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*Vienna's Holiday Stroll celebrates two decades...and the holiday season*

## Once upon a time... actually about 20 years ago



by Adam Kincaid, Communications Specialist

It was December 1996 and Church Street merchants were desperate. After having endured months of sidewalk construction, they felt that the shopping and spirit of the holiday season were in peril. Determined to bring the holiday spirit to small-town America, the Church Street Merchants Association, along with Historic Vienna, Inc. and the Vienna Regional Chamber of Commerce (now the Vienna Business Association), hosted the first Church Street Holiday Stroll on December 8, 1996.

Businesses stayed open late, carolers provided a soundtrack to the evening, and Santa made a grand appearance to hear Christmas wishes from children in attendance. The day after the event, then-Posh! Inc. owner Mary Ann Antonides, remarked of the stroll: "It's a beginning. I think if we combine our efforts and talents next year, it will be even better. It should be a wonderful holiday tradition." Looks like she was on to something.

Over the past two decades, the event has evolved into a communitywide celebration and seasonal staple for small businesses, which is now hosted by HVI, Church Street merchants, and the Town of Vienna's Parks and Recreation Department.

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## Your vote, your voice

Fairfax County polling precincts will be open 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday, November 8. In Vienna, voters will not only be able to cast their ballot for president, but also for the 11th District House of Representatives, on a referendum to implement a 4% county meals tax (which would not apply within Town), and several proposed bond issues and constitutional amendments. A sample ballot is available at [fairfaxcounty.gov/elections](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/elections).

Town of Vienna voters cast ballots at one of four schools: Cunningham Park, Cedar Lane, Madison High School, or Vienna Elementary. To determine your polling location, visit <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation/PollingPlaceLookup>. Photo identification is required in order to vote. 🗳️



## Did you know?

Among the items that Fairfax County voters will consider on the November 8 ballot is a countywide referendum to impose a meals tax of up to 4%. If approved by voters, the county's meal tax would not apply in the Town of Vienna.

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## Vienna's new public works director not really all that new

**M**ichael Gallagher is the Town of Vienna's new public works director, but he is not a new face to the Town or its residents. Gallagher has worked in Vienna's public works department for six years, most recently as acting director. He was named public works director September 21.

Following graduation from Virginia Tech with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering, Gallagher began his career in the private sector before joining the Town of Vienna in 2010 as a civil engineer. In 2012 he was promoted to deputy director of public works.

"Working in a small team teaches you to wear a lot of different hats," says Gallagher, "and seeing the department from different roles has prepared me as director to better serve and engage with the community."

As public works acting director since May, Gallagher made a positive impact on the Town's infrastructure with a number of projects. The mini roundabout at Park and Locust streets addressed a congested intersection, and its construction was completed ahead of schedule. The Town Hall roof renovation also was promptly completed this summer under his supervision.



Michael Gallagher

Town Manager Mercury Payton has been particularly impressed with Gallagher's focus on communication. "Watching him engage with citizens, interdepartmental staff, and other community stakeholders throughout key projects," says Payton, "has made me confident that he is the leader and spokesperson the public deserves. He is the total package." 📌

## Getting 'round the roundabout

**T**he Town of Vienna has received several positive comments about the new mini roundabout at Park and Locust streets.

Consider this September 3 email from Georgia Weindling, who lives near the intersection: "Thanks so much for all your hard work in determining an appropriate solution to the traffic problems at Park and Locust Streets.... I am really pleased with the outcome. My drive home from work is greatly improved, and I no longer fear for my life when crossing the street!"

The Town also has received feedback that some drivers still may not be "getting" how to use the roundabout. Area residents report a good deal of horn-honking and examples of misuse. You can find tips on negotiating roundabouts, provided by the Federal Highway Administration, at [viennava.gov/miniroundabout](http://viennava.gov/miniroundabout).

Here are a few quick tips to keep in mind:

- Vehicles in the circle/roundabout have the right of way.
- Traffic in the roundabout travels in a counterclockwise direction.
- Vehicles preparing to enter the roundabout need to yield to any oncoming traffic in the circle.
- Do not stop once you're in the roundabout.
- Use your signal to indicate where you plan to exit the roundabout.
- Vienna's mini roundabout is designed for 18-wheelers and other large vehicles to drive over the center median; do not follow their lead!
- As you approach or exit the roundabout, be sure to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk. 📌



### 2016 leaf collection service gets underway

## Rake 'em. Pile 'em. Say goodbye.

**Where:** To the edge of your lawn, as close to the street as possible.

**When:** Collection services are expected to begin any day now, if they haven't already, as this newsletter arrives in mailboxes. Check [viennava.gov/leafmap](http://viennava.gov/leafmap) to see where Town crews have been and if they're approaching your neighborhood. Also, signs will be posted on main streets in neighborhoods to be serviced a couple of days in advance. Crews will make at least three passes through Town through the end of the year.



