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## HVI Fall Membership Meeting

*“Highlights of Vienna’s African American History”*

The Fall Membership meeting of Historic Vienna, Inc. will be held on *Tuesday, October 20 at 7:30PM via Zoom*. Please visit [www.historicviennainc.org](http://www.historicviennainc.org) for Zoom connection information. There will be a brief business meeting before the program, and this year’s Volunteer of the Year Award will be announced. The HVI Membership meeting is free and open to the public.

Gloria Runyon and Sylvia Taylor, long time Vienna residents, members of the Historic Vienna, Inc. Board of Directors and members of the First Baptist Church of Vienna, have collaborated to present *Highlights of Vienna’s African American History*. They will discuss long-time families, their contributions to the community and important sites including churches, schools, cemeteries, parks, homes and landmarks.

Their presentation will be a portion of their *African American Historical Van Tour of Vienna*, which, in total, includes 22 historical sites. The tour was initiated in 2017 at First Baptist Church of Vienna as part of its 150th Anniversary Celebration. It was added to the *Town of Vienna Parks & Recreation Programs and Events Guide* from 2018 to 2020. Gloria and Sylvia have given tours as requested and a presentation of *African American Historic Presence and Contributions in the Vienna Area* to the American Association of University Women (AAUW) at Patrick Henry Library.

Their mission is to research, enlighten, stimulate interest, and foster appreciation for the rich heritage and enduring legacy of the community’s African American ancestors who lived in Vienna and surrounding areas in Fairfax County.

## HVI Fall Membership Meeting

**Tuesday, October 20,  
7:30 PM**

**Via Zoom**

(connection details will be available at  
[www.historicviennainc.org](http://www.historicviennainc.org))

*“Highlights of Vienna’s African  
American History”*

**Speakers**

**Gloria Runyon and Sylvia Taylor**

***Freeman Store & Museum Re-Opening!***

Saturdays in October, Noon to 3PM

See page 4 for opening details and restrictions.

***Pop-up Sales Continue!***

Check the website for details

***Upstairs Museum Exhibit***

“Vienna and the 60s”

***Hallway Museum Exhibit***

“The Women’s Rights Movement: Where are we Now?”

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## USED BOOK CELLAR

### *Our Used Book Cellar is Celebrating its 4th Birthday!*

You are invited to the Freeman Store and Museum for our Used Book Cellar 4th Birthday celebration, *Saturday, October 3, 12 – 4PM*. Look for the balloons, treats, a fall setting to capture selfies or family photographs, and special used book pricing. The majority of the event will be held outdoors to comply with social distancing.

The community has been extremely generous bringing book donations, volunteering in the Cellar, and purchasing a tremendous number of books since 2016. During the months of August and September we opened the Cellar to welcome back our faithful shoppers and enjoyed meeting many new book lovers.

Bring your family, bring your friends, and bring our younger readers to the celebration. Don't forget, see you at the birthday celebration, October 3, 12 – 4.

Used book donations are received year-round. Boxed or bagged books may be placed on the porch benches anytime. Textbooks, magazines, romance novels are not accepted.

## From the Museum Committee

### ***Exhibits Extended Through December 2021!***

Just a few weeks after the new exhibits opened, the Freeman Store and Museum closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. To allow more visitors to enjoy these wonderful exhibits, we have agreed to extend both exhibits through 2021. As the Freeman Store and Museum begins to re-open the exhibits will be open limited hours via the side porch. Check the website for more details.

### ***Getting the Vote Presentation on our Website!***

To honor the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment granting women the right to vote, Leigh Kitcher created a video presentation *Getting the Vote: the Women's Rights Movement*. The presentation summarizes the information in the first three exhibits from the origins of the Women's Rights Movement up until the right to vote was won. To watch the video either use this link <https://youtu.be/vlGnCiYeBnI> or go to the Suffrage Exhibits page on our website.

### ***Moonshine in Northern Virginia***

Karen Washburn has written a couple new pieces about Moonshine. Karen is also the author of the articles referenced in the last issue of HVink about the 1918 flu in Northern Virginia.

