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Greetings NEVCA members & Northeast Vienna friends,

We are reaching the final chapter securing **safe pedestrian crossings over Beulah Road** (first mentioned two years ago in this newsletter). Our NEVCA officers attended recent town budget meetings to show support for funding for the rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs) at Ayr Hill & MacArthur recommended months ago by the Transportation Safety Commission. Council ultimately decided since they are capital expenditures they can be funded by a previous bond and can be installed without further delay. There is good news to report too on **finishing the north sidewalk in the 300 block of Church Street NE**. Council approved design plans for the segment from mid-block to Glyndon Road on April 17. The segment from midblock to Beulah was largely finished this winter.

A 2" caliper pin oak donated by NEVCA was planted in the grove by Glyndon Park's picnic shelters on April 7th. I observed its planting by Parks & Rec near other recently planted tree species there, all of which enhance the town's status as a Tree City USA community. Interested in learning about donating a tree? Go to www.viennava.gov/document-center/view/2322.

Because the candidates for Town council are running unopposed this year, NEVCA did not hold a Candidate Forum. Inside these pages however you will **find candidates' answers to five questions posed by NEVCA's board**. Check it out. We encourage you to follow the candidates' positions, engage them in issues important to you, and get out and vote on Tuesday, May 2. Please show your support and come out to vote.

NEVCA's Annual Membership Meeting will be held Thursday, May 18, 7:30pm, at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St South. Featured speaker will be Dr. Gerald Gordon, president and CEO of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, to talk about issues concerning Tysons and plans for the future. Please put it on your calendar. **This is your opportunity to learn about what is planned and to ask questions!** Annual election of NEVCA officers will be held, and door prizes will be awarded, courtesy of Great Harvest Bread Company, 132 Church St NW. All are welcome.

*Please consider joining the 100+ northeast Vienna families, your neighbors, who belong to the Association. Use the membership application form on the back of this mailing. If you already are a member and your annual membership of \$10 has expired (**check the 'good through' date on the mailing label**), please keep it up and send it in. And remember, your contribution is tax deductible.*

Bob McCahill

Vote!

Town of Vienna voters have three opportunities to go to the polls this year: the Vienna Town Council 3-member Election on May 2, the Virginia State Primaries on June 13, and the Virginia General Election on November 7. The Virginia Primaries and General Election voting will include candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General (4-year term) and the House of Delegates (100) (2-year term). To vote in the Town Council elections, you must be a registered voter and a resident of Vienna. For the State Primaries and the General Election, you must be a registered voter and a resident of Virginia.

To become a registered voter, you must be a citizen of the United States and at least 18 years of age. Students who are 17 now, but who will be 18 by the November 7 General Election, can register now and vote in the State Primaries in June if they meet the May 22 deadline. For the Vienna Town Council elections, the deadline for voter registration is April 10. Registration for the Virginia Primaries is May 22. The registration deadline for the General Election is October 16. Details on voter registration procedures are available through the Fairfax County Office of Elections www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections. Important deadlines for the Vienna Town Council Elections are:

- March 17: In-Person Absentee Voting begins
- April 10: Voter Registration Deadline 5:00 p.m., Online: 11:59 p.m.
- April 25: Deadline to apply for an Absentee Ballot by mail, 5:00 p.m.

- April 29: Final Day, In-Person Absentee Voting
- May 2: Absentee Ballot return deadline, 7:00 p.m.

You will need to show one acceptable photo identification card (photo ID) whenever you vote in person. This is Virginia law for all voters. Many types of photo ID are acceptable for voting in Virginia. You only need to show ONE acceptable photo ID to vote. Photo IDs can be used to vote up to one year after the ID has expired.

Acceptable forms of valid identification:

- Virginia driver's license
- Virginia DMV-issued photo ID
- United States passport
- Employer-issued photo ID
- Student photo ID issued by a school, college, or university located in Virginia
- Other U.S. or Virginia government-issued photo ID
- Tribal enrollment or other tribal photo ID
- Virginia Voter Photo ID card

If you don't have an ID, simply go to your nearest voter registration office to get a free Voter Photo ID, even on Election Day! You will be required to complete an photo ID application, have your photo taken and to sign a digital signature pad. If you get to your polling place without acceptable photo ID, you can vote a provisional ballot. You will be given instructions on what to do so your vote can count.