**For help:** Call 703-255-6380 or e-mail [dpw@viennava.gov](mailto:dpw@viennava.gov). 📌

## Town Council adopts FY17 Capital Improvement Plan

In September, Town Council adopted the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), a planning document that outlines potential capital projects the Town may undertake across nearly three decades. Over the next five years, the plan calls for undertaking renovation and construction of a new police department facility and building a public structured parking facility in the commercial center of Town in addition to several sewer, storm drainage, sidewalk, curb and gutter, and other improvement projects.

Funds for paying off the majority of the Town's capital improvements are provided through bond issuances, which the Town typically issues every two years. Revenue to pay off the bonds is provided through the Town's 3% meals tax. In fiscal year 2016, Vienna's meals tax generated \$2.5 million. The Town also leverages grants and other funding sources to help cover capital expenses.

Funding for capital projects to be undertaken in the next several years, including the proposed police station and structured parking, are to be largely paid for through 2018 and 2020 bond issuances.

A new police station, says Chief Jim Morris, will provide a right-sized, more professional, and secure facility and may provide opportunities to share the space with other Town functions.

"When the current police station was constructed in 1994," says Morris, "it was known at that time that it was being built too small to meet the department's needs. Since then, we've made do with the space by moving storage and having some staff work off site. The new station will provide sufficient space to bring property and evidence storage as well as space for officers and technology all on the same site."

A structured parking facility may provide an effective way to address the shortage of parking spaces in Vienna's commercial center and help draw more area residents to Vienna businesses. The Town has begun conversations with potential public and private partners in creating structured parking spaces and is considering a short list of potential sites.

"One of the best ways that the Town can support downtown businesses as well as the vision for Church Street and Maple Avenue would be to build a structured parking facility," says Mayor Laurie DiRocco. "In addition, structured parking would provide a much needed service to our residents and visitors and support the many fabulous events that our community hosts."

The CIP recommends that funds for paying off parking structure expenses be tied directly to a one-cent increase in the meals tax (from 3% to 4%) over a 15-year period.

All improvement projects in the CIP, bond issuances, and any increase in the meals tax will require Council approval.

Bonds issuances in 2018 and 2020 also are expected to cover \$5 million in sewer infrastructure improvements to be undertaken by Fairfax County. An intergovernmental agreement stipulates that the Town provide 1.87% of the county's total capital sewer improvement costs. Funds to cover these expenses would be generated through water and sewer rates. Vienna serves approximately 9,500 customers, about 3,500 of whom live outside of the Town limits.

The FY17 Capital Improvement Plan is available online under the Finance/Budget section at [viennava.gov](http://viennava.gov). 



### Stroll *from page 1*

The 2016 Church Street Holiday Stroll, like that first one, will feature shopping opportunities, Santa, and music, but also marshmallow-roasting stations, lighting of the Town Christmas tree, and a variety of fun activities. This year's stroll will take place from 6-9 p.m. Monday, November 28.

Santa arrives at 6:15 p.m. on a 1946 fire engine, and at 6:20 he and Mayor Laurie DiRocco will light the tree. Later that evening, Santa will patiently listen to the wishes of good girls and boys – as well as allow parents to snap a free photo.

The Vienna-Falls Chorus of Sweet Adelines and Fairfax Jubil-Aires will offer strolling serenades while young singers from several area schools and the Vienna Community Band will perform on the Showmobile Stage. The school groups performing represent Wolftrap Elementary, Louise Archer Elementary, Green Hedges School, and Thoreau Middle School. Historic properties, including the train depot, Freeman Store, Little Library, and caboose, will be open. Church Street will be closed to vehicular traffic beginning at 5 p.m.

For more information, contact Historic Vienna, Inc. at 703-938-5187. 

## CONVERSATIONS WITH COUNCIL

### W&OD trail is a community treasure

by Vice Mayor Tara Voigt

The W&OD trail, officially known as the Washington & Old Dominion Railroad Regional Park and managed by NOVA Parks, is one of Vienna's great treasures. The trail is well-used, but if you haven't discovered it yet, what are you waiting for?!

The W&OD snakes through the center of Vienna from the southeast to the northwest for approximately two miles and includes the newly widened section near the Vienna Community Center. On any given day, you can see a wide variety of people (and animals) using the trail: cyclists, walkers, runners, commuters, children on the way to school.

Trail access points are available in several Vienna neighborhoods, including from Wildwood Park, Adahi Road SE, Tapawingo Road SE, Fellini Court SE, Talahi Road SE, Branch Road SE, Mill Street NE, and Northside Park. These connections allow users to cross from one side of Town to the other without having to access major roads such as Maple Avenue. I frequently ride my bike to work by heading to the end of Tapawingo SE, entering the W&OD Trail, and exiting at Wildwood Park a few yards up from the trail. This allows me to stay on quieter secondary roads for the majority of my journey.