As you might guess, 1920 Prohibition led to a lucrative local cottage industry in this area. Of course alcohol had been available in Virginia since the earliest settlements, but local production had ebbed. It boomed in a big way during

Prohibition, and even led to murder. Here are the links to the articles:

<https://www.northernvirginiahistory.com/post/moonshine>

and

<https://www.northernvirginiahistory.com/post/moonshine-leads-to-murder>

### ***Visit the Little Library***

Vienna's Little Library has been closed this summer during the pandemic. We are looking forward to returning to our usual opening schedule.

- Sunday October 4, 1 to 4PM
- Sunday November 1, 1 to 4PM
- Sunday December 6, 1 to 4PM
- Monday November 30, Church Street Stroll - TBD

Only one family group at a time will be admitted to comply with social distancing.

If you have never been in this historic building, make it a point to come and visit. Our volunteers enjoy keeping it open and meeting Vienna residents who come to visit. We are always looking for volunteers to keep the Library open.

If you are interested, email [historicviennava@gmail.com](mailto:historicviennava@gmail.com), or contact Margaret Dellinger, Little Library Coordinator at 703-409-3564 or [vamember@aol.com](mailto:vamember@aol.com).

### *Did you Know? – Fun Facts about the Little Library*

- Our town’s first public library, the Little Library, was constructed in 1897 by a local resident on donated land.
- To make room for today’s Patrick Henry Library in 1970, the Little Library was moved by truck from Maple and Center Streets to the Town Green. It was the second time it had been relocated.
- The *first big donor of 100 books* to the Little Library was Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. in 1909. Alas, he never wrote his name or initials in the books, so we don't know which books they were.
- Famous people including Oliver Wendel Holmes, Woodrow Wilson's (2nd) wife, the actress Helen Hayes, the author Upton Sinclair, and Catherine Filene Shouse, founder of Wolftrap, donated books to the Little Library.
- In the 1960's there were *over 8,000* books. Today there are *over 5,000*.
- *Half of the books were published in the 1940's and 50's.*



- St. Pierre’s Study of Nature from 1835 is the *oldest book* in the collection.
- Children’s books make up a *third* of the collection and include such series as The Hardy Boys Mystery Stories, Nancy Drew, The Bobbsey Twins, Cherry Ames Nurse Stories and the Tom Swift Jr. Adventures.

PHILADELPHIA:  
JOSEPH J. WOODWARD,  
1895.



## Special Events

### ***Oktoberfest Cancelled***

Unfortunately, Oktoberfest has been cancelled this year.

### ***Used Book Cellar 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash!***

***Saturday, October 3, 2020, 12 - 4PM***

***At the Freeman Store and Museum***

Balloons, treats, fall setting for selfies/family photos, special used book pricing, and more!

We will also be taking impromptu Oral History video interviews outside about the Used Book Cellar and Covid-19 impact.

### ***Church Street Stroll and Santa visits***

Due to concerns about Covid-19, the Church Street Stroll will be different this year. The Freeman Store and Museum will once again host visits with Santa, however the details are not yet finalized. Virtual one on one visits may be the solution. Details on the Stroll and Santa visits will be published in the Winter HVInk which will be sent out mid-November.

### ***‘At Home’ British Holiday Tea & Talk***

***Saturday, December 12, 3PM***

Enjoy a full English holiday tea with scones, authentic clotted cream, homemade lemon curd, jam, elegant tea sandwiches, sausage rolls, mince pies, plum pudding and

other traditional treats. These treats will be carefully packaged with English Tea (bags) and Christmas crackers in special boxes which attendees can pick up at the Freeman Store and Museum between 12 and 2PM on December 12.

Set up your Tea Package on your favorite china and at 3PM tune in to the Zoom call. There will be short presentations on how to make a proper cup of tea, how to set up a ‘Tea Club’ in the office (English office that is), and of course a talk on holiday traditions.

If you wish to share the experience with friends, when you sign up for the tea, ask for a complementary breakout room. After the presentation, you can join your friends in your own private zoom room and return to the main session any time.

Each Tea Package costs \$40 and includes the Zoom information. Tea Packages will be on sale through our website only from November 1 through December 1. Tea Packages once purchased are non-refundable. The site will also feature vintage tea cups, plates, tea stands, tea pots, vintage linens, and other tea related items for sale to make a perfect ‘at home’ tea. Pick up for all tea items purchased, Tea Packages and vintage items, will be contactless. For more information, email [historicviennava@gmail.com](mailto:historicviennava@gmail.com).

