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Dear NEVCA Members and Neighbor's in Northeast Vienna

NEVCA and the Southwest Neighborhood Association will hold a Candidate's Forum for Town Council candidates on Friday, April 15th from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Community Center. Tuesday May 3rd is the Town of Vienna Election Day, and the ballot will list four candidates for three open Town Council positions. Since this election includes new candidates who have not served on Town Council, it is important for the citizens to understand their position on matters affecting Vienna's future, as well as the positions of the incumbent Council candidates. We will provide an opportunity for each of the candidates to present a statement of their objectives and why they feel they should be elected to Town Council. There will be an opportunity for the candidates to respond to questions from the audience concerning issues of interest to Vienna citizens and to provide summary remarks. I encourage you to attend this meeting along with your neighbors to gain a better understanding of the voter's choices in this election. Vienna's polling location is the Vienna Community Center and the polls will be open May 3rd from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m..

NEVCA is pleased to include in this newsletter the response of the Town Council candidates to four questions asked by NEVCA. Take a moment and read them. If you would like to meet the candidates, come to the Candidates Forum on April 15th.

The Town of Vienna will hold an Invasive Plant removal Day at Northside Park on Saturday, April 30th at 9:00 am. NEVCA will hold its final Native Plant Planting Day at Northside Park at 9:00 am on April 30th as well. Volunteers interested in supported these activities should meet at the Glyndon Road entrance to the Park. Volunteers should wear long pants and long sleeves.

NEVCA will hold a general meeting on Tuesday, June 7th at 8 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center at which time we will have our annual election of officers. I encourage all NEVCA members to consider running for a NEVCA Board position. Organizations benefit from changes in leadership positions and advancing new ideas to influence the betterment of our community. Please plan to attend this important meeting to establish the future course of our organization. There will also be status reports on the various projects that NEVCA monitors. We have invited the Vienna Police Department to make a presentation on Gangs in Northern Virginia. We of course welcome other discussions of items affecting our community. All citizens are welcome and I encourage your attendance, even if you are not a NEVCA member or have let your membership lapse. The yearly dues of \$10 cover our administrative costs and are a small investment in continuing to better our community.

I look forward to seeing you there

Dan Mulville
President

NEVCA is celebrating our 16th year.

**We could not have done it without your help.
Please become a member by paying your dues.
We have not increased our dues for 16 years.**

NEVCA General Meeting

**Presentation on Gangs in Northern Virginia
June 7th, 8 p.m.
Vienna Community Center
Bring a neighbor.**

Three candidates for Town Council answer questions from NEVCA

1. What do you think should be the number one priority for Vienna Town Council action in the coming year?

Laurie DiRocco: I believe the number one priority every year is the Town's financial budget. The budget determines what monies are expected to come in and how the Town is going to use these monies. Based on the Town's financial standing, Council can determine its priorities. Some important projects for the coming year are: make short and long term decisions regarding the Town's water and sewer system based on two studies of the system; review photographs of possible building scenarios along Maple Avenue and make key decisions on a Maple Avenue Vision; and consider ways to improve parking along Church Street.

Carey Sienicki: Encircled by rising large scale developments in Merrifield, Tysons Corner and Metro West, Vienna Town Council and the the citizens need to continue to foster their vibrant community spirit through constant cooperation between government, residents, local organizations and businesses. Financial, informational, geographical and cultural connections will be the keys to preserving that character. Tough choices will be required to maintain the delicate balance between preserving the small town community and fostering purposeful growth, so that the future needs of Vienna's citizens are met. If you wish to learn more, please visit my website at: <https://sites.google.com/site/careysienicki/>

Howard Springsteen: Vienna's water rates are double compared to most of the residents in surrounding Fairfax County. The underground costs to maintain the aging water system are rapidly becoming prohibitive. There are two independent outside studies underway funded by the Town to see what is the value of the water system and what are the true long-term maintenance costs and rates should be. Once these numbers are published, the Vienna Town should make the future of the Town water system the number one priority in the coming year.

2. What is your plan to move traffic more swiftly through Vienna as the volumes increase with Tyson development

Laurie DiRocco: It is important to keep traffic moving along our main streets so commuters don't cut through neighborhoods. Ensuring the adequate timing of lights along Maple Avenue will help with the traffic flow, but not eliminate the sheer number of cars traveling in and through our Town. Recently, Fairfax County did a study on some key intersections in the Town. With the Tysons Redevelopment, many of these intersections will fail to move the car traffic generated. Some possible solutions are alternative modes of transportation, such as regular bus service from points along Maple Avenue to Tysons and biking trails to Tysons.