The Vienna section is one of the most heavily used segments of the trail. Here are some reminders and "rules of the road":

- The park is open 5 a.m.-9 p.m. in Arlington and Fairfax County (including the Town of Vienna); beyond the western edge of Fairfax County, the park closes at dusk.
- Always travel to the right of the center line.
- Always yield to slower users.
- Give an audible signal a few seconds before passing.
- Horses, then pedestrians, have the right-of-way; cyclists must yield to both.
- Obey all posted trail and stop signs.

For a full list of trail rules, visit [novaparks.com/sites/default/files/pdf/trailrules.pdf](http://novaparks.com/sites/default/files/pdf/trailrules.pdf). For a map of the entire trail, see [novaparks.com/sites/default/files/maps/WODMap.pdf](http://novaparks.com/sites/default/files/maps/WODMap.pdf).



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## Drama, absurdity, insight in one act

by Adam Kincaid, Communications Specialist

Two actors and a runtime of seven minutes. On the surface, that's what *DMV Tyrant* is. I attended a September rehearsal of this one-act play, written by Christopher Durang and directed for the Vienna Theatre Company's current *Eclectic Essentials II* production by Jessie Roberts.

"It's not the subject matter, it's how it's presented," says

Roberts, explaining how such a seemingly mundane event like going to the DMV can be dramatized. Working off the script as a blueprint, she adds, "You have to find the reality, and then exploit it into something different."

Perhaps several of us have had excruciating moments at the DMV, but *DMV Tyrant* takes the experience to a whole other comedic level, in case that wasn't obvious from the short play's title.

*DMV Tyrant* is one of four one-act plays being presented in the Vienna Theatre Company's sequel production of *Eclectic Essentials*. Performances are at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, October 28 and 29 and November 4 and 5. General admission tickets are \$14 and may be purchased in person from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Parks and Recreation Offices at 262M Cedar Lane or online via WebTrac at [viennava.gov](http://viennava.gov).

*Vienna Voice* conducted a brief question-and-answer session with *DMV Tyrant* director Jessie Roberts about her take on the one-act play and the community theater scene in and around Vienna:

**VV:** Tell us a little more about *DMV Tyrant*.

**JR:** Going to the DMV isn't always a bad experience. They have trained people working in customer service, but every once in a while there's that moment everyone talks about. The play takes that tiny slice of life and expands on it into almost a farce. But that's what we do, we push that small bit of reality.

**VV:** You have directed many plays for many different community theatre companies. How has your experience with the Vienna Theatre Company been?

**JR:** The Vienna Theatre Company is a welcoming company. It is very conscious of its members across the entire spectrum. Board members participate at every show, whether it is helping with concessions, taking tickets, or even just greeting members of the audience when they come in. It becomes a family.

**VV:** How do the community and theatre company benefit from one another?

**JR:** The theatre scene sort of perpetuates itself. We were most recently at Vienna's Oktoberfest, and we were looking for people who wanted to sign up. We always ask for feedback about what people think of the shows, what they would like to see in the future, etc. There is a sort of mutual promotion between the Town and the company.

**VV:** How do you cater to your audience?

**JR:** We have a loyal demographic, but we also like to receive input from others. We have a mailing list exclusively for audience members and we encourage feedback. When board members greet people at the shows, after the performance they will follow up and ask: "What did you think?" or "What kinds of shows would you like to see in the future?" so we can adapt to what people want.

To learn more about upcoming events, join the Vienna Theatre Company email list at [vtcshows@yahoo.com](mailto:vtcshows@yahoo.com).



**Drama in seven minutes** Director Jessie Roberts, center, and actresses Marilyn Pifer, left, and Hope Slonim will stage *DMV Tyrant* as part of VTC's *Eclectic Essentials* production.

photo by Adam Kincaid

## Indulge your pottery passion Nov. 12 at annual sale

by Lynne DeWilde, Communications and Marketing Manager

I have a confession to make: Pottery pieces for me are a little like shoes – it's simply impossible to have too many. Not only can the art pieces be colorful, beautiful, and textural, they're almost always functional, too. I, for one, plan to enthusiastically indulge my pottery passion at the Bowman House Pottery Show and Sale from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, November 12. If you're not passionate about pottery yourself, you probably know someone who is, and the sale offers a great way to start your holiday gift-shopping.

The show and sale features the work of students and instructors in the Town of Vienna's parks and recreation pottery classes and is entirely volunteer organized. A portion of proceeds from the sale helps support Bowman House programs. The Bowman House is located at 211 Center Street S.

"Every year we have some really beautiful pieces," says Recreation Programs Coordinator Brandy Wyatt. "It's amazing how artistic some people are. A lot of people look forward to the sale every year as a way to get gifts for friends and family members."



## A play date for your 'best friend'

The Town of Vienna is unleashing the furry fun at Bark in the Park from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, November 6, at the Vienna Dog Park, located at 700 Courthouse Road SW.

