

## Ring in 2017 at First Night Vienna

by Peggy James, Vienna Business Association



**N**ew Year's Eve fun returns to Vienna this year! The Vienna Business Association and Town of Vienna invite you to celebrate First Night Vienna from 6 pm-midnight Saturday, December 31.

Held on historic Church Street, this family-friendly, alcohol-free event is open to all ages and is packed with fun. Activities include music and entertainment at five venues, hands-on children's activities and games, hats and noisemakers, an assortment of food trucks, and thousands of your friends and neighbors. And there are two opportunities to ring in the new year: at 9 pm for younger kids and a new year's finale at midnight!

Rocknocerous and The Great Zucchini will entertain everyone as we lead up to the 9 pm celebration under the big-top tent across from the Freeman House. A DJ dance party cranks up the tunes shortly after at 9:30. Blues, bluegrass, acoustic, and other musical genres will be performed in a variety of venues in surrounding businesses throughout the evening.

Please note that Church Street, from Mill to Center, will be closed from 3 pm until after midnight for this event.

First Night Vienna is a free community event made possible largely through proceeds from Vienna Oktoberfest as well as generous donations from sponsors and contributions from the Town of Vienna. Corporate and citizen sponsorships are available at various levels for different components of this event. What a great way for businesses to show support for the community, in exchange for great online and print exposure! For more information on becoming a sponsor, please email [info@viennabusiness.org](mailto:info@viennabusiness.org).

For up-to-the-minute information on First Night Vienna, visit [firstnightvienna.org](http://firstnightvienna.org).

Vienna offers a rockin', magical, family-friendly way to usher in

# 2017

Join family, friends, & neighbors for

## FIRST NIGHT VIENNA

**Dec. 31 • 6 pm-midnight  
Church Street**

food trucks • multiple music venues • children's activities • DJ dance party • two opportunities to count down to the new year: 9 pm & midnight

### IN THIS ISSUE



## More movement on Maple: Technological changes make traffic management more science than art

Vienna commuters, are you grimacing and glancing at the clock a little less and smiling and singing along to the radio a little more? Have you noticed that your morning and especially your evening travel times along Maple Avenue have improved recently?

It's not your imagination. Thanks to recent adjustments made by the Town to signal cycle times and to synchronization of the 10 traffic signals that dot Maple Avenue through Vienna, traffic flow along and accessibility to Maple from side streets have improved noticeably. You're getting to work, home, or wherever you're headed quicker!

The Town of Vienna has been working on the effort for about a year with synchronization changes implemented in October; additional tweaks at a couple of intersections and continued upgrades in traffic signal controllers will further enhance drivers' experience along Maple Avenue. The good news, says General Maintenance and Traffic Engineering Supervisor Chad Charles is that "there's more room to improve traffic flow."

The process started, says Public Works Director Michael Gallagher, when the Town partnered with transportation consultant Gorove/Slade of Washington, DC, to conduct a traffic count and record the time required for vehicles to travel the corridor, analyze synchronization options using actual counts via computer modeling, and recommend changes to the Town's signal management.

The signal cycle period was reduced from 190 seconds to 140 seconds for the morning peak and 160 seconds for evening peak hours. It was reduced from 150 to 130 and 140 seconds for mid-day and weekend hours, respectively. (Signals along Maple Avenue are coordinated from 10 am-10 pm on weekends; during other weekend hours, the system is in free operation, which means it's "first come, first served," says Charles.)

"With the new signal timing," Charles says, "we've noticed that the flow is a lot



photo by Adam Kincaid

better than it was. It's not as congested. The changes mean that vehicles aren't sitting so long on side streets, which also helps reduce pollution from idling cars. We've noticed that not only is traffic flow smoother on Maple, but vehicles wanting to access Maple from side streets and businesses are finding gaps in which they can make a left."

Computer modeling shows, notes Gallagher, that the implemented changes resulted in a 13% reduction in total travel time during the morning, 35% in the evening, and 20% on weekends.