NEVCA member MaryBeth Davis

Thank You Maud Robinson!

At their March 29 annual meeting, Historic Vienna, Inc recognized Maud with the VIENNA HERITAGE PRESERVATION AWARD for her tireless dedication over the years to help make Vienna a wonderful place to live. A town resident since 1951, Maud was cited for many accomplishments, too numerous to list here, but some of note:

- Involved with creating the community center and what would become Patrick Henry Library.
- Catalyst for the creation of Vienna's Park-Conservation Zone, to preserve Northside Park in its natural state.
- Historic Vienna, Inc board member for 30 years! Tireless Freeman Store and annual HVI book sale volunteer.
- Contributor to Vienna's oral history project.
- Long-time Ayr Hill Garden Club and Vienna Rotary Club activist.
- Town Council member 2000 to 2009.

NEVCA takes this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to Maud for her decades of service that has improved the quality of life in our town.

“Caution: Experimental Dandelion Farm In Progress. Do Not Disturb The Weeds”

Ever wonder where we got the idea that a healthy lawn is a “weed” free lawn? People spend thousands to have companies spray to remove their “weeds” to make their lawn “beautiful” every summer. This “beauty” comes with a price. When I see a grass lawn, I think chemical lawn. One that causes harm to anything that comes in contact with it. The chemicals also pollute neighboring yards, streams and eventually the bay. We have a better,



healthier idea. How about harvesting the weeds and using them? Betsy Miller, a certified herbalist and a teacher at the Maryland University of Integrative Health showed me how to do just that. It was great to have her walk through my pesticide free yard, pointing out all the food and medicinal herbs we were growing. As she popped a few violets into her mouth, she showed me what I could add to my salad, and which herbs to make healing

skin salves from. All the “weeds” others fight so hard to rid their lawns of, I welcome! They are bees’ and butterflies’ first food! Dandelions, chickweed, purple violets and dead nettle are all great backyard herbs that we can eat/use every day. Don’t spray the weeds! Eat the weeds! Help make our community healthier for everyone!

*NEVCA member
Robin Ballou*

10 Dandelion Benefits

- Protects Bones. Calcium is the most abundant mineral in the body and dandelions contain 10 percent of your daily value.
- High in Vitamin K
- Great detox tea
- Aids in diabetes
- High in antioxidants
- Yummie salad greens
- Rich in fiber
- Good source of Vitamin A

Chickweed

Can be used in salads and in a salve.

Common uses:

- Constipation
- Diet/weight Loss
- Insect/flea Bites
- Psoriasis
- Skin Care

Students’ Financial Literacy

Vienna Elementary is working on developing mathematicians and financially literate students by using Vault, the online interactive learning course by EverFi. This program is provided by the school’s business partner, parent, and *NEVCA member*, Jason S. Adams, CFP® from UBS Financial Services. To showcase Vienna’s commitment for Mathematics Awareness Month and Financial Literacy Month, students in grades 4-6 are working to earn their Vault certification, which requires students to show mastery of six skills: responsible money choices, income and careers, making plans with money, credit and borrowing, insurance and safety, and savings and investing. A student work session will be held on **Tuesday, April 25, at 11:15 a.m.** Principal John Carmichael, Adams, and school-based technology specialist Tim Scesney will be on hand to discuss the school’s commitment to nurturing financially literate mathematicians. Contact news liaison Tim Scesney at 703-937-6000 or tscesney@fcps.edu or principal John Carmichael at jdcarmichael@fcps.edu.

Used Book Cellar

Shop locally for used books at the **Freeman Store and Museum**. Historic Vienna, Inc. hosts a Used Book Cellar Wednesday through Sunday, 12 - 4 PM. and our selection is reasonably priced. Enjoy browsing through books, DVD's, Books on CD's and vintage prints covering many topics. All profits support Historic Vienna, Inc. events and museum exhibits. Used book donations are welcome and bags or boxes can be placed on the Freeman Store porch or brought into the store. Please note that text books, encyclopedias, magazines, dictionaries, and romance novels are not accepted. 131 Church ST NE. Please contact 703.938.5187.