Carey Sienicki: Traffic engineering alternatives, such as reversible lanes and/or streets, traffic light timing and optimizing speed limits should be investigated. Citizens should be better educated in methods and encouraged to use existing strategic time saving alternatives to reduce on-peak traffic such as ride sharing, telecommuting, flex-time commuting, cycling and better use of public transportation. Additionally, as the ongoing construction efforts associated with the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Metrorail improvements in our area are completed, more efficient surrounding modes of transportation will relieve some of the traffic pressures which complicate our current traffic woes.

Howard Springsteen: The volume of traffic going thru Vienna is clearly not going to be reduced as the Tysons development continues and this is going to be a major traffic challenge in future years. Adjusting and fine tuning the traffic lights along Maple Avenue can

help; however the town is going to have to work closely with Fairfax County and VDOT. We will need the assistance of traffic experts to address and come up with solutions that are both realistic and acceptable to the Town of Vienna and can be implemented.

3. Will you support bikes lane striping in the streets of Vienna?

Laurie DiRocco: Depending on the width/size of the street and the type of street, I will support bike lane striping in the Town. In general, bike lanes promote an environmentally friendly form of transportation and a healthy form of exercise. Additionally, having the W&OD trail run through our Town is such a benefit and tremendous asset that I want residents and local bike riders to have easy access to it.

Carey Sienicki: As an effort to encourage healthier and friendlier connections for citizens and to reduce commuter traffic, I would support using bike lane striping on two types of streets in Vienna: Two-lane residential / collector streets and or median-divided multi-lane roadways. Ideally, the proposed streets should consist of: low-posted speed limits, less complicated intersections, lower traffic volume and adequate roadway width to accomplish the safe use for bicyclists. I would encourage the Town of Vienna's Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) and Transportation and Safety Commission (TSC) to further investigate our bicycle network, particularly connecting to proposed and existing area Metrorail stations.

Howard Springsteen: Depending on the street width and location proposed, I would support bikes lane striping in certain streets in Vienna. I would however want any proposed bike lane striping proposals to go thru our Vienna Bicycle Advisory Committee and Transportation Safety Commission first to make sure any issues or concerns are addressed and what bike lane striping being proposed is safe and makes sense.

4. Do you support the use of red-light cameras in Vienna?

Laurie DiRocco: Based on the mixed results and feedback on red-light cameras, I would find alternative ways to deal with problem intersections and drivers running through red lights. A good example of managing the car speed through an intersection is Nutley Street and Courthouse Road where dips were installed to reduce the speed of vehicles.

Carey Sienicki: There is increasing evidence that the use of red-light cameras is not an effective tool in preventing accidents at intersections. In a 2005 study by The Washington Post, findings revealed crashes at intersections equipped with red light cameras in the District of Columbia actually doubled and fatalities and injuries increased. Instead of the cost associated with camera monitoring by an independent agency and verification by Vienna Police Officers, I would support resources used to improve intersection design and application of traffic engineering measures to increase the safety of intersections in the Town of Vienna.

Howard Springsteen: The Virginia State General Assembly only recently reauthorized the use of red-light cameras. They have been previously approved but the legislation sunset and it was not extended. Previously when red-light cameras were in use in Vienna, they served as a deterrent to the running of red lights. Given the new Virginia legislation on red-light cameras that has passed, turning these cameras back on requires meeting several new requirements. I would recommend the Police Department and Town council look at what is involved, the costs and what the public sentiment is before making a decision to use them again.

NOTE: Responses from Town Council candidate **Hamid Barahmand** were not received in time for inclusion in this newsletter.

YES, Facebook has arrived for NEVCA

After months of discussion on how to update the NEVCA web site, it became obvious that establishing a Facebook page was equally important to better communicate to members and those discovering the Northeast Vienna Citizens Association. Facebook allows non-profits an excellent way to communicate upcoming community events. For example, events like meeting the Town Council Candidates, that there will be a community clean up day of Northside Park, or the Potomac Watershed Clean-up Day.

The purpose of NEVCA is to help residents know what is going on in their community and then help them actively participate (and be good citizens). Life in Vienna is moving quickly and there is always something going on. It is important that you have input into the process. Facebook allows you to comment on a topic that goes into your "News Feed" when you have "Liked" the NEVCA Page.