## HVI Calendar of Events

*All events take place at the Freeman Store unless otherwise noted.*

Saturday, October 3, 12-4:00PM	Used Book Cellar Birthday Bash
Sundays, October 4, November 1, December 6, 1-4PM	Little Library open
Saturdays, October 10, 17, 24, 31, 12-3PM	Freeman Store & Used Book Cellar open; Museum open – enter on side porch
Tuesday, October 20, 7:30PM	HVI Fall Membership meeting, open to the public, Zoom
Monday, November 30, 6-9PM	Church Street Stroll and Santa Claus Visit
Saturday, December 12, 3-5PM	British Holiday Tea, tickets \$40
Sunday, December 6, 12-2PM	Visit Santa virtually in the Freeman Store
Sunday, December 13, 12-2PM	Visit Santa virtually in the Freeman Store

Please visit our website at [www.historicviennainc.org](http://www.historicviennainc.org) for up to date information on the organization, Freeman Store hours, special events and museum exhibits.

## Freeman Store News

### ***Freeman Store Re-opening!***

Thank you for supporting our monthly popup online sales! For information on our next popup visit our website [www.historicviennainc.org](http://www.historicviennainc.org).

Beginning **October 10th**, the Freeman Store will reopen **every Saturday** during the month of October from **NOON to 3PM**. Please check the website for November openings.

Strict guidelines will be in place to safeguard employees and visitors.

- Masks are required
- Maximum 5 visitors at a time
- Use hand sanitizer upon entering
- Maintain social distancing
- Credit card transactions only/NO CASH

- Limit of 20 minutes inside if there is a queue

The Store and Used Book Cellar will both be open and accessed through the front door, as usual. Our Museum exhibits will be open and accessed through the side porch door.

Please visit our website [www.historicviennainc.org](http://www.historicviennainc.org) and stay connected to us on

*Instagram @freemanstore\_museum* or Facebook group *Historic Vienna- Freeman Store and Museum* for more information.

Thank you for your support and understanding as we navigate through this difficult time.

✦ **Remember:** *HVI Members receive a 10% discount on items purchased at the Freeman Store.*



### ***Did you see this Wolfie in the Freeman Store window?***

To make the start of this unique school year a fun and engaging time for Wolftrap Elementary School students, from September 11-18<sup>th</sup>, the school held the 1<sup>st</sup> ever Wolftrap Scavenger Hunt, called “***Wolfie in the Window.***” The Freeman Store and Museum agreed to be one of the sites for the wolves. Families were given clues to find the Wolfies and asked to take a photo, with masks on, of the family and the Wolfie.

### **[www.historicviennainc.org](http://www.historicviennainc.org) – Website Changes!**

We have been redesigning the look of our website. Please check out the changes: there are new colors, new logos, new menus, and more. Information on old exhibits are now easy to find. There’s even a way to donate and renew your membership online! And we are providing a new interface to the Oral Histories that will allow you to easily find the people or subjects that you are interested in and play as much or as little of their interviews as you want. We are continuing our work and adding new information, so keep checking in to see the changes.

**HVI Board News**

Members of Historic Vienna, Inc. will vote at the Fall Membership Meeting on October 20 or 27, 2020, to elect Board of Directors members whose 3 year terms will expire at the end of 2023. The Nominating Committee has proposed that the current incumbents be re-elected. The Board Members up for re-election are: Steve Shannon who was appointed to fill a vacant Board position in September, Anne Stuntz, and Suzy Traut.

**Margaret Dellinger** has decided to step down from the Board after serving for 7 years. Margaret has generously contributed her time to HVI, doing all sorts of projects, and most especially taking charge of Vienna's 1897 original library, affectionately known as the Little Library. She developed a docent training program for it, organized a loyal team of volunteers, and made sure that the Little Library was open not only on first Sundays but all during all the special events like *Viva Vienna*, *Chillin's on Church*, *Oktoberfest*, and the *Church Street Stroll*. She organized the Little Library's 120th anniversary events in 2017, including the Guess the Number of Books contest. She and volunteer Dr Robert Amsler have worked on the inventory and looked after the building itself. Margaret has been named director of the American Legion Auxiliary Virginia Girls State and she will have her hands full with that for the next few years. We will miss Margaret and wish her all the best in this endeavor.