The event, quite literally, offers a playground for dogs. There will be a fenced-in and "off leash" obstacle course for Snoopy, Astro, Toto, or whomever your "best friend" is. This free event also features pet-friendly exhibitors. The first 35 dogs at the event will receive a free "Bark if You Love Vienna" bandana. 🐾



## Ring in 2017 community-style: First Night returning to Vienna

Ring in 2017 with food, family, and a whole lot of fun (but no alcohol) as First Night Vienna returns this year! New Year's Eve festivities for the young and young at heart will include live entertainment (think bluesy local performers, magicians, and more), a DJ dance party, activities and inflatables for children and youth, and a unique Vienna welcome to 2017. Admission is free.

Come join your friends and neighbors as Vienna says goodbye to 2016 and hello to 2017 from 6 pm-midnight December 31 along historic Church Street. Tents and rides will be set up along Church Street while additional entertainment will be available at several indoor venues. More details to come in the December issue of *Vienna Voice*.

First Night is hosted by the Vienna Business Association, using proceeds raised at its Oktoberfest event. 🍷



## A delicious tradition for mature adults

by Adam Kincaid. Communications Specialist



The November 18 Bountiful Harvest luncheon for mature adults is a Vienna event steeped in tradition, camaraderie, and cooperation.

For 48 years, the Vienna 50/90 Club banded together and represented many in Vienna's senior community. It was the first senior club to meet at the Vienna Community Center after it opened in 1966. Parks and Recreation provided a home for club members so that they could gather for a nice evening, have a home-cooked meal, play some cards, rejoin old friends, and make new ones.

Each November, club members and parks and recreation staff would share a pre-Thanksgiving meal, with assistance from several community volunteer groups. The event carried on for decades, but then began to lose its hold as the club's foundation began to dwindle. In 2012, the 50/90 Club officially disbanded due to declining membership. It seemed the pre-holiday dinner would fade away, but a strong commitment to the holiday and to Vienna's mature adults keeps the tradition alive.

The Shepherd's Center of Vienna-Oakton, in collaboration with Vienna's Parks and Recreation Department, has stepped up to bring the Thanksgiving tradition back. Not only does the Shepherd's Center host quarterly luncheons for the senior community, it also puts on two special events each year, the November feast being one.

From 12-2:30 p.m. Friday, November 18, adults 55 years and older are invited to attend Bountiful Harvest, an event full of tradition and promise.

"We are pleased to join with Vienna Parks and Recreation to present what we are sure will be a lovely event for our area seniors to jumpstart their holiday season," says Michelle Scott, executive director of the Shepherd's Center.

The meal will take place in the Flame Room at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center Street S. Pre-payment of \$10 per person is due by November 9. To register, call the Shepherd's Center at 703-281-0538.

Food will be provided by Davis Center students at George C. Marshall High School. Entertainment will be provided by the James Madison High School Chamber Orchestra. A First-Class Move is corporate sponsor for the event. 🍷

## Parks and Rec sampler

### Passport to retirement

Proper planning can lead to a first-class retirement. In a one-hour, free lecture on November 7, Greg Bernhard with Plum Tree Financial will help you determine if you're on track and how to create a successful action plan. You'll figure out where income will come from in retirement and develop a strong allocation strategy. The lecture is at 10 a.m. at 262M Cedar Lane. Call 703-255-7801 to register. ↴

### Big or small, support them all

## Shop Local. Shop Vienna.

by Peggy James, Executive Director, Vienna Business Association

The 6th annual Vienna Business Saturday is coming up November 26.

The Vienna Business Association (VBA) and Town/Business Liaison Committee (TBLC) work together to help promote this unique shopping day and encourage the community to keep it local and SHOP VIENNA!

This day is strategically set between Black Friday and Cyber Monday and was established to encourage

Vienna citizens to make a special effort to patronize the many wonderful shops and restaurants in Town. Vienna has a unique small-town character and charm, while offering many amenities found in a big city. On Vienna Business Saturday, local businesses are encouraged to offer specials deals, and the community is encouraged to discover and patronize the great local businesses in our Town.

Shopping locally has many great short- and long-term benefits. Not only do the dollars spent directly boost the local economy and help increase job opportunities in Vienna, a portion of the taxes collected go directly to enhancing infrastructure (roads, sidewalks, etc.) in the Town of Vienna.

In addition to the financial benefits, shopping locally enhances the overall relationship among businesses and the community. Local business owners have a vested interest in the long-term character and success of Vienna. A large number of Vienna business owners are volunteers with local charities and fundraisers and serve on many boards, committees, and civic organizations throughout Town. Vienna Business Saturday offers the community a designated opportunity to support these generous business owners in turn.