The synchronization efforts cost a total of about \$100,000, which was funded through VDOT-administered federal funds.

There's still room for additional improvement. At the November 21 Town Council meeting, public works was expected to request approximately \$25,000 to purchase additional new controllers and GPS modules that would allow all signals to be synchronized to the same clock time, which would prevent constant drifting of individual controller clocks and the need for adjustments at each signal box.

In the future, public works hopes to further upgrade its technological capabilities so that traffic can be monitored and adjustments made from a centralized control center. In addition, the Town will

continue to replace, as funds are available, two-pole intersection signals with a 4-pole configuration, which permits audible pedestrian signals and better alignment of signal heads. The Town also is looking to coordinate with VDOT to better synchronize signals along Nutley Street. 🍏

### Pay attention to pedestrians

General Maintenance and Traffic Engineering Supervisor Chad Charles pays a lot of attention to how vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians move around Town, and one issue that he's noticed relates to vehicles making right-hand turns when pedestrians have the right of way. Probably because they've idled at a stoplight for several seconds, drivers are eager to GO when their light turns green. If you're making a right-hand turn, though, Charles notes, you should be aware that any pedestrians waiting to cross the street you're turning onto have also gotten the "go" signal and have the right of way. So drivers making right-hand turns, please pay attention and yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.

## County, state give green nods to Vienna



The Town of Vienna's Community Enhancement Commission (CEC) was one of seven individuals and organizations recognized October 18 by Fairfax County with a 2016 Environmental Excellence Award. The citizen-based, Town Council-appointed committee is having a really good year as earlier this fall CEC-led efforts resulted in the Town of Vienna earning certification from the National Wildlife Federation as a Community Wildlife Habitat.

About the county Environmental Excellence Award, Councilmember Carey Sienicki says: "The Community Enhancement Commission is well-deserving of this award. Through their organized but approachable style, real improvements in the quality of life of citizens, businesses, and organizations have been made as has a lasting impact to Vienna's future in our built and natural environments. We appreciate that CEC members have shared their wealth of knowledge through engagement and education so that we can all be better stewards in the world by making the right choices."

The CEC's mission is to develop, promote, and coordinate voluntary efforts to improve the appearance of the Town of Vienna and to educate citizens about environmental initiatives. In addition to the National Wildlife Federation effort, programs initiated or supported by the CEC include eco-efficient homes, Solarize Vienna, native plant sales, sustainable home/garden tours, "ivy free" Vienna, and inclusion of an environment and sustainability chapter in the Town's comprehensive plan.

CEC members are Maureen Alonso, Joanne Burke (co-chair), Christina Caplan, Emma Choi, Desirée DiMauro, Bob Robinson, Jack Ruskowski, Tara Ruskowski, Ross Shearer (emeritus), David Steiner, and Susan Stillman (chair).

Also, at the Virginia Municipal League (VML) annual conference in October, VML recognized the Town of Vienna as a certified green government "for successfully implementing environmental policies and taking practical actions to reduce carbon emissions." 🍷

## Celebrate the season at Town Council reception



The Mayor and Town Council invite everyone to celebrate the season at a light holiday reception from 4-6 p.m. Friday, December 9, in Council Chambers at Town Hall. Refreshments will be provided by the Town and Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary. Providing the party's seasonal entertainment are the Madison High School Madrigals at 4:30 p.m. and Thoreau Chamber Choir at 5 p.m. No need to RSVP to this free event as it is open to everyone. We hope to see you there. Cheers! 🍷



## Smile and dial: It's Santa on the line

Hey, you've got a message. It's from Santa. Dial his direct line, pass the phone over to the kids – or even better, put it on speaker – and listen to a message from the man in red himself. Jolly Ol' St. Nick can be reached at 703-255-6330.