**Steve Shannon** In September, the Board appointed Steve Shannon to fill a vacant term on the Historic Vienna Board of Directors that expires at the end of this year. Steve currently is serving an eight-year term as a judge of the Circuit Court of Fairfax County and previously represented the 35th House District in the Virginia House of Delegates, which includes the Town of Vienna.

Steve and his wife Abby have been active in our community for years. In 2001, the Shannons co-founded the Metropolitan Washington AMBER Alert, a child safety initiative designed to recover missing children, for which they received Fairfax County's highest public service award. In 2006, Mayor Jane Seeman recognized Steve as an outstanding volunteer for the Town of Vienna.

Steve teaches law at George Mason University and was named a Teacher of Distinction by the University earlier this year. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Northern Virginia Legal Services and is an active member of the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna.

**Anne Stuntz** has been a member of the HVI Board since 2003 and President since 2009. She has been an active volunteer for many years, working as a Storekeeper, Chairing the Book Sale for several years, serving on the Store and Museum committees, planning and helping with Special Events. Anne also serves as Chairman of the Fairfax County History Commission.

**Suzanne Traut** has been a member of the HVI Board since 2015. Suzy, a frequent HVI volunteer, works for the National Park Service at Rock Creek Park in Washington, DC. She went to JMHS, graduated from William & Mary as a history major and lives just outside the Town of Vienna. She co-chaired HVI's 1950s Sock Hop in November 2019 related to the *Vienna in the 50s* exhibit at the Freeman Store.

**Answers to Summer HVInk Crossword**

**Across**

- Name of first proprietor of Freeman Store – **Lydecker**
- Vienna Museum – **FreemanStore**
- Famous/well-known Vienna educator – **LouiseArcher**
- Fairfax Founding Father – **Washington**
- Is Vienna named after Vienna, Austria – **No**

**Down**

- another Fairfax Founding Father – **GeorgeMason**
- 1960 restaurant that used to be an ice cream parlor – **ViennaInn**
- Artillery used in 1861 Battle of Vienna – **Cannon**
- First mayor of Vienna in 1890 – **Hine**
- Mode of transportation famously used in the 1861 Battle of Vienna – **Train**

**Answers to Summer HVInk Scavenger Hunt #ViennaFirsts**

- Where is the first Bank Building in Vienna? (**Posh at Dominion and Church Streets**)
- What is the first Library in Vienna? (**Little Library on Mill Street**)
- Find the small park that has a spring that served as one an early water source for first residents and settlers of the area (**Salsbury Spring at Lawyers and Windover**)
- What was Vienna's first two storey commercial building? (**Freeman Store and Museum,, known then as Lydeckers 1859**)
- Who was Vienna's first Mayor and where did he live (**Orrin Hine, where US Post Office is today**)
- Who was Vienna's first female mayor? Find a memorial in Vienna in her honor (**Jane Seeman - see sculpture outside VCC and see Little Free Library by Little Library. Are there others?**)
- Find the two buildings that were built as the first Fairfax County Public School in Vienna, one in 1923 and one in the 1870s (**Vienna Elementary and Bowman House**)

## Our Mission Statement

Historic Vienna, Inc. (HVI), established by the Vienna Town Council on April 6, 1976, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation dedicated to:

- Preserving and promoting knowledge of Vienna's heritage through the identification, preservation, and interpretation of historically significant places, events, and persons.
- Educating the public through permanent and revolving exhibits, outreach programs, and publications.
- Enhancing a spirit of community through an awareness of Vienna's past.

## Our Programs and Activities

- Sponsor *traditional community events* enhancing Vienna's small town atmosphere (e.g. visits with Santa, Church Street Stroll, Walk on the Hill)
- *Living exhibits* that illustrate the way people lived (e.g. reenactments, demonstrations, entertainment)
- The Freeman Store - experience a *historic country store* selling local history books, Virginia crafts, Vienna souvenirs, and old-fashioned toys and candy
- *Guided tours* of the Original Vienna Library, Freeman Store and museum exhibits
- Encourage *preservation of Vienna's history, historic sites, and artifacts* (Freeman Store and Little Library operations, museum exhibits, antiques appraisals, oral histories, preservation award, Vienna's historic register)

## Board of Directors

Historic Vienna, Inc. is led by a 15 member Board of Directors. Three members are appointed by the Town Council and twelve are elected to three year terms by the Membership at the Fall Membership Meeting. Officers are elected by the Board to one year terms.