Supporting local businesses on November 26, a great idea. Making the choice to Shop Local-Shop Vienna, priceless! ↴



## You can't 'win' the (banner) lottery, if you don't apply

Vienna-based non-profits and charitable organizations may apply during the month of November each year to display a banner over Maple Avenue for a one- to two-week period in the upcoming calendar year, provided there is availability during the requested time period. For a 2017 application form and to review rules and fees, visit [viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=163](http://viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=163).

All banner dates are awarded on a lottery basis. Applicants who are selected will be notified by the end of December. Applicants cannot change, share, or trade display dates. ↴

## Get comfy cozy for winter!

by Susan Stillman, Community Enhancement Commission

The heating season is upon us. To save money on heating and be more comfortable, November is a great month to give your home an energy efficiency tune-up. The Department of Energy provides this list of fall and winter energy-saving tips: [energy.gov/energysaver/fall-and-winter-energy-saving-tips](http://energy.gov/energysaver/fall-and-winter-energy-saving-tips).

The Virginia State Corporation Commission has directed Dominion Virginia Power to help its ratepayers achieve greater energy efficiency. To that end, a rebate program is available through December 24 to help you get a heat pump tune-up (save \$90), upgrade your heat pump (\$250), and seal leaky ducts in your heating system (\$125) to help direct hot air to where it warms you not to building cavities. To get details on this rebate program go to [dom.com/savenowVA](http://dom.com/savenowVA). To take advantage of these rebates, work must be completed by December 24 and the rebate application must be submitted by February 7, 2017.

If you are ready to deeply understand opportunities for energy efficiency and greater comfort in your home, a blower door test and energy analysis of your home is in order. I've had a blower door test done on my home and had the home tightened up. My home is more comfortable, and my energy bills are lower. Do a Google search for "home energy auditors 22180" and interview about three different auditors – see what they include in their services and for what price. Do they rank the most cost effective actions that can be taken? Have the audit done and then start to knock off the most wasteful problems. You'll be glad you did! ↴



## Lend a hand

**C**an you help a neighbor in need with raking leaves, shoveling snow, or performing some other odd job? C'mon, it'll make you feel all warm inside! The Town of Vienna maintains a list of volunteers willing to assist with snow shoveling or other odd jobs. If you're willing to help out or if you have a need, contact Tammy Funk at [tfunk@viennava.gov](mailto:tfunk@viennava.gov) or 703-255-6360. 📍

## Town Council Actions

The following items represent recent Town Council actions, but do not constitute official meeting minutes. The most recent approved Town Council minutes, agendas, and meeting videos are available online at [viennava.gov](http://viennava.gov).

### September 26

- Awarded a curb and gutter contract at Nelson Drive and 329 Adahi Road SE to Sagres Construction for \$89,859.67.
- Awarded a contract for \$89,700 to National Asphalt for cold mix, tack, and reclaimed asphalt pavement.
- Adopted the FY17 Capital Improvement Plan.
- Approved an eight-month lease extension for \$16,650 with GRI Cedar Park LLC for temporary administrative and programming space for the Parks and Recreation Department.

### October 3

Town Council approved the following:

- Participation in the Solarize Vienna program in 2017.
- Town Council and budget calendar dates for 2017.
- Expenditures of \$135,000 with AM-Liner East, Inc. for rehabilitation of sewer pipes throughout the water service area.
- Spending \$181,000 with Arthur Construction for asphalt milling, overlay, and traffic marking on an as-needed basis.
- Purchase of an 84-inch snowblower, to be used with a new Bobcat skid-steer loader, from Bobcat of Northern Virginia for \$9,785.
- IFB 17-07 award to Ardent Company LLC in the amount of \$458,040, \$158,803 of which will be provided through a VDOT revenue-sharing grant, for reconstruction of Mill Street NE.
- Resolutions to approve submittal of applications for VDOT revenue-sharing and transportation alternative grants. 📍

## Vienna businesses with staying power

Congratulations to the following Vienna businesses celebrating milestone anniversaries this month.

### 20 YEARS

**The Meeting Medic**  
**Whole Foods Market**

### 15 YEARS

**Paymasterpro**  
**Phoenix Acupuncture**

### 10 YEARS

**Cannon Clutter Control**  
**Pizza Hut**  
**Skintelligence**  
**Stonegate Remodeling**  
**Uniprice Cleaners**

### 5 YEARS

**Kathi Scholz, PLC**  
**Navy Federal Asset Management**  
**Navy Federal Financial Group**  
**Patricia D. McGrail**  
**Petco**  
**Prudential PenFed Realty**  
**Sweet City Desserts**

Town of Vienna business licenses were issued in September to these businesses:



**Balanced Weight and Wellness**  
*medical weight loss*  
226 Maple Avenue W

**Once Upon a Dream**  
*children's entertainment*  
527 Maple Avenue E  
703-489-5427

**Royal Family Home Care**  
*home care service*  
226 Maple Avenue W  
703-433-0399

**Ledo Pizza**  
*restaurant*  
141 Park Street SE  
703-865-6220

**Open Art Studio**  
*art studio and tutoring*  
225 Mill Street NE  
703-255-2200

**Taco Bamba Taqueria**  
*restaurant*  
164 Maple Avenue W  
703-436-6339

**Oak View Homes**  
*contractor*  
105 Battle Street SW  
571-335-1403

**Pedro A. Paniagua**  
*landscaping*  
224 Cedar Lane SE  
571-277-2153

**World Eats**  
*food truck*  
521 Maple Avenue W  
703-635-8292

## Community Center Renovation and Expansion Update



The following has been achieved according to the most recent construction progress reports:

- installation of storm water management system 95% complete
- began installation of north parking area pervious pavement underdrain systems and grading of north parking area
- continuing removal of asphalt, concrete, and other debris from north parking area
- removed trees along Park Street
- installation of sprinkler piping 90% complete
- completed building masonry walls in mechanical room
- completed exterior north wall demolition
- installation of concrete masonry unit (CMU) walls around restrooms and lobby
- installation of chase wall in restrooms
- completed north wall CMU

- completed laying brick around new openings
- installation of air barrier on exterior of CMU walls of new gym
- rough-in in new restrooms and kitchen, piping for roof drains, and VYI water line completed
- measured existing openings for windows
- made connections to mechanical units and installed wiring to light fixtures in auditorium and multipurpose room and supports for new gym light fixtures.

Looking ahead, next steps include:

- installing Z clips for exterior panel
- installing blocking on existing and new roof
- installing masonry piers on the east wall of the administrative area to support the wall
- starting north wall foundation
- installing steel framing, joists, and decking along north side of building after north wall is complete

- beginning installation of support steel for roof top units (RTUs) above Corridor 166 and new gym corridor
- installing mechanical ductwork in new gym
- continuing installation of new gym west exterior wall
- installing conduit and wiring for new gym light fixtures as well as lighting bases
- beginning sprinkler installation in new gym.

*A community center renovation update is presented each month at 6:30 p.m. prior to the Town Council work session. The public is encouraged to attend these updates in Council Chambers at Town Hall. The next update will be presented November 14. 📍*

**15** years ago...

The November 2001 newsletter reported that Town Council was set to vote at its November 19 meeting on raising the meals tax from 3% to 4%. The proposed increase (which was approved 6-1) would provide funds to acquire property at the corner of Maple Avenue and Mill Street, where the Town Green stands today, for "development and preservation of green space in the center of Town and to fund the next phase of the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project along Vienna's main business corridor." The meals tax increase was to be effective from January 2002-June 30, 2008, when it would revert back to 3%. 📍

# HAPPENINGS around town

**The Committee for Helping Others (CHO)** needs your help to restock its empty food shelves during its **annual community food drive**, November 1-December 31. Dish soap, canned fruit, chili, canned beef stew, diapers and wipes, canned salmon, Spam, tuna, tomato sauce, and laundry detergent would be particularly appreciated. No expired food please. Drop-off boxes will be available at:

- Town Hall, 127 Center Street S
- Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue E
- Bikes @ Vienna, 128 Church Street NW
- Caffe Amouri, 107 Church Street NE
- Drs. Covell, Stack, and Henon, 120 Beulah Road NE
- Evolution Fitness, 216 Dominion Road NE
- Rexall Drug Store, 150 Maple Avenue W
- Vienna Arts Center, 115 Pleasant Street NE.

Foster's Grille will hold a fundraiser for the **Vienna Lions Club** from 11 am-9 pm Tuesday, November 1. Put your Foster's receipt in the Lions box, and the restaurant will donate 20% of the purchase to the Lions' youth, sight, hearing, and community programs. For more information, call Akin Oduolowu at 202-415-6085 or visit [facebook.com/viennahostlionsclub](https://www.facebook.com/viennahostlionsclub).

**PFLAG Fairfax**, a community group for parents, families, and friends of lesbians and gays, and **FLY**, a social group for LGBTQ youth and allies ages 12 (with parental permission) to 19, will meet concurrently at 7:30 pm Tuesday, November 1, in the program building at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax (UUCF), 2709 Hunter Mill Road. FLY also holds teen lounges the third Friday of each month, alternating between movie and pizza nights at UUCF and outside venues. For more information about both groups, email [wf.pflag@gmail.com](mailto:wf.pflag@gmail.com) or visit [pflagdc.org](http://pflagdc.org) and [facebook.com/groups/fly.pflag/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/fly.pflag/).

**Vienna Assembly of God**, 100 Ayr Hill Avenue, will open prayer rooms from 2-8 pm the first two Tuesdays of November for those who would like to pray about the presidential election. Visit [viennaag.com](http://viennaag.com).

