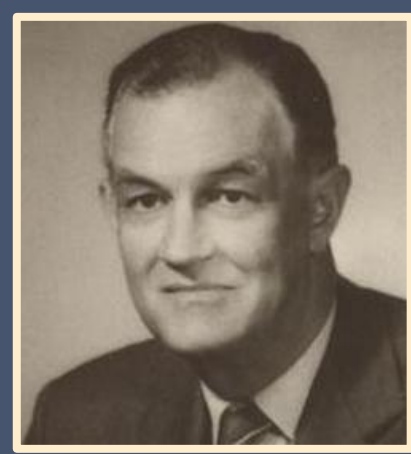


1976 - 1986



March 1976 - Vienna hosts Town Bicentennial parade. Virginia Governor Mills Goodwin served as the parade's grand marshal.

A year after the Town Council appoints the Freeman House Advisory Committee and allocates \$200,000 for the restoration of the Freeman House (now known as the Freeman Store & Museum), the Committee officially becomes Historic Vienna, Inc., on April 5, 1976.



August 1976 - Stephanie Gail Merritt becomes Vienna's first female police officer.

November 1976 - Vienna Town Council appropriates \$23,025 for the completion of the restoration of the Freeman Store & Museum.

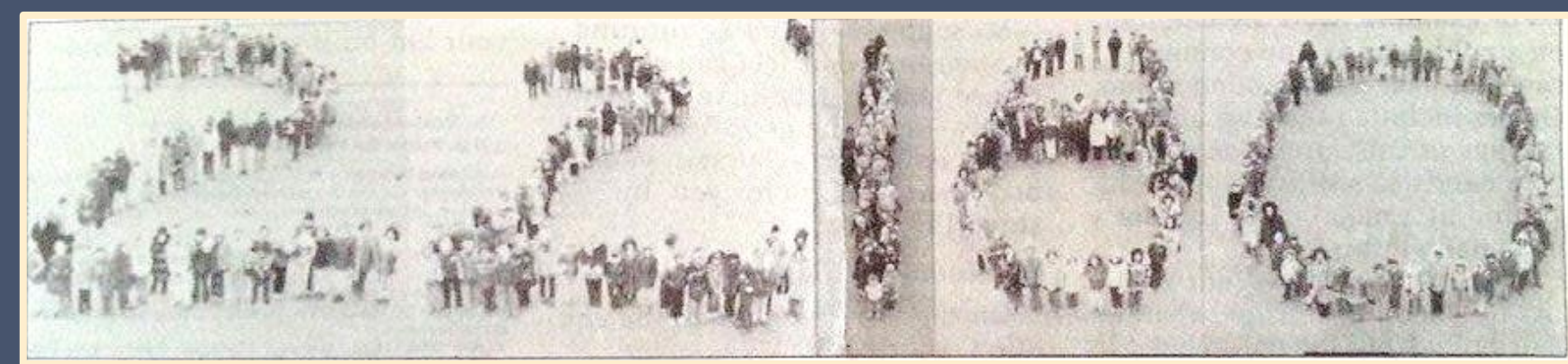


December 1977 - Recently-restored Hunter House is dedicated. (built in 1890 by Scots immigrant John C. Hunter)

February 1978 - Northern Virginia Model Railroaders holds its first open house at the refurbished railroad station (renovations were started in 1977).



October 20, 1979 - The W&OD Regional Trail between Falls Church and Vienna officially opens. This two-mile section was purchased in 1978.



February 21, 1980 - Zip Code Day (22180) celebrations included the burying of a time capsule. NOTE: The people in the above photo are the staff of the Vienna Post Office.

1982 - Reopening of the Little Library as an historic museum.

