl@gmail.com) in English or Spanish; 703-994-8510 in Korean.

# INSIDERS GUIDE



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A partnership between the Town of Vienna and the ViennaTysons Regional Chamber of Commerce, the annual Vienna Halloween Parade draws thousands of spectators. The parade started as a modest event 65 years ago.



The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department drives Santa Claus around the streets of Vienna for approximately a week, beginning the week prior to Christmas. Elves dressed like firefighters and EMTs accompany Santa in his antique fire truck.

## Year-Round Festivities

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Parade has delighted multiple generations of the same family line. Every year, the parade is held the Wednesday before Halloween.

The parade features floats, pipers, bands, motorcycles, mini-cars, antique cars, clowns, dance groups and emergency vehicles that never meant a siren they didn't like.

### Church Street Holiday Stroll

Monday, Nov. 28, 6 to 9 p.m. Historic Church Street.

Church Street, closed to vehicular traffic, lights up in its seasonal finest during the annual holiday "stroll." Freeman House is decorated and open to the public, and merchants along Church Street keep their doors open.

A few minutes after 6 p.m., a siren wails, getting louder and louder, until an antique fire truck appears on Church Street. Standing tall in the rear of the fire truck is Santa, waving to the hundreds assembled around Freeman House. Santa assists the mayor in the lighting of the town's Christmas tree.

Across the street from Freeman House is a stage featuring live holiday music. Behind the stage is a petting zoo whose animals are so adorable and endearing, they're off the "aw" scale. The caboose, maintained by the Optimists Club of Greater Vienna and decorated by the Ayr Hill Garden Hill, is open during the evening. Outside Freeman House are urns of hot chocolate and bonfires for toasting marshmallows on a stick.

### Santa Run

Beginning the week before Christmas, the Vienna

Volunteer Fire Department takes its antique fire truck to the streets of Vienna on a week's worth of nightly rides. Santa, dressing exceptionally warmly, waves to the families lining the streets as the fire truck blares its sirens and plays holiday music from loudspeakers. North Pole elves, dressed up like firefighters and EMTs, jump off the fire truck as it stops for the children waiting, handing out candy canes. Some of those "kids" are seniors who, for a moment, go back in time to when their children waited for Santa.



The Church Street Holiday Stroll is a nod to yesteryear. Historic Freeman House centers the event. There's Santa Claus listening to kids' wish lists, a petting zoo, live holiday entertainment, and bonfires for roasting marshmallows. The Historic Church Street merchants keep their shops open late for the nighttime event. Even the seasonally-decorated caboose is open.



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Vienna Town Green concerts top the list of Mayor Seeman's Top 10 places-to-see: The crowd enjoys the musical styling of Jeff Hays, of Annandale, during the open mic night on Aug. 20. Between May and September the Town Green has performances three to four nights a week, sponsored by the Town of Vienna and the Friends of the Vienna Town Green.

## Vienna Mayor's Top 10 Places

Mayor M. Jane Seeman on the 10 places in town she would like her guests to see.

Mayor Jane Seeman, of Vienna, responded to The Vienna Connection's question on Top 10 places in Vienna she would like her out-of-town visitors to see:



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1. Town Green and the concerts.
2. Freeman House/Museum for the history and exhibits.
3. Church Street and the shops because it is unique. I like the walkability and variety.
4. Vienna Inn for the good company, ambiance and chili dogs.
5. Vienna neighborhoods because they are so neat and green and friendly.
6. Vienna Community Center for all the activities.
7. Town Hall because I spend a lot of time there and everyone is very friendly and helpful.
8. Patrick Henry Library because I volunteer

- Town of Vienna Mayor M. Jane Seeman
- there. I love books and it is very welcoming.
9. Maple Avenue for the streetscape, trees and variety of stores. Everything I need I can find on Maple Avenue.
10. Westwood Country Club because the grounds are beautiful and it's the first thing people see driving into Vienna from the Tysons.