Photographer **Don Johnson** will speak about photographing animals in zoos at the monthly **Vienna Photographic Society** meeting at 7:30 pm Wednesday, November 2, in Auditorium Room 123 at Oakton Elementary School, 3000 Chain Bridge Road. Johnson's photographs have been displayed at the National Museum of Natural History as well as in *Popular Photography* and *Nature's Best* magazines. For more information, visit [vpsva.org](http://vpsva.org).

The next luncheon of the **Welcome Club of Northern Virginia** is November 3 and will feature the club's annual holiday bazaar. This social club hosts monthly activities for groups interested in tea, bridge, wine, books, and golf, to name just a few. For information about the club and to register for the luncheon, visit [welcomeclubnvirginia.com](http://welcomeclubnvirginia.com).

The **Fairfax County Chapter of the National Daughters of the American Revolution** will host a **social and tea cup auction** at its Thursday, November 3, meeting at 7 pm at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway. If interested in attending or joining DAR, contact Amy Cartwright at [a.cartwrightDAR@yahoo.com](mailto:a.cartwrightDAR@yahoo.com) or 703-507-0023.

The **Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary** will hold a **Fall Bazaar and Craft Show** from 10 am-4 pm Saturday, November 12, in the Flame Room at 400 Center Street S. Admission is free. Crafts, holiday decorations, items for your home, and great gifts will be available for purchase. Lunch and homemade baked goods also will be available.

**Patrice Martin**, a member of the North American Truffle Growers Association, will be the guest speaker at the **Five Hills Garden Club of Vienna** meeting at 10 am Tuesday, November 15, at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park Street NE. The meeting is free and open to the public. Please park on the street. Questions? Email [lmc323@aol.com](mailto:lmc323@aol.com).

**Dr. George O. Strawn** will be the guest speaker at the Vienna Area Branch of the **American Association of University Women** at 7 pm Tuesday, November 15, at the Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue E. Strawn is director of the Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) National Coordination Office (NCO). He will speak about Yuval Noah Harari's bestselling book *Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind*, zeroing in on the author's view on "places" of women and men in society and the unanswered question posed by Harari: Why have virtually all societies placed men and women in a hierarchical relationship? The program is free and open to the public. For more information, contact [viennaauw@gmail.com](mailto:viennaauw@gmail.com).

The **North East Vienna Citizens Association (NEVCA)** will hold a **general membership meeting** at 7:30 pm Tuesday, November 15, at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center Street S. Town of Vienna Parks and Recreation Director **Leslie Herman** will speak about the community center expansion and Councilmember **Doug Noble** will discuss issues of interest related to Maple Avenue zoning and transportation. Door prizes will awarded courtesy of Great Harvest Bread Company. All are welcome.

**Vienna Woman's Club** is sponsoring a fundraiser for Family Pass at Talbots in Tysons Corner Center from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, November 16. Talbots will donate 10% of all sales purchased during the event to Family Pass, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in Fairfax County. For more information, visit [viennawomansclub.org](http://viennawomansclub.org).

It's a local holiday tradition now in its 23rd year: **Oakton Church of the Brethren's Christmas Craft Show** will be 10 am-7 pm November 17 and 18 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. November 19 at 10025 Courthouse Road. This three-day event features a variety of handmade creations and

craft supplies as well as a soup and sandwich lunch and bake sale. For more information, visit [oaktonbrethren.org](http://oaktonbrethren.org) or call 703-281-4411.

Just in time for holiday giving, the **Vienna Arts Society** is hosting a **BIG SALE-small works** event November 18-20 at 115 Pleasant Street NW. Hundreds of small original artworks in a variety of media and ready to hang will be available for \$99 or less. Sale hours are 6-8 pm November 18, 11 am-8 pm November 19, and 12-5 pm November 20. A wine and cheese reception and raffle will be held from 6-8 pm November 19. [ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://ViennaArtsSociety.org) or 703-319-3971.

**Vienna Girl Scout Troop 5386** members will be docents on tours of Riley Lockhouse (13015 Riley's Lock Road, Poolesville, Maryland) from 1-4 pm November 19 and 20. Visit this National Park treasure, where you'll learn about the C&O Canal, sew a nine-patch square, and play 19th century games as well as help Girl Scout Juniors earn their Playing in the Past badge. Families are welcome as everything is hands on. For more information, email [lbvietor@alumni.rice.edu](mailto:lbvietor@alumni.rice.edu).

The overall winners will receive a turkey – literally! The 14th annual **Vienna Turkey Trot** on Sunday, November 20, features a new, USATF-certified course. 5K runners will run the course once, and 10K runners will do two loops; the race starts at 8:30 am at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center Street S. A Kids Fun Run starts at 8 am. Register online at [viennaturkeytrot.org](http://viennaturkeytrot.org). The race benefits the James Madison High School Marching Band and Vienna Volunteer Fire Department.

**Lily Whitesell**, watershed specialist with the Northern Virginia Soil & Water Conservation District, will speak on "Rain Gardens for Home-owners" at the November **Ayr Hill Garden Club** meeting. The meeting is at 1 pm Monday, November 28, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road. Guests are welcomed.