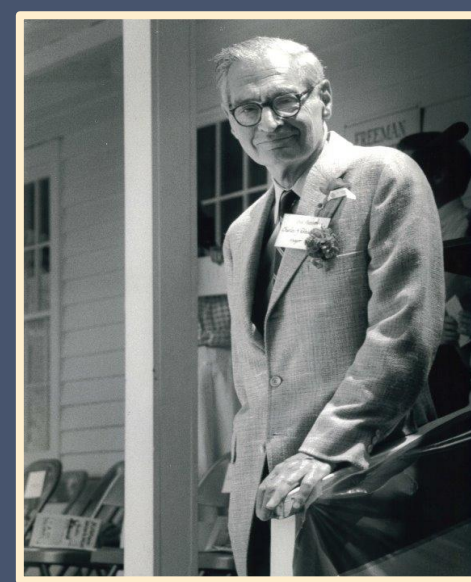


May 27 1984 - First Viva Vienna! is held, hosted by the Greater Vienna Chamber of Commerce and later by the Rotary Club of Vienna.



September 9, 1986 - The Vienna Movie Theater at 224 Maple Ave East closes. (It is now the Trex Bicycle Vienna with a large mural on the east side of the building.)

1976



May 1976 - Councilman Charles Robinson is elected Mayor.

July 1976 - Michel Sageloly Sr., Mayor of Vienna's sister city, Ceret France, visits Vienna during the Independence Day celebrations. (The relationship lasted until 1995.)



1976 - Grant's variety store closes due to bankruptcy.

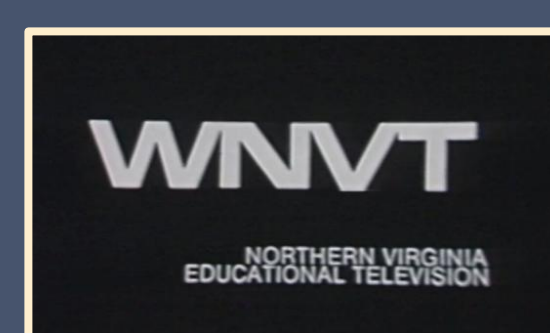
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1977 - Navy Federal Credit Union moves to an impressive, spacious new headquarters in Vienna, Virginia. A new mainframe computer system was installed to handle the records of 450,000 members.

1978

April 1978 - Moorfield House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



October 1978 - Freeman Store & Museum is featured in the television documentary "Women's Work" on WNVT.

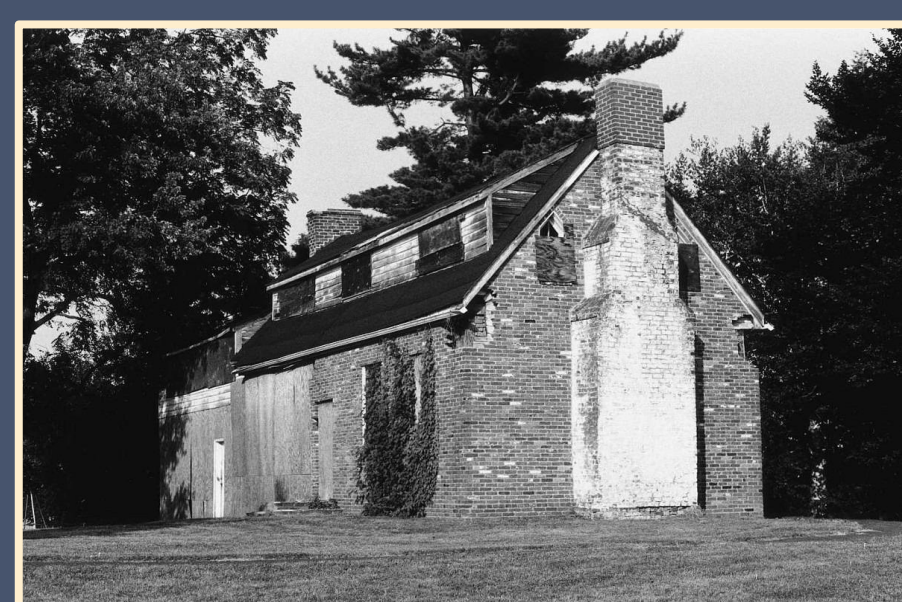
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April 3, 1979 - Windover Heights Historic District Ordinance is adopted.