In the Facebook Search bar, type in "Northeast Vienna Citizens Association".

The NEVCA Facebook page can also be a resource for student looking to fulfill community service requirements when looking for interesting activities. If you have looked at the page already then you have read the post about how, last year, NEVCA was active in planting native plants in Northside Park. Although this event was publicized by the Town of Vienna there wasn't a simple outreach to the community like we can now use with a Facebook page.

NEVCA's "Meet the Candidates" forum in April is another opportunity to use our Facebook page in the future. Have you ever wanted to attend but could not, and still wanted to ask a question? Using our page, you can post a question like "why are there . . ." or "when is the . . ." that can be asked of the candidates, or possibly to get an immediate answer from another NEVCA member. There may be a concern of yours that others care about too.

So why jump on the Facebook bandwagon? Facebook is a free social networking platform that now has over 600 million users around the world. It allows updates to include photos, interactive comments, and a way to send out easy updates. NEVCA still plans to utilize its web site for full length, detailed information, and then alert our Facebook fans to take a look.

Take a minute and become one of the first seventy-five members who "Like" our Facebook page in 2011. When you "Like" the page it will also be posted into your "News Feed" and hopefully attract other friends and neighbors to "Like" our page too.

We just started this project in March, so our immediate goal is to have twenty five members so that we can use "NEVCA" in the facebook title along with Northeast Vienna Citizens Association. NEVCA is looking for your input too because your community is important.

Miscellaneous

Introducing the Community Alert System

Residents and interested persons can now sign up to receive Town information and emergency notices via e-mail and SMS text through the Vienna Community Alert, the Town's new notification system. Residents can self register and select to receive information from ten categories including Council agenda items, Council meeting minutes, public safety information, Town meeting reminders, important Town information, Town services announcements, road closures, the Town newsletter, water and sewer emergency repairs and Parks and Recreation brochures. Residents are encouraged to register today by visiting <https://viennava.onthealert.com> or by selecting the link on the front page of the Town's website, www.viennava.gov. Registrants will begin receiving information through the Vienna Community Alert System starting February 1. Please note that you must input a Town of Vienna address in order to complete registration. The Vienna Community Alert system was made possible through a technology grant acquired by the Vienna Police Department from the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.

Residents do not need to register with Vienna Community Alert to receive Geocast phone notices. Citizens will continue to receive phone notices for area-wide emergencies as usual.

For more information, please contact MPO Bill Murray at 703-255-6396 or wmurray@viennava.gov.

Pure Pasty Company comes to Vienna

When I first visited Vienna, I knew it was the perfect place to open my pasty shop, the Pure Pasty Company. The history, the sense of community, the diversity of different cultures is what makes Vienna vibrant and a great place to try new things. This traditional English food, the "Cornish Pasty," originated in the tin-mining area of Cornwall, England where housewives made it daily for their husbands' lunch down in the mines. The pasty (pronounced "pass-tee") is a savory meat and vegetable filling, wrapped in a rich, flaky crust, and served piping hot. At the Pure Pasty Company, we make a variety of different pasties. The Traditional, which is a juicy ground beef, potato, onion and squash mixture is our best seller. The Cornish Masala (a chicken curry flavor), the Provencal (chicken in a creamy mushroom and leek sauce) and the Philly Cheesesteak (the traditional American sandwich ingredients steak, cheese, onions and green peppers in the flaky pasty crust) are also some of our customers' favorites. We do a vegetarian pasty and we have a "Chef's Special" pasty every day which allows our head chef to be creative and try new things.

Once you've had your fill of pasties, you can try one of our homemade sausage rolls, which is an English-style sausage in a flaky wrap, or one of our signature pork pies – a renowned favorite on the other side of the pond. Our full menu is on our website, www.purepasty.com. We also do cocktail size pasties and sausage rolls for party platters and we just started doing mail order delivery. We are planning to branch out into fruit-filled dessert pasties too in the near future.

When I moved to the U.S. in 2009 with my American wife, I was not sure how well pasties would go down here. Since opening the shop in October 2010, I have been surprised and pleased at the warm welcome we've received from Vienna residents and the enthusiasm with which our customers have embraced our new and distinctive dishes.

