



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Hello Vienna Moms,

We hope everyone has enjoyed their summer with family and friends! It's hard to believe Fall is already here but we are excited about the year ahead. Fall is an annual time of transition and Vienna Moms transitioned to its new Board and Officers over the summer. We are thankful that so many fantastic women volunteered their time to serve Vienna Moms on the Board and as Officers. As you've seen, they are already busy planning and hosting events that appeal to a variety of families – moms who work, stay at home, have young babies, preschoolers, elementary schoolers, and beyond. We had a great turnout for the Moms' Night Out at Tequila Grande and the Painting Night at Pazzo Pomodoro. We have had some fun monthly meetings including Face Painting and Popsicles and Under the Sea. We have also met up at the Farmer's Market as well as the Mosaic District for stories and sprinklers. We have even enjoyed a day at camp with s'mores snacks and painting rocks. We encourage you to come to as many events as your schedule allows!

The two of us are thrilled to be your co-Presidents this year. We have both been members of Vienna Moms for approximately three years and the friendships we (AND our kids) have made in that time have been invaluable. We look forward to meeting you, if we haven't already, at upcoming events. If you see us, please come up and say hello!! Our primary goal for the next year is to help ensure that Vienna Moms continues to be an excellent resource and source of support for moms in our community. Vienna Moms' monthly meetings, play dates, playgroups, Moms' Night Out and Speaker Series events, and a variety of other activities, are all designed to foster connections with local moms while having fun in the process. We would also like to help broaden Vienna Moms' visibility in our community and increase our already significant membership (currently over 600 members!) We would love to hear from you if you have any ideas or suggestions as we work to make Vienna Moms even better!

Thanks to technology and social media, there are a variety of ways to stay connected to the latest Vienna Moms news and events:

1. **BigTent** - All Vienna Moms events are posted here. Please try to RSVP "yes" if you plan to attend an event. Officers spend time and money planning for supplies, food, etc. and base their calculations on the number of RSVPs in BigTent. So thank you for remembering to RSVP!
2. **Facebook** - Vienna Moms has a Facebook group! If you're not already a member, you can request access by searching for "Vienna Moms Inc" in the Facebook search bar. It's a closed group so our Membership VP will need to grant you access – you just need a current Vienna Moms membership (dues paid!) and a Facebook account that matches your BigTent username, at least in part, so your membership can be verified.
3. **Emails** - We have several Vienna Moms email addresses that are checked regularly by our Board and Officers. Please feel free to reach out to them with any questions.

A) **Playgroups:** Use to join a playgroup.
VMIplaygroups@gmail.com

B) **Newsletter:** Use to submit articles or announcements.
Viennamomsnewsletter@gmail.com

C) **Treasurer:** Use for finance and dues-related questions. Viennamomstreasurer@gmail.com

D) **General Inquiries:** Email us with any ideas, questions, or concerns.
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Thanks for being a part of this wonderful organization and we can't wait to see you all around town and at our upcoming VMI events!

Sincerely,

Kristin Skelton and Erin Prentice

MEET THE BOARD: PHOTOS



Erin Prentice, Co-President, and family



Kristin Skelton, Co-President, and family



Patti Olwan, Vice President (Membership), and family



Maria Hill, Vice President (Social), and family



Wendy Rosner, Treasurer, and family



Mandy Ryan, Secretary, and family

MEET THE BOARD: BIOS

ERIN PRENTICE – CO-PRESIDENT

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Erin and her husband, Mark, both grew up in Vienna. They moved back to the area three years ago to be closer to family after spending seven years in Austin, TX. They are parents to three very active children, Connor (7), Emma (5), Luke (3). Before becoming a stay-at-home mom, Erin worked in Project Management and Software Consulting. Erin has really enjoyed being a member of Vienna Moms and served last term as Moms Night Out co-chair. She really enjoyed planning fun events for her fellow busy moms last year and is so excited to be able to give back to the organization again this year.