Nancy Moats, Vice President Beverly Burns Simeon Moats Gloria Runyon Suzanne Traut	Anne Stuntz, President Catherine Hardman, Secretary Mike Berger Darrell Mounts Steve Shannon Jon Vrana	Leigh Kitcher, Treasurer Margaret Dellinger Katie Newland Sylvia Taylor Leslie Herman, Town Liaison
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## *Preserve and celebrate Vienna's history – Support Historic Vienna, Inc.*

**Membership is from January 1 to December 31.** There are 2 membership meetings per year.

Historic Vienna, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization. Contributions and membership fees are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

- I want to become a member.**                       **I want to renew my membership (renewals are due in January).**
- \_\_\_ Individual (\$25)    \_\_\_ Family (\$30)    \_\_\_ Group or Corporate (\$40)

- I want to make a \$\_\_\_\_\_ contribution to Historic Vienna, Inc. (100% tax deductible).**

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**PO Box 53**  
**Vienna, VA 22183**

**Total amount enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_**

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- I want to volunteer.** (Circle as many as you wish) Storekeeper – Special Events – Book Sale – Oral Histories

- I have skills to share:** Exhibits – Research – Graphics – Social Media – Computer Skills – Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Covid-19 Special Activities

### *Oral Histories*

A newly formed Oral History Committee is very excited to begin working toward enhancing, updating and adding new interviews to the Oral History portion of our website. Once on the website: [www.historicviennainc.org](http://www.historicviennainc.org), choose the *Oral History* tab and enjoy watching, listening to or reading transcripts about Vienna's rich history told to us by some very special Vienna residents. We will start adding interviews soon and will keep you informed of our progress.

A wonderful way to preserve the history of a place is to talk to people who have lived there a long time. HVI would like to encourage you to use this time to reach out to long time Vienna residents and find out about their past and Vienna's past. Or record your own oral history. Once you have taken an oral history, contact us at [historicviennava@gmail.com](mailto:historicviennava@gmail.com) to coordinate the transfer of a copy of the recording to our files. Don't hesitate to email us if you have questions.

If you are interested in helping with transcribing, conducting interviews or have a suggestion for an interesting interview please let us know at [hvioralhistory@gmail.com](mailto:hvioralhistory@gmail.com).

### *Covid-19 Experience Archive*

We have closed our first Covid 19 Survey Monkey Questionnaire and we would like to thank everyone who participated. It is so important for HVI to accurately capture this point in time for future reflection. Please be on the lookout for a second survey focused on how our community is navigating through this pandemic in the fall. The results from our first survey can be seen using the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-FYYCXPXWH7/>. This link is also on the welcome page of our website.