1979 - Telenet on Boone Boulevard, provides worldwide email service to businesses on X.25 public data networks.

1980



May 1980 - Town Council and Historic Vienna, Inc., each contribute \$2,500 to fund the initial phase of restoring Moorefield House.

Moorefield was the home of Reverend Jeremiah Moore (1746-1815), a Baptist preacher who was an early advocate of religious freedom and the separation of church and state in Virginia.

1981

1982

Ristorante Bonaroti in Vienna, Virginia, opened in 1982 when its owner, Sergio Domestici, relocated from Arlington to Vienna.



December 1982 - Route 66 opens between Washington, DC, and 495.

1983

March 1983 - Town awards Media General with a cable television contract with subscriber fees from \$2.95-\$10.95/month for up to 126 channels.



1984



The Clock Shop of Vienna updates their façade in accordance with the Town's updated plan to preserve the small town character.

1985



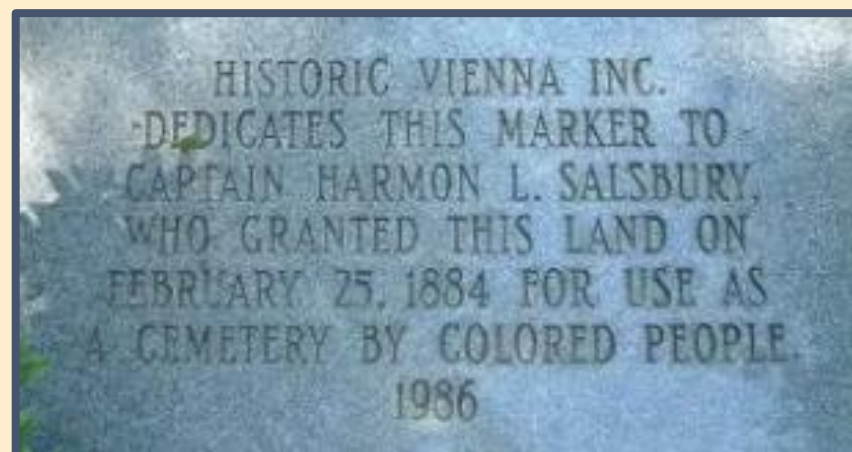
June 7, 1986 - Metrorail opens a station on the Orange Line in Vienna, now known as the Vienna/Fairfax-GMU Station

1986

1987 - 1996

1987

Apr 26, 1987 - West End Cemetery formally dedicated as an historic site.



1987 – *This Was Vienna Virginia* by Connie and Mayo Stuntz published.

October 8, 1987 - Vienna Inn shuts down for first time due to fire damage.



1988

May 1988 - Vienna Community Center's new auditorium is completed.



November 1988 - Penguin Feather is shut down for selling 'smoking' merchandise 521 Maple E. (The site is now Anita's New Mexico-Style Bar & Grill.)

1989

1989 – 50th Anniversary of Louise Archer Elementary School at current location is celebrated.



October 1989 – Vienna holds its first Oktoberfest on historic Church Street.



1990

January 1, 1990 - 3% meals and lodging tax begins.

September 15, 1990 - The Norfolk Southern Railroad retired caboose is dedicated and the area named "Centennial Park."



February 28, 1990 – Celebration of the Town's 1890 Incorporation 100th Anniversary kicks off a year-long party with the ringing of handbells and church bells.

Other special events are held throughout the remainder of the year to acknowledge the milestone.

1991

February 2, 1991 - Town centennial celebration included a time capsule buried near the caboose on Church Street, to be opened in 50 years.