KRISTIN SKELTON – CO-PRESIDENT

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Kristin is originally from McLean, VA and most recently lived in Arlington before moving to Vienna a little over 3 years ago. She and her husband Greg have 3 busy munchkins -- Connor (8), Charlotte (6), and Flynn (3). When her youngest was 1, Kristin decided to take time away from working at the State Department to stay at home with her kids. Joining Vienna Moms helped her meet some lifelong friends and become more involved in our awesome community. Last year, Kristin had fun planning Moms Night Out events with Erin Prentice and is excited to serve on the board of Vienna Moms this year.

PATTI OLWAN - VICE PRESIDENT (MEMBERSHIP)

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Patti Olwan joined Vienna Moms 3 years ago shortly after the birth of her son Michael. She has been the playdate coordinator and now VP membership. Originally from a Philadelphia suburb, she moved down to the DMV 10 years ago to attend Radiography school. Marrying Ramsey who is from Fairfax lead to rooting in Vienna to start a family. She worked in Radiography education until the birth of her daughter, Farrah, 18 months ago. Now a stay

at home mom, she is enjoying watching the kids grow and learn, all while making long lasting connections through Vienna Moms.

MARIA HILL - VICE PRESIDENT (SOCIAL)

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Maria Hill and her husband Steve have a daughter, Kathleen (5) and three dogs, Abby, Bruno and Frankie. She has been an active member of Vienna Moms for three years. After a two years of planning the VMI play dates, Maria has joined the board as the VP Social. Maria and her husband, Steve, both grew up in Vienna and were HS sweethearts. She is full time working mom in the IT field. When she is not working or volunteering, Maria enjoys reading, traveling, being crafty with her daughter, and cooking. Maria is excited for a great year serving as VP of social committees.

MANDY RYAN – SECRETARY

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Mandy and her husband, Colin have two children - Declan (4) and Corbin (2). Her family relocated to the area in 2012 from Boston, MA and moved to Vienna in 2014. Mandy has been a VMI member for 2 years and served on the Welcoming Committee last year. Before becoming a stay at home mom, she worked at Liberty Mutual Insurance Group (Boston) as an Internal Audit Manager. Mandy enjoys fitness, gardening, DIY decor and spending time as a family on the weekends. She is looking forward to serving on the board as secretary. She hopes to see you at this year's upcoming events!

WENDY ROSNER - TREASURER

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Wendy Rosner has been a member of Vienna Moms for four years now, since moving to Vienna from New York City in 2012. Wendy has three daughters, Naomi (4.5), Daphne (almost 3), and Juliet (6 months). She loves living in Vienna and being a part of Vienna Moms.



Some of the 2016 Board and Officers at the kick-off meeting.

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PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Moms are welcome to bring prospective members to play dates/MNOs where RSVPs are not limited/restricted.

BABY ANNOUNCEMENTS



ALINA JANE LEHMAN

Alina Jane Lehman was born July 19 to Alyssa and Brian Lehman. She joins big sister, Maddy (8) and big brother Carter (6).



EMMA LYNN TORRES

Jessica and Cristian Torres welcomed Emma Lynn on July 25th. She weighed 7 lbs 12 oz. and was 21 inches long. Big brothers Mason and Max love having a baby sister.



TABITHA COLETTE GARDY

Tabitha Colette Gardy was born August 1st weighing 8 lbs 2 oz. to Heather Lyons and David Gardy. She joins big sister Meredith. Everyone is doing fine!

VIENNA MOMS IN ACTION

PLAYDATES

Donuts and Farmers Market Playdate

In July, we kicked off the summer with the annual “donuts and farmers market” play date. Everyone nibbled on the mini donuts from Mama’s Donut Bites and also enjoyed some ice cold lemonade. It was a great meet and greet for parents and kids!

Baby Playdate

We also had our first baby play-date of the new season in July! Everyone had a great time eating snacks and sipping on tea, while getting to know other moms with infants.

Day at Camp Playdate

In July, we had a blast painting pet rocks, eating S’mores Chex mix, and playing on the playground. Thank you to the moms that came out and braved the thunderstorm. It was such a hit with those that came out that we decided to have a “Day at Camp Playdate Part 2” in August!