### *Vienna History Scavenger Hunts*

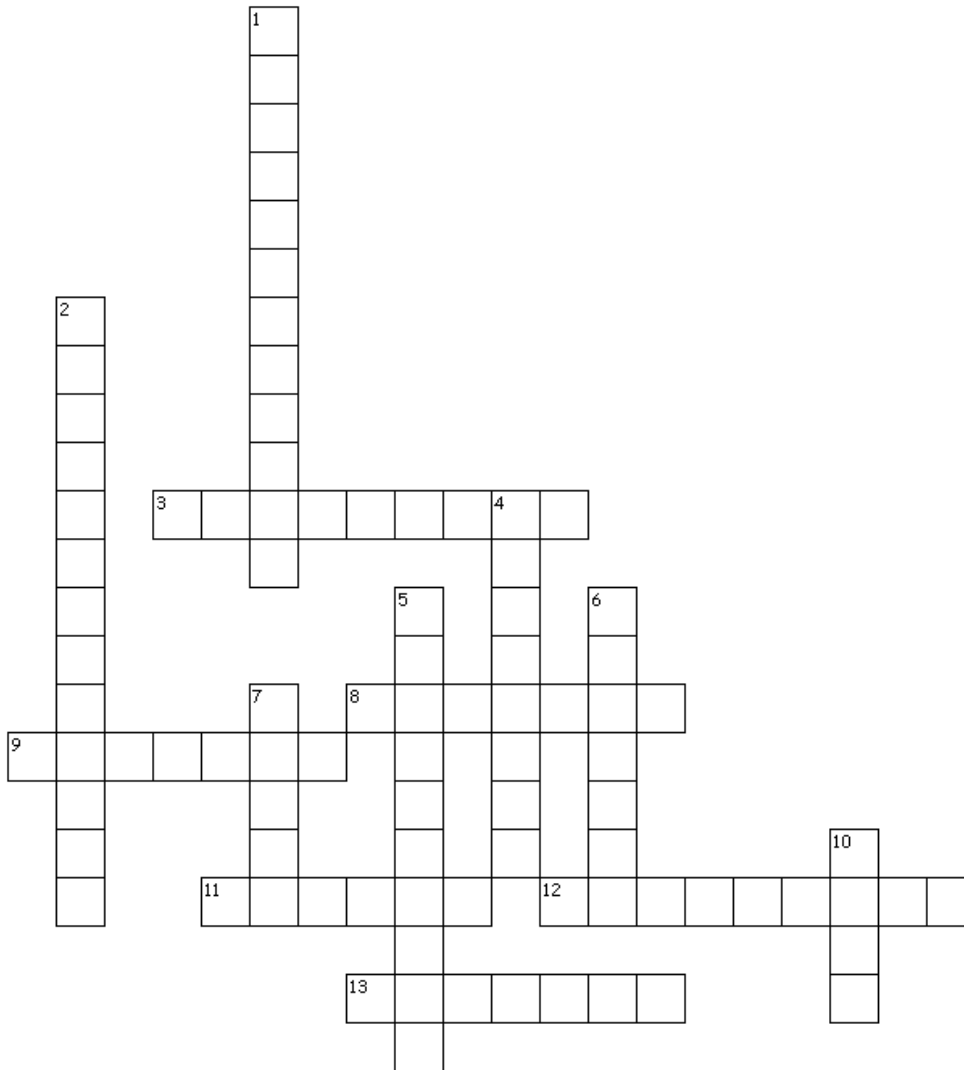
Historic Vienna and the Freeman Store and Museum is hosting selfie photo scavenger hunts that help you chase down fun local facts. The scavenger hunts invite community members of all ages to track down the answers using general knowledge and local history books and internet research. Also, don't hesitate to ask your neighbors who might have lived here a long time. There is information on HVI's own website where we will include some clues to the more obscure questions. *If you are totally stumped, don't hesitate to contact us at [historicviennava@gmail.com](mailto:historicviennava@gmail.com).*

Answers will be posted in the next HVInk.

### **Photo Scavenger Hunt** **#HistoricVienna**

1. What is the oldest continuous business in Vienna?
2. Find the street sign named for original location of Little Library
3. Find the Lovers Lane Street Sign.
4. Which is the oldest Church in Vienna?
5. What church building was converted to a retail store back in the 1950s
6. Which is the church where the bell in the old chapel was used to call volunteer firemen when there was a fire in town?
7. Find all five cemeteries in the Town
8. Find the historic plaque for the 1790s home of a then well-known local Baptist minister.

As you identify answers to the questions, go and take a photograph of yourself or your whole group or family. When you're done, post your completed answers on Facebook or Instagram using **#HistoricVienna**


**Across**

3. Store that was in the 1894 Bouton's Hall for over 50 years, now relocated to Dominion Street
8. Current Mayor of Vienna 2020
9. The second proprietor of Freeman Store
11. Developer of Vienna Woods subdivisions
12. Cemetery in Oakton where many Vienna residents are buried, including at least 5 mayors
13. The ice cream parlor that is now Vienna Inn

**Down**

1. Oldest continuous business in Vienna
2. The other museum on Freeman Store site
4. Spring in Windover Heights Historic District
5. First permanent European settler of Vienna, in 18th century
6. Vienna's first name
7. Large trees that used to line the main street in Vienna
10. Street where first jail was located