Mike 'The Pasty' Burgess

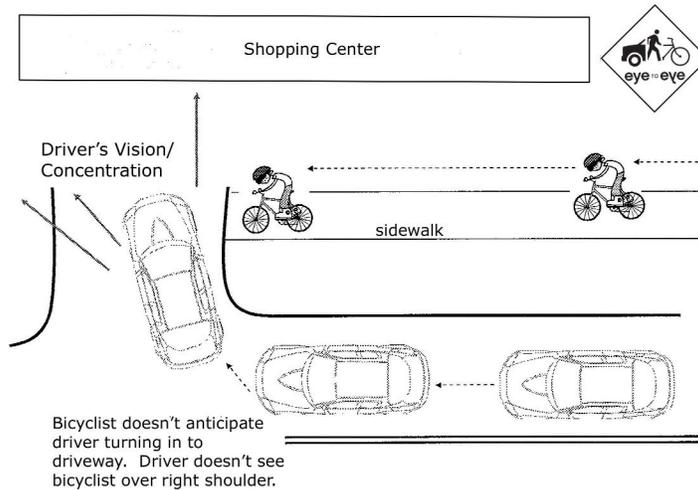
Stay Safe by Seeing EYE to EYE

By Master Police Officer Bill Murray, Community Relations Officer

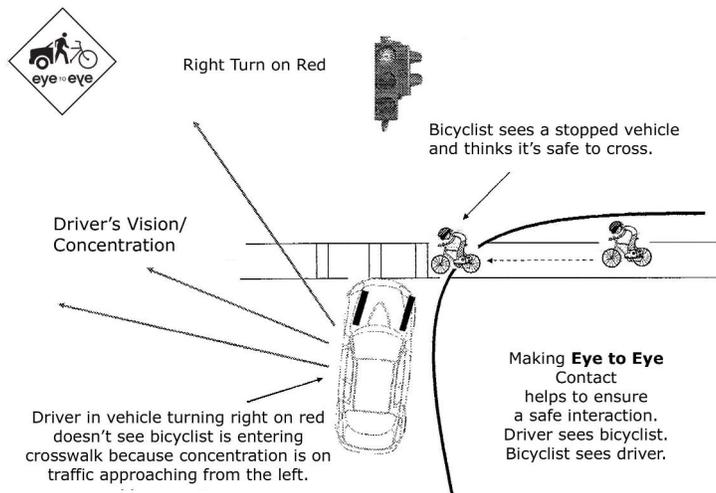
The Town of Vienna Police Department has introduced a new safety campaign targeting motor vehicle drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians in hopes that the interaction of all three can be a bit safer. Too often in Vienna the Police Department responds to crashes involving a motor vehicle and either a bicyclist or pedestrian. Most times we believe that had the two involved parties made "EYE TO EYE" contact, the crash might have been avoided. Many crashes are easily prevented if one or more of the parties anticipates and acts defensively in order to avoid the crash, regardless of who was right and who was wrong. Even though one party might have the right of way, action taken by the other can prevent a crash. Being right and getting injured is never better than being a little inconvenienced and staying safe.

In Vienna we continue to see two basic types of crashes recurring throughout the year.

One is a scenario in which a bicyclist (or pedestrian) is traveling along the sidewalk and crossing a driveway apron. The bicyclist does not anticipate the car turning into the driveway and the car's driver does not look far enough back to see the bicyclist or pedestrian.



The second example is a bicyclist (or pedestrian) attempting to cross a street at a crosswalk while a motor vehicle is attempting to turn right on a red signal. The car's driver has his attention focused to the left while looking for a break in traffic. The bicyclist (or pedestrian) enters the crosswalk assuming they have the right of way because the car is at a stop.



In both of these scenarios, if the involved parties had simply made eye contact, the crashes would probably have been prevented.

Citizens will begin seeing the new "EYE TO EYE" logo around town in hopes that we can improve the bicycle, pedestrian, and motor vehicle interactions and have everyone traveling through Vienna make "EYE TO EYE" contact before proceeding,

Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna (SCOV)

Established in 1997 the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna (SCOV) is a non-profit organization of seniors helping seniors (individuals 50+), providing free services to those living in the Vienna and Oakton areas. This helpful outreach includes rides to medical appointments, the grocery store, pharmacy, hair salon, and more. For the homebound, friendly callers and visitors provide cheery phone calls and visits on a regular basis. Handy Helpers offer simple repairs in the home; assistance is available for record keeping and downsizing/de-cluttering planning; and there is an active health advocacy program. Those who are caring for a loved one can attend a Caregivers Support Group twice a month, where they will find comfort, encouragement and helpful information to ease the way. Again, there is no charge for any of these services.