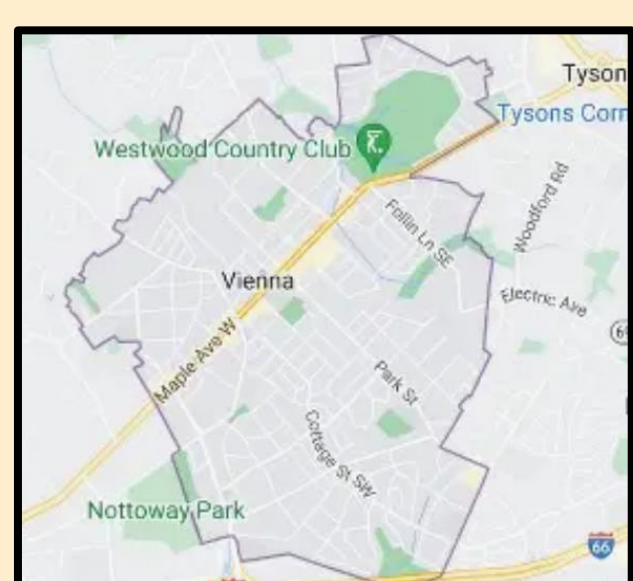


December 17, 1990 - Town Council issued a proclamation urging residents to fly the American flag until US forces returned home from Operation Desert Storm in the Persian Gulf.

1992

1992 - First synchronized traffic signals is installed on Maple Avenue to mitigate increasing traffic concerns.

January 1993 - Boundary adjustments are approved by Fairfax County, placing James Madison High School outside the town and bringing in about 15 houses on Oak Vale Court NW inside Vienna.



December 1992 - Lowe's Hardware at 143 Maple Avenue East closes.

1992 - 50th Anniversary of Green Hedges School is celebrated.



1993

1994

January 24, 1994 - Vienna Police Department moves into its new headquarters at Center and Locust Streets SW.



1995

June 24, 1995 - Patrick Henry library reopens following a renovation project which began September 1, 1993.



1996

October 1996 - Vienna Halloween parade celebrates its 50th anniversary.



November 8, 1996 – Fresh Fields opens (later merged with Whole Foods) in the former Lowe's Hardware property.

December 8, 1996 - First Church Street Christmas Walk, now called the Church Street Holiday Stroll.



1997 - 2006

1997

1998 – Phase I of the Vienna Maple Avenue Enhancement Project burying power lines and adding brick sidewalks is completed from Lawyers Road to Park Street.



April 25, 1998 – A committee searches for the oldest tree in Vienna and finds this 318-year-old tree in SE Vienna.



1998

May 1, 1998 - Vienna becomes nation's first jurisdiction to catch red light runners on video using the "Crossing Guard" system.



October 8, 1999 - Jammin' Java, a now-well-known music club and coffeehouse, opens.

1999



1999 - Freedom Hill Elementary School 50th Anniversary

December 31, 1999 - The Town celebrates Y2K at the Vienna Community Center with the theme "Vienna 2000: A Time to Celebrate".

2000

Sept 1999 - Club Phoenix Teen Center opens in the Community Center basement providing after-school programs and services for local youth in grades 6-12.



January 23, 2000 - Rexall Drug Center closes its lunch counter after 40 years.



November 21, 2000 - Ella Galbraith Miller, dies at the remarkable age of 119 at her home in Vienna, Virginia. She was known as the oldest living resident in Virginia. Miller was born in Ohio on December 6, 1880, one of five children.

May 2000 – Jane Seeman is elected Mayor of Vienna.



In 1987, at the age of 107, she moved to Vienna to live with her niece, Helen Catchings. There, she was active in the community, joining the First Baptist Church, speaking to children at Fairfax County Schools, appearing at numerous civic functions and being welcomed as a special guest on radio and television programs.

2001

February 18, 2001 - Vienna resident and spy Robert Hanssen, who had used several area parks as "dead drop" sites to provide information to his Russian handlers, is arrested.



2001 - The Town pays \$2.2M for property at 144 Maple Avenue E enabling the creation of the Town Green.