## Town brings up Serfass for 'major league' finance assignment

Like outfielder Jayson Werth on her beloved Washington Nationals, Marion Serfass is a veteran who can still hit homeruns. After 17 years with the Town of Vienna team, Serfass will now “play” in a new line-up position as the Town’s director of finance, effective October 31.

“Marion has demonstrated that she is a very strong leader in the field of local government finance,” says Town Manager Mercury Payton. “Her ability to communicate very complex and challenging fiscal issues in a way that is understandable and with solutions offered made her an extremely strong candidate.”



photo by Adam Kincaid

Serfass was selected as finance director following a national search. “Throughout my career, I’ve been lucky to be in the right place at the right time,” says Serfass. “As my children have gotten older, I’ve been looking for a leadership position. I’m lucky to have found it right here where I’ve worked for 17 years and four blocks from home.”

Prior to joining the Town of Vienna, where she has been deputy finance director and served two stints as acting finance director and one as acting human resources director, Serfass was regional controller in the retirement community division with Marriott Corporation, where she worked for 14 years. She began her career at Ernst and Young.

Serfass has a bachelor’s degree in accounting and finance from Miami University in Ohio, where she grew up as a Cleveland Indians fan. She is a certified public accountant and has lived in the Town of Vienna since 1989.

Serfass says that her efforts moving forward as director will be to maintain the Town’s AAA bond rating, continue to promote fiscally conservative policies and practices, and provide additional reporting on performance measures.

“The Town has historically been a good steward of citizens’ tax funds,” Serfass says. “Going forward, we will strive to be more transparent in our reporting of how those funds are used.”

Serfass enjoys following baseball, reading, traveling, and spending time with her family, which includes her husband, college-freshman daughter, and eighth-grade son. 🍀

## Making Vienna homes safer – and less fattening

The Town of Vienna recently participated in two national efforts, one to help diminish the availability of unwanted and unused prescription drugs and the other to share sweets with U.S. troops serving overseas.

**219.8**

pounds of unused or expired medications collected by the Vienna Police Department as part of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration’s 12th National Drug Take Back Initiative  
October 22

**307**

pounds of Halloween candy collected by the Parks and Recreation Department for Operation Gratitude, which ships the candy to U.S. troops serving overseas

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# Stream restoration project provides makeover that's more than surface deep

The Hunters Branch stream in Vienna recently received a makeover that's definitely more than surface deep. While the Town's restoration project has transformed the once wild-looking and steep stream bank into a lovely, inviting, and more natural streambed, the real benefactors of the project are the aquatic and land-based wildlife and plant life around the stream.

"This project also has a regional impact," notes Vienna's Public Works Director Michael Gallagher. "Anything downstream, including the Chesapeake Bay, will benefit from the reduction in sediment, which carries with it many pollutants. This project is really about improving water quality and reducing pollutants."

Work on the restoration project began around the first of the year and was essentially completed late in the spring. The contractor, Angler Environmental, returned this fall to plant hundreds of seedlings, trees, and ground cover around the stream.

Over time, Gallagher explains, erosion can reduce the quality of natural streambeds, making them appear steep and dangerous. Projects like this one recreate a more natural stream and streambed, where water pools or flows in various areas.

Large rocks were used to create the pool areas and also to help stabilize the bank. This particular project also was designed to minimally impact trees, Gallagher adds, noting that no trees were hauled from the site. Trunks from some of the trees that were removed were used to provide structural stability. Others, along with root balls, were sunk below the waterline to bring carbons back into the stream, which helps support wildlife habitat. Other removed trees were used to create a mulch trail on the site.

Gallagher reports that while inspecting completed sections throughout the rehabilitation process he came across ducks, deer, and fox.

The cost of the project was approximately \$1.5 million, of which the Town of Vienna contributed \$100,000. The remainder was funded through a Department of Environmental Quality grant and Fairfax County Stormwater District tax monies.

Points earned for this project as well as a similar one at Wolftrap Creek in Wildwood Park helped the Town earn certification earlier this year from the National Wildlife Federation as a Community Wildlife Habitat.