Stories at Strawberry Park

In August, we went to Stories at Strawberry Park. The fountains at Mosaic were not working, but some of the moms were able to enjoy the mini fountains nearby!

MOMS’ NIGHT OUT

Tequila Grande

In July, we had a kickoff to the new VMI year with a MNO at Tequila Grande. Mom’s enjoyed a night out on the patio with cool drinks to beat the summer heat!

Pinot’s Palette at Pazzo Pomodoro

In August, we hosted our first ever paint night with Pinot’s Palette at Pazzo Pomodoro. We painted “Pixie Petals” while enjoying wine and lite appetizers.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

July Monthly Meeting: Face Painting and Popsicles

On July 21st, we met at Glyndon Park for face painting by Creatives by Cristina, which is the same face painter at the Vienna Farmer’s Market. This was a huge hit and the kids loved it! Dragons & Ninja Turtles were a huge hit with the boys, and lots of glittery rainbows for the girls. Everyone enjoyed the popsicles to cool off the hot summer day. There was a great turnout despite the heat and humidity!

August Monthly Meeting: Under the Sea

On August 18th, we enjoyed a fun and informative presentation by Under the Sea, led by an engaging marine biologist from the Glen Echo Park aquarium in Maryland. The children learned about the fun and diverse sea creatures, and a few brave volunteers even got to safely touch or hold some animals!



MNO at Tequila Grande



Pinot's Palette painting at Pazzo Pomodoro for MNO



July Monthly Meeting: Face Painting and Popsicles



Under The Sea - August Monthly Meeting

UPCOMING VMI EVENTS

Some of the tentative and confirmed upcoming Vienna Moms events are listed below. Some locations and times are TBD. Stay tuned on BigTent and Facebook for updates and additions.

SEPTEMBER

SEPT 13 - Cycle Chi @ 7pm. We'll be trying out Vienna's new cycle studio..

SEPT 15 - Back to School playdate at Meadowlane Park.

SEPT 21 - Speaker Series: Financial Planning & Virginia 529 College Savings. Green Hedges School @ 7:30-9 pm.

SEPT 21 - Baby playdate, walk on the W&OD trail.

SEPT 28 - Annual apple hunt at Glyndon Park.

OCTOBER

MNO - Winery, location/date/time TBD

PLAYDATES - Columbus Day playdate and annual pumpkin painting. Details TBD.

NOVEMBER

TBD MNO - Mosaic Shopping (getting ready for the holidays). Date/time TBD.

DECEMBER

DEC MNO - Cookie exchange location/date/time TBD.

DEC MNO - Holiday mani/pedi location/date/time TBD.

A REMINDER TO RSVP

If you plan on attending an upcoming VMI event, please RSVP on BigTent so we can get an accurate headcount for planning purposes. If your plans change, and you can no longer make an event, please kindly change your RSVP.



TOWN OF VIENNA EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

EVERY SAT - Vienna Farmer's Market. 8 am - 12 pm @ Faith Baptist Church.

EVERY SUN - Bingo Night. 4 pm @ Flame Room at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department.

SEPT 16 - Chillin' on Church. 6:30 - 9:30 pm @ Historic Church Street.

SEPT 25 - Cops & Kids Fun Run & Open House. 12 - 4 pm @ Vienna Police Department.

OCTOBER

EVERY SAT - Vienna Farmer's Market. 8 am - 12 pm @ Faith Baptist Church.

EVERY SUN - Bingo Night. 4 pm @ Flame Room at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department.

OCT 1 - Oktoberfest. 11 am - 7pm @ Historic Church Street.

OCT 15 - Halloween on the Green. 11 am - 12:30 pm @ Vienna Town Green.

OCT 26 - 70th Annual Halloween Parade. 7 pm @ Maple Avenue.

NOVEMBER

EVERY SUN - Bingo Night. 4pm @ Flame Room at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department.

NOV 28 - Church Street Holiday Stroll. 6 - 9 pm @ Church Street.

DECEMBER

EVERY SUNDAY - Bingo Night. 4pm @ Flame Room at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department.

DEC 31 - First Night Vienna - 7 pm @ various locations around town.