USED BOOKS



Five Questions for the Candidates in the Upcoming Town Election

The TSC/DPW recommended installing rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB's) to assist pedestrians crossing busy Beulah Rd at Ayr Hill Avenue and MacArthur Avenue. Do you consider these high priority items? Are there items you would reduce/eliminate in the Town's budget? If so, why?

Howard Springsteen: Much to my surprise, when the Council received the proposed fiscal 2017/18 budget from the Town Manager, the flashing beacons were listed under unmet needs totaling \$15,000. This was after the Council directed staff in the fall to address this expense in the upcoming budget. I flagged this right away a long with my Council colleagues at the beginning of the first budget work session thanks to the encouragement of NEVCA members present. By the end of the 2nd work session Council directed this be included in the proposed 017/18 budget. At the last budget work session on April 4th, surplus previous capital funds were identified and DPW was instructed to begin to purchase two items immediately so this has been resolved.

Carey Sienicki: I support increasing pedestrian safety measures. RRFB's have been proposed and installed on major arterial roads in Town. Recommendations, provided by NEVCA, the Transportation Safety Commission and Department of Public Works, indicate Beulah Road should benefit from the next installment. At this time, it is a high priority for council and is supported being funded.

Tara Voigt: Rectangular Rapid Firing Beacons (RRFB) is an important traffic calming/safety measure that is already in use on Lawyers Road. With the amount of vehicular traffic, pedestrian traffic, and an elementary school in the immediate vicinity of Beulah Rd, I support installing them. These should be a high priority item in the budget. This year we will be using capital funds to install them on Beulah Avenue. There are a number of other areas in town that would benefit from them such as the area around the post office and the W&OD crossing at Park St.

What is your position on the proposal to weaken the current ordinance that requires a supermajority for rezoning in cases where a valid protest petition has been filed? If you favor weakening the current ordinance, what measures would you support to ensure that the interests of adjacent and nearby residential properties are heard?

Springsteen: I was one of two Council members who voted "no" on the proposed Marco Polo Redevelopment rezoning project in June 2016 because in the end I did not think it was a good proposal. I am not in favor of weakening the current ordinance because if this did not exist, the Town and the adjacent and nearby neighborhoods would have been stuck with a problem development. However, I will review and will be open to consideration the recommendations the Planning Commission is making after their extensive review.

Sienicki: Vienna is fortunate to have involved citizens and I support civic participation and governmental processes. The standard for rezoning protest petitions definitely needs to be reviewed. Currently, this standard allows a two council member accord to cease a project, after a protest of twenty percent of surrounding, opposite or included property owners. For example, despite having five of seven council members approval and favorable recommendations of the Planning Commission (each with public hearings), and extensive reviews from Board of Architectural Review and Town staff, including equally as many citizens who voiced their approval of the plan, a rezoning can be denied. The protest petition is at a greater vote standard than any other Town Code Council consideration, including the budget. In addition, the deadline for submission of the protest needs to provide adequate time for staff and Council to determine the merits of the protest. I consider rezoning applications to be extremely important and I will support checks and balances so everyone's voices are heard.

Voigt: I support the updating of the supermajority ordinance for rezoning from 6/7's to 2/3's. Currently there are no other ordinances or town code that require a supermajority, including passing the budget and changing the tax rate. I am in favor of keeping a low percentage of adjacent, adjoining, or immediate neighbors needed to validate a protest vote. Only requiring one of the groups to validate the protest vote protects the many interests in the rezoning area include homeowners, business owners, and the rezoned property owners.

Many motorists run stop signs and stop lights all over town. Virginia allows local communities to install red light cameras (penalties not greater than \$50, not considered a conviction, not included in your driving record, and not used for insurance purposes). Fairfax City recently approved an increase from four to seven cameras at their intersections. With the anticipated increase in traffic coming from Tysons development, would you support red light cameras in Vienna in the future?