This kind of stream restoration project, says Gallagher, is one of the few ways that the Town of Vienna can have a large impact on improving regional water quality and reducing pollutants. The Town is poised to bid out a similar project for Wolftrap Creek Phase II. 🌱



Before restoration



During



After



After

*Before and after photos by Adam Kincaid*

## 'D is for shotgun' and other lessons learned on a night on patrol

**Editor's note:** Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid spent a recent Saturday evening riding along with one of Vienna's finest, Ofc. Bradley Reedy. While Vienna is a safe suburban community – not by chance but by design – its dark streets did provide some eye-opening lessons for the Town's young writer/photographer.

**M**y atypical Saturday evening started with roll call at 6:50 p.m. We (the handful of officers who would be serving and protecting Vienna that evening and myself) reviewed reports from the prior night. At the end, shift supervisor Sgt. Conor Tracy turned to me and asked: "Any questions, Adam?" But I was already too lost in the jargon of police acronyms and codes to really know what was going on.

I had been paired with Ofc. Bradley Reedy for my ride-along. I'd been told that he was one of Vienna's most proactive officers with a reputation for effectively employing traffic stops to get drunk drivers and drugs off of the streets. "A kilo of coke is worth 32 grand" was one of the life lessons I learned that evening from one of Reedy's colleagues, MPO Kenneth Smith, who had recently finished an undercover stint.

As Reedy is a Virginia Tech grad with four years of policing experience, I felt pretty confident about our chances of surviving the evening. Then we hopped into the freezing-cold cab of his police car, which was wired with intricate buttons and electronics that made it look like the Batmobile. He pointed to one of many switches on the center console, and what he said next made my imagination run wild. He stoically looked at me while firmly tapping a switch labeled with a capital D and said: "When it goes down, remember, the letter D is for shotgun. Hit D to unlock its compartment." I glanced at the steel 12-gauge standing tall between our heads and took a deep, visible breath.

Reedy and I didn't make it three lights heading north on Maple Avenue before the cruiser's dash radar clocked a car going 51 mph in the opposite direction. We pulled a U-turn and flipped the lights to hot in pursuit. After we made the stop and Reedy had a brief conversation with the driver, he wrote him a ticket. I hopped out to take



photo by Adam Kincaid

photos but my fingers were chilled and I had trouble turning the camera dials. We moved on.

At 8:40 p.m. I experienced my first domestic disturbance call and learned something else: EDP in police lingo refers to an "emotionally disturbed person." Officers know how to approach and be courteous to individuals who, in unscientific terms, are "freaking out."

After dispatch reported a highly heated argument in the northwest section of Town, Reedy and I hustled to the residential address on Lawyers Road. We approached a house to find officers Smith and Andrew Slebonick already leaping from their cars to speak with a family of four. At first there was no way I was getting out of the car, until eventually Tracy, who had also shown up on the scene, opened the driver door and told me: "It's safe."

It didn't really sound safe, though. A distressed woman was yelling outside of her family's house about an event earlier in the evening that had upset her. Smith and Slebonick spoke with the family

while Reedy and Tracy calmed the woman down.

I learned that one of an officer's most effective policing skills is the ability to disarm a person's anxiety. Some people may only speak to a police officer once or twice in their life, so careful listening and people skills are police prerequisites. The Vienna Police Department has made it a priority to ensure that all officers receive specialized training in the principles of crisis intervention and how to handle such events.

As we drove through Cedar Park at 9:56 p.m., Reedy rolled down his window. It was early, but the cool air already felt like sandpaper.

"I like to listen to what's going on in some places," said Reedy. "Sometimes things don't get dispatched that should. Someone could be getting attacked and not have a chance to call the police and keeping an open ear can make that difference."