April 29, 2001 - First year the Town of Vienna is designated as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation.



2001 - Vienna Arts Society's 25' x 108' mural celebrating Vienna's railroad history, designed by Harris Miller, is completed at 204 Mill Street, as a result of a community effort of painters, bikers, walkers, local residents, and others.

September 11, 2001 – Hijacked planes are flown into the World Trade Center towers, the Pentagon, and a field in Shanksville, PA.

2002

Summer, 2002 – The Town's Northside Property Yard facility is completed.

September-October 2002 - Two snipers terrorize the DMV area killing 10 people and critically injuring three. Due to the potential danger, the Vienna Halloween Parade is canceled. After a multi-agency investigation, the two shooters are tracked down and arrested in Maryland on October 24.

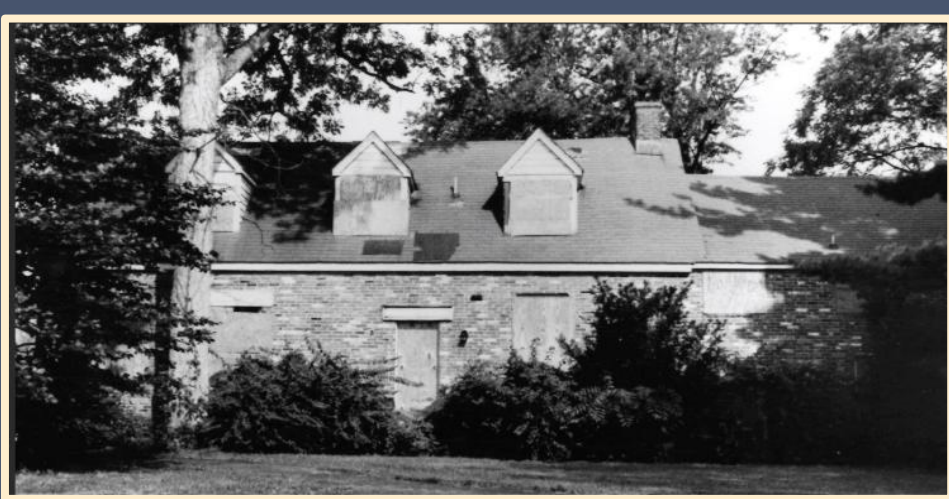
November 15, 2002 – Southern States store closes despite dozens of emails, letters and phone calls.



April 2003 - The first annual Vienna Chili Cook-Off is held at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department as a friendly challenge between the fire and police departments to see who could make the best chili.

2003

September 18, 2003 - Hurricane Isabel, a large and powerful Category 5 Atlantic hurricane, strikes the east coast of the United States spreading destruction across Central and Northern Virginia. Vienna experiences widespread issues, including downed trees, damaged homes, and long-lasting power outages.



2003 - Historic Moorefield House is disassembled, the pieces marked and put in storage in Fredericksburg, VA.

2004

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2004 – HVI opens first upstairs exhibit - woodblock prints and photos, titled Vienna Remembered: Civil War Scenes & the Freeman Family History.

February 2004 - HVI launches its website.

2005

2005 – Property values increase significantly due, in part, to the increased number of larger homes replacing smaller homes.



2005 - Flint Hill Elementary School 50th Anniversary



June 21, 2005 – The Optimist Club of Greater Vienna celebrates its 50th Anniversary.

Parkwood School 50th Anniversary
(Parkwood permanently closes in 2021.)

2006

August 19, 2006 - The Northern Virginia Wiffle Ball World Series is held in Vienna. This event takes place at Waters Field, where 10 specially designed "stadium-style" wiffle ball fields are set up, and 56 teams of all ages compete for the championship.



April 8, 2006 - Vienna Youth Inc. and the Greater Vienna Babe Ruth League, in cooperation with the Town of Vienna, dedicates the new synthetic turf on Waters Field.