Springsteen: I would like to get the Vienna Police input on this in terms of resources needed and effectiveness. The law on red light cameras has been re-allowed and Vienna could possible get 10. I think this would be a good discussion for a Council work session.

Sienicki: Red light cameras were once located in Town but were found to be expensive to administer (either by paying a third-party provider or having a police officer taken off the street to review video footage). Personally, I believe our Town resources would be better utilized educating citizens on safe driving practices and having officers on the street enforcing all our laws.

Voigt: I would support red light cameras in Vienna. The installing of red light cameras would deter motorists from running red lights. When they were previously installed, it provided a deferent and a revenue source. When the law only

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allowed one camera per 10,000 people, the revenue from the cameras wouldn't pay for the time needed to process the infractions. With the possibility of installing additional cameras I would also support a study to determine if this new program would be a viable revenue source as well as a deterrent.

Name one thing you have pushed for that has made a difference. What is one thing you will advocate for that Council has not done?

Springsteen: The Vienna community center renovation project has taken much longer and cost more than anticipated due to unforeseen site and building conditions and performance issues primarily with the general contractor. Given my successful experience managing construction projects with the Vienna Fire Station renovation project and the 40 plus Fairfax County construction projects, I felt the slow pace last summer I could not defend to Town residents. I continually insisted these issues be addressed and the pace picked up. Early last fall the Town hired an independent construction management evaluation expert who did a detailed review of the project and determined most of the delays and issues were not the fault of the Town but rather the general contractor. Once these findings were presented to the Council and Town staff, a blunt meeting was held in December with the general contractor. They were told their performance was unacceptable and the pace and level of effort had to pick up and greatly improve or there could be significant financial consequences. The Vienna Community Center now is scheduled to be substantially completed in August of this year. Residents driving by the project now can see a significant uptick in construction activity and the project is now finally coming together.

Sienicki: I enjoy working on Town events that make our community shine. What is eco-friendlier than preservation? As coordinator for Walk on the Hill, I proposed merging with the Community Enhancement Commission's Green Expo, to add an outdoor venue for sustainability while highlighting our historic district's celebration of the community's roots and its gardens. From the many that came, it was a great success to jointly offer these traditions. I also serve as the Vendor Chairperson for Vienna Oktoberfest in fall. If you have not attended, I hope to see you on the last Sunday in April or the first Saturday in October and check it out yourself.

Optimize first! I recently have suggested several options that the Town could better use existing Town assets and inventories to find savings including considering lower cost alternatives to vehicles and offering substitutes to building or structured parking. I trust they will find a place to be considered.

Voigt: During my short tenure on Town Council I have not "pushed" an agenda. I have fully supported many items that have benefited the whole Town, including the Park and Locust traffic circle which the preliminary planning took place while I was on the Transportation Safety Commission. I have also fully

supported a number of roadway improvements such as Folin Lane and Marshall Road. I will also continue to advocate for "affordable" housing within the Maple Avenue Corridor rezoning. We currently have very few options for citizens who want to stay in Vienna but want to downsize or for citizens just starting out in adult life who are not ready to purchase a single family home.

Discuss one important topic that has not been raised by any of the previous questions.

Springsteen: On important topic that has not been raised is the challenge of long term funding to maintain Vienna's infrastructure including the Water and Sewer system.

Sienicki: I especially thank NEVCA for their positive collaboration with the Town and citizens in analyzing proposals, supporting initiatives and being attentive in the community. I am honored to serve you as a council member and thank you all for your continued support to make Vienna the best small town in America. If you would like to know more about me, visit my website: www.goo.gl/53iq0j

Voigt: With the growth of Tysons, I want to keep Vienna a wonderful small town. To me this means continuing a robust community events calendar (Chillin of Church, Viva Vienna, concerts on the Town Green), supporting and improving the bike and pedestrian network, and enticing people who commute through Vienna to stop and shop/eat/enjoy Vienna. In the past, maintaining our "small town feel" has been relatively easy but will be come more challenging and more deliberate as Tysons grows into a city right at our border.



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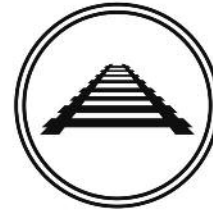


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