I copiously thumbed my notes into my iPhone in the cramped cab while cradling my Nikon under a tight forearm. Reedy knew I was into cameras, so he showed



photo by Adam Kincaid

## Turning lemons into lemonade, er, leaves into mulch

by Adam Kincaid, Communications Specialist

**T**rees are recycling experts. They are smart enough to grow their own fertilizer. It's the Town's job to help make the process more effective and keep Vienna streets tidy. Leaf collection service, continuing through the end of the year, is the first half of the process; mulch delivery is part two.



"Trees create their own fertilizer, which is in their leaves, and is why trees drop them during the cold season," says Construction Inspector Rebecca Greenberg, who also is a certified arborist. "The best fertilizer for plants comes from what is native to them, which is why the Town's leaf recycling program is so beneficial."

me his dash cam's zoom magnification. He narrowed in on a suspicious character we were watching while simultaneously displaying the feed on the cab's laptop. I was impressed with his one-handed tech abilities.

A few hours later, at 1:30 a.m., we conducted a sobriety test on an almost deserted Maple Avenue. Reedy had pulled over a swerving car, which was driven by a woman who, it turns out, had a lengthy history of driving problems. After carefully approaching the car, gently making his presence known with a simple but steady hand plant on the back left tail light, Reedy administered a sobriety test. The woman passed perfectly, and Reedy made note. Our driver was transporting her intoxicated boyfriend home, and despite her history of speeding tickets and traffic violations, Reedy said: "It's good to see people doing the right thing." He gave them a verbal warning and kindly said "Goodnight."

After the stop, I asked him: "Every car we've pulled over tonight you always touch the back left tail light. Is that by design?" Reedy responded: "Yes. In a worst case scenario, you leave a trace. It's from back in the old days, they still teach it today at the academy." It was weird talking about the on-the-job possibility of life or death, and yet handling every stop in such a nonchalant way.

At 3 a.m. it was time to call it a night. Reedy filled up the gas tank at the Town's Northside Property Yard and we rolled back into the police station. Before I left for my car, Reedy casually said to me: "Thanks for coming out. I hope we showed you a little insight on how we work." 📌

After leaf collection is completed, the leaves are ground into mulch at a Town facility on Beulah Road, and mulch delivery starts in mid-January. Beginning December 1, residents may place a mulch order by calling the mulch order line at 703-255-6388 or public works at 703-255-6380 or by completing an online order form at [viennava.gov/forms.aspx?FID=157](http://viennava.gov/forms.aspx?FID=157). The deadline for placing orders is February 28. 📌

## Go green this holiday season

**T**he Town's Public Works Department can help you discard in an environmentally friendly way some traditionally difficult-to-recycle items at its next Quarterly Recycling Day. From 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, December 3, the Town will accept electronics, used motor oil, antifreeze, and batteries for recycling at the Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill Street NE.

There are a few "no-no's" at the Quarterly Recycling Day. The Town does not accept CRT-type, or "large backside," computers and TVs. Also, hazardous waste such as insecticides, paint, and other chemicals are not accepted. Otherwise, the Town is happy to help you clear out your space to make room for more holiday decorations and gifts.



For more information, contact public works at 703-255-6380. 📌

### Recycling by the #s

Here's a by-the-numbers look at what the Town collected during its most recent Quarterly Recycling Day in September:

**3,500**

lbs. of electronics

**150**

gallons of oil

**23**

gallons of antifreeze

**4**

car batteries

## 70th annual Halloween Parade's 'wicked' winners

The Maple Avenue annual thriller included a scary number of parade entries: 81. Here are the folks who were declared winners in various categories. If you made the cut, do a little victory moonwalk.



**Best in Show**  
Karin's Florist Princess Coach



**Adult Bands**  
First: Northern Virginia Firefighters Emerald Society Pipe Band



photos by Adam Kincaid

**Adult Performing Groups**  
First: Gottaswing Dancers  
Second: Bikes@Vienna  
Third: Money & King Funeral Home

### Antique and Classic Vehicles

- First: Northern Virginia Corvette Club
- Second: Glen