2007-2016

2007



May 12, 2007 – Town Green is dedicated.

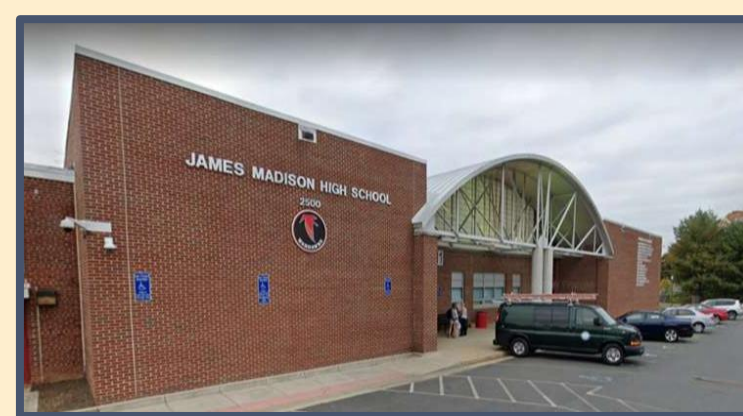
2007 - Various activities honor Jamestown's 400th Anniversary, including the installation of the colonial herb garden behind the Little Library Museum.

2008

May-October 2008 - The Optimists Club holds the first Vienna Farmer's Market in the parking lot opposite of the Freeman Store & Museum.

2009

March 3, 2009 – Le Canard French Restaurant owner passes torch to son opening Maplewood Grill featuring contemporary cuisine.



2009 - James Madison High School 50th Anniversary

2010

February 5-6 and February 9-10, 2010: During *Snowmageddon*, snow begins falling on February 5 accumulating to 31 inches. On February 9, a blizzard hits decreasing visibility to less than 100 feet and adding another foot of snow.



2010 - Thoreau Middle School 50th Anniversary

July 4, 2010 - The Vienna fireworks display moves to Southside Park.

2011

2011 - Cedar Lane Elementary School 50th Anniversary



2011 – Marshall Road Elementary School 50th Anniversary



May 21, 2011 - A reenactment of the 150th anniversary of the Ordinance of Secession vote at Lydecker's (now the Freeman Store) is held. Here, a tobacco farmer casts his vote.

June 2011 - The Civil War Battle of Vienna is reenacted with 1/2 scale train engine borrowed from Strasburg, VA. Infantry and cavalry reenactors fire guns and a cannon and there were several historic booths to enjoy.



July 20, 2011 - Fresh Market opens in the old A&P (also Joann's, Joe Theisman's and That's Amore).



August 23, 2011 - A magnitude 5.8 earthquake is felt in Vienna. The epicenter is in Louisa County. The earthquake is felt as far north as Quebec City in Canada and as far south as Northern Florida.

2012



November 2012 - The Vienna Star Fort, a six-point earthen Union Army Civil War fort, is added to Vienna's Register of Historic Places. When constructed between 1863 and 1865, it was located on the highest point of land (now American Legion Post 180), with a 130-yard perimeter.



2012 – The plaques celebrating the Freeman Store's placement on the Virginia Landmarks Register and in 2013, the National Register of Historic Places are installed.

Known as Lydecker Store when it was built in 1859, the building was used during the Civil War as a base for both the Union and Confederate armies, including its use as a hospital.

2013

November 27, 2013 - Wu's Garden closes after 39 years of business.



2014 – Stenwood Elementary School 50th Anniversary



2014



May 2014 - Laurie DiRocco is elected Mayor.

September 2014 - The Maple Avenue Commercial (MAC) zoning district to revitalize Vienna's central commercial corridor is approved by Town Council.

July 26, 2014 – Metrorail opens the Tysons Corner Station as part of the first phase of the Silver Line extension to Wiehle–Reston East.

2015

March 2015 – Trestle bridge connecting the Freeman Store & Museum to the W&OD Trail is closed for safety reasons.