Just in time for the gift-giving season, the **Freeman Store** has some lovely **new merchandise**, including:

- notecards and postcards made from an original watercolor by 98-year-old Vienna resident and train mural artist Harris Miller
- keychains with vintage Vienna maps
- children's wooden log building sets
- adorable baby bibs featuring the red caboose
- Rachel Peden's hand-painted 2016 wooden ornament featuring the Vienna Arts Center building
- Christmas cards emblazoned with a stunning watercolor of a Victorian winter scene in front of the Freeman Store, created by popular McLean artist Erik Hottenstein.

The **Vienna Business Association (VBA)** will host a **Nonprofit Showcase and Mixer** from 5:30-7:30 pm Wednesday, November 16, at the American Legion Hall, 330 Center Street S. VBA's nonprofit showcase offers an opportunity for local businesses and community members to meet and learn about the many nonprofit organizations in the greater Vienna area. All are welcome to join the VBA as it highlights what these organizations do to help make the Vienna community a better place to live and work.

Learn about English and Scottish holiday traditions while enjoying some of the treats described at a **traditional English holiday tea** at 3 pm Saturday, December 3, at the Freeman Store. The tea is \$35 per person and includes scones, sausage rolls, sandwiches, and assorted sweets. After a short presentation, there will be plenty of time to relax and visit with friends in the Freeman Store's beautiful parlor and dining room. Space is very limited; make reservations by calling 703-938-5187 or emailing [fs@historicviennainc.org](mailto:fs@historicviennainc.org).

**Santa Claus** is coming to the **Freeman Store** from 12-2 pm Sunday, December 4 and 11. Seated in his special chair next to Historic Vienna's beautifully decorated Christmas tree, courtesy of the Optimist and Ayr Hill Garden clubs, Santa will meet and listen to the wishes of his young visitors. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to bring their cameras. For more information, visit [historicviennainc.org](http://historicviennainc.org) or call 703-938-5187.

**Volunteers** are needed to help the **Committee for Helping Others** set up a Christmas Store at Vienna Presbyterian Church on December 9 and to assist shoppers on December 10. Also needed are new toys for children up to age 12, gift cards for teens, lightly worn jackets and coats, and food cards for more than 200 families in need. To help or for more information, call 703-281-7614 and leave a message in box #1.

The **Freeman Store** is now offering **used books** for sale on an ongoing basis. A large variety of books at very reasonable prices are offered from 12-4 pm Wednesday-Sunday. Historic Vienna is *not* seeking book donations at this time. For more information, visit [historicviennainc.org](http://historicviennainc.org) or call 703-938-5187.

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Fire & Rescue  
Emergency**  
**911**  
(Voice & TDD)

**Vienna Police**  
703-938-4900 voice  
703-255-5730 TDD  
Non-emergency  
703-255-6366 voice  
703-255-5730 TDD

**Community Center**  
703-255-6360 voice  
TTY Virginia Relay 711  
120 Cherry St. SE  
Vienna, VA 22180

**Vienna Town Hall**  
703-255-6300 voice  
TTY Virginia Relay 711  
127 Center Street South  
Vienna, VA 22180-5179  
Monday-Friday • 8 am-4:30 pm

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# NOVEMBER TOWN CALENDAR

<b>1</b>	Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 pm	<b>17</b>	Community Enhancement Commission • 7:30 pm
<b>4 &amp; 5</b>	Vienna Theatre Company: Eclectic Essentials II • 8 pm (Vienna Baptist Church)	<b>17</b>	Board of Architectural Review • 8 pm
<b>6</b>	Bark in the Park (Vienna Dog Park) • 2-4 pm	<b>18</b>	Bountiful Harvest (VVFD) • 12 pm
<b>7</b>	Town Council Meeting • 8 pm	<b>21</b>	Town Council Meeting • 8 pm
<b>9</b>	Planning Commission • 8 pm	<b>24</b>	Holiday: Town Hall Closed – No Refuse Collection
<b>10</b>	Town/Business Liaison Committee • 7 pm	<b>25</b>	Holiday: Town Hall Closed – Refuse Collection for Thurs. & Fri.
<b>11</b>	Holiday: Town Hall Closed – Regular Refuse Collection	<b>28</b>	Church Street Holiday Stroll • 6-9 pm
<b>12</b>	Bowman House Pottery Show & Sale • 10 am-3 pm	<b>29</b>	Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committees • 7 pm
<b>14</b>	Town Council Work Session • 8 pm	<b>29</b>	Transportation Safety Commission • 8 pm
<b>15</b>	Public Art Commission • 7 pm		
<b>16</b>	Board of Zoning and Appeals • 8 pm		

*Unless otherwise noted, all meetings take place at Town Hall, 127 Center Street S. Meeting schedule subject to change; check [viennava.gov](http://viennava.gov) for updates.*