SCOV also has an enrichment program, Adventures in Learning (AIL), which is offered in three eight-week semesters. This is a wonderful opportunity to socialize, make friends, and learn something new in a broad range of subjects. Lunch 'n' Life, a quarterly event, provides another opportunity for entertainment after sharing a simple, delicious meal with other folks of similar age. AIL and the luncheons carry a very reasonable fee and take place at conveniently located area churches.

If you or someone you know could benefit from what the

Shepherd's Center has to offer, please call the office, 703-281-0538 for additional information or to volunteer volunteer@scov.org. More can be learned about the Shepherd's Center on its website, www.scov.org.

Silent Auction Art Benefit

The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna (SCOV) in collaboration with the Vienna Arts Society will hold their 3rd annual Silent Auction Art Benefit during the month of June. The event will kick off with an Artists Reception on Sunday **June 5, 2011** from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the **Vienna Art Center** located at 115 Pleasant Street NW. Light refreshments will be served; the event is free and open to the public. Auction items include paintings, photography, jewelry, ceramics, and other mediums. Bidding starts on May 31 and will end on Saturday, June 25th at 4 p.m.. The Vienna Art Center is open Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. More information is available at (703) 319-3971 and at ViennaArtsSociety.org.

All proceeds will benefit the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna.

Miscellaneous

Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

On April 4, Council approved the first-ever bike route in town, primarily along Courthouse Rd SW from the dog park by Nutley Road to Locust Street and then to S. Center Street. This joint effort by the town's Transportation Safety Commission, the BAC, and town support staff is designed to calm traffic along that stretch, and concords well with a BAC objective, to "Consider ways in which the Town of Vienna may increase a bicycle network throughout the Town of Vienna . . ." Visit us at www.viennabac.com

Bob McCahill, Co-chair, TOVBAC
Susan Stillman, member, TOVBAC

"Interested in Tysons Corner of the Future, including access to and around the four new metro rail stations?"

Learn what's planned at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/tmsams/plans.htm>

Better yet, provide your input by taking the online survey, at <http://www.tmsams.info/>

Heads Up

Mary Ellen Larkins and Ann More of Vienna are organizing a campaign drive in the Town of Vienna and surrounding areas to benefit the Lamia Afghan Foundation (www.lamia-afghanfoundation.org).

- New and used warm clothing and shoes, in good condition, will be collected for men, women, and children.
- Also needed are all types of basic school supplies — backpacks, pencils, crayons, scissors, glue sticks, notebooks — and teacher's supplies — poster paper, scotch type, paper clips, push pins, world maps, art stencils, etc.
- In addition, cotton fabric (minimum 1 yard) will be collected for sewing projects.

So, please start saving whatever you can. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Larkins at 703 281 7847 or melarkins@verizon.net. Keep your eyes peeled for more information in local newspapers.

Farmer's Markets

The Vienna Saturday Farmers Market located in the caboose parking lot adjacent to Church and Mill Street NE opens on May 7 with a bounty of fresh vegetables and fruits. Crepes and donuts made to order are offered to start out your morning along with a multitude of food items to fill your dining table and grace your garden. Please help support your local vendors and go green.

For more information visit [Facebook/Vienna-Farmers-Market](https://www.facebook.com/Vienna-Farmers-Market), viennafarmersmarket.com or telephone 703.200.7806. Ample free parking is available at the Assembly of God Church at Center and Ayr Hill NW just 1 1/2 blocks away.

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Skate Park On Wheels in Vienna

A "skate park on wheels" for ages six to adult will be set up on April 23, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the parking lot of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. 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 required 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.

Viva Vienna!

Saturday, May 28
Food, Entertainment & Rides (10 am-10 pm)

Sunday, May 29
Vendors (10am-6pm),
Food & Rides (10am-10pm)
Entertainment (Noon-10pm)

Monday, May 30
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(10am-6pm)

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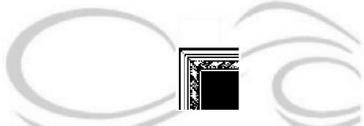
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Please renew or join NEVCA! Show your support by sending your \$10 NOW!

Get involved! Support your community! Help your neighbors! Join or renew your membership in NEVCA for 2011/2012.

NEVCA was established in 1995. This civic association was formed to help neighbors that live in the northeast.

Every household should join.
Voice counts with Town Council.

JOIN NOW!

Even if you can not be active, just by joining gives us strength in number.

Membership Application Form

(Dues per household \$10)

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We will send out special notices by using e-mail.

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