February 28, 2015 -125th Celebration: “The Incorporation of Vienna, Virginia 1890 – A Short Play” is held with period music, farm animals, demonstrations, food, and a timeline exhibit of Vienna to 1890.

May 5, 2015 - Caboose Brewing Company and Caboose Tavern open on Mill Street with access for users from the W&OD trail.



May-October 2015 – Town holds *Afternoons on Church* - activities for families with reenactors, plays, readings, sales, contests, and games.



September 12, 2015 - Vienna's Evening In White is held in front of the Freeman Store & Museum to commemorate the Town's 125th Anniversary.

June to September 2016 - First *Chillin' on Church*



2016

August 20, 2016 - Country Fair is held at the Freeman Store & Museum, with petting zoo, milking cow, a horticulture and flower show, bike parade, Suffragist and Schoolmarm reenactors, music, children's activities, and local authors as part of the museum's Agriculture exhibit.



October 2016 – the Used Book Cellar opens for year-round sales.

2017 - 2026

2017

June 2017 – Town Proclamation acknowledges Fairfax County's 275th anniversary.

2017 – Museum exhibit honors 275 years of Fairfax County history.



October 25, 2017 - New Town logo, created through a community-intensive, five-month brand development process, adopted by Town Council.



September 23, 2017 - Newly renovated Vienna Community Center opens, providing more space for community activities.

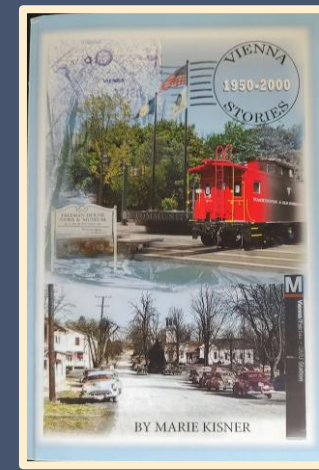
2018

2018 - Wolf Trap Elementary School 50th Anniversary

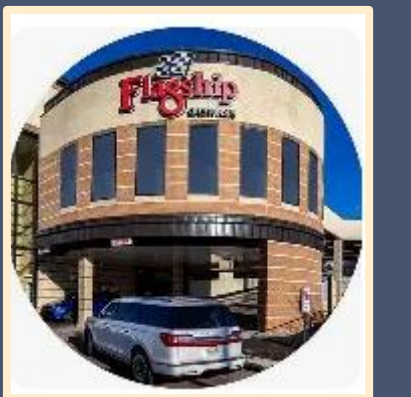
October 14, 2018 - Arson destroys Marco Polo Restaurant which has opened in 1973. Five months later the building was demolished to make way for a mixed-use development.

2019

May 2019 – *Vienna Stories (1950-2000)* by Marie Kisner published. Marie was Vienna's Public Information Officer for 33 years.



November 21, 2019 - Flagship Carwash opens above the Chick-Fil-A as a second-floor car wash (the first in the country). However, the use of the lot prompted repeal in 2020 of the Maple Avenue Commercial zoning district.



2020

February 2020 – The estate of former Council member Maud Robinson provides the Town of Vienna with a gift of \$7 million for the specific purpose of building sidewalks over a five-year period throughout the Town.



November 2019 - Tequila Grande closes to allow for redevelopment into a mixed-use complex. Tequila Grande operated in this location for 36 years; previously the building was Roy Rogers and before that a Howard Johnsons.



Summer 2020 - Rustic Love is created to raise funds to help feed local food-insecure families during the pandemic. They start with a local Vienna family and a neighbor using some scrap wood to make wooden heart signs.



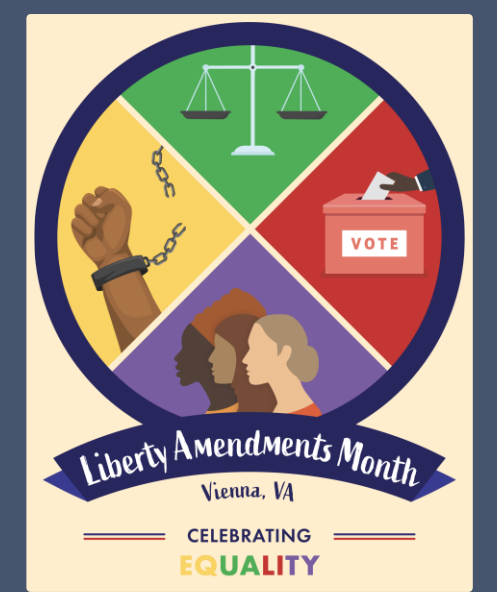
May 2020 – Linda J. Colbert is elected Mayor of Vienna.

2021

January 6, 2021 - Amphora Restaurant in Vienna closes its doors after 44 years of operation.



June 2021 - First Liberty Amendments Month celebration takes place.



2022

Spring 2022 - A 19th-century house that housed the TR Cook Photo Studio, at the intersection of Park and Church Streets NE, suffers a devastating fire. The property had a notable history tied to early 20th-century Vienna social and political figures, including a former mayor.



July 2022 - Town leaf mulch distribution program is scrapped. However, the leaf collection continues.

2023

March 6-17, 2023 – An archeological dig on the Freeman Store grounds was conducted by the Ottery Group. Excavated artifacts were bagged and stored.



December 16, 2023 – HVI hosts DAR re-enactment of the Boston Tea Party.



2024

September 2, 2024 - The new consolidated police station in Vienna opens.



March 23, 2024 - New pedestrian bridge connecting W&OD Trail and historic Freeman Store & Museum opens.

November 22, 2024 - Historic Vienna presents "An Evening with Julia Child, the Queen of Cuisine," a show by Mary Ann Jung, in the Vienna Community Center Auditorium.



2024 – Students surprise school janitor with his dream car after James Madison High School students' fundraiser.



2025

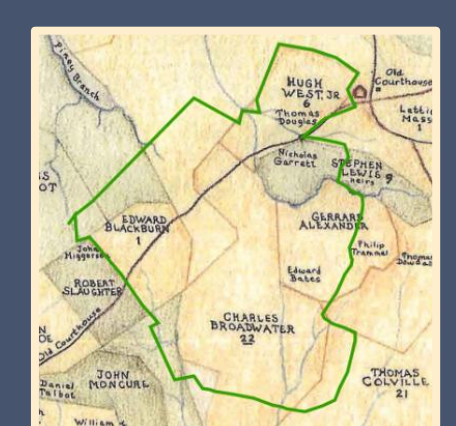
January 2025 - The German Barn at Wolf Trap celebrates its 300th birthday.



July 2025 – 1500 visitors enjoyed the VA250 Mobile Museum Experience in Vienna for four days as its second stop in Northern Virginia (Mount Vernon was first).

March 29, 2025 – Patrick Henry Library closes for renovations. A temporary branch of the library opens on Cedar Lane.

October 25, 2025 - Vienna @ 1775 panel discussion takes place.

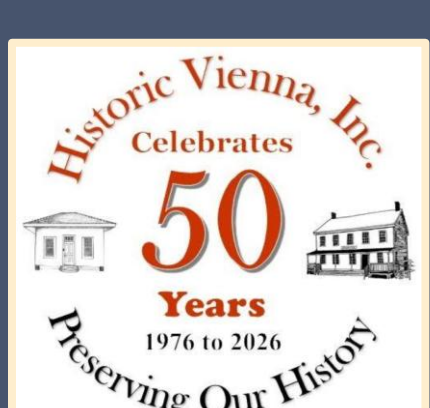


January 4, 2026 – Vienna250 rings in the new year with LOVE!



2026

April 6, 2026 - Historic Vienna, Inc., 50th Anniversary



February 2026 - Ilia Malinin of Vienna wins Olympic gold medal in the figure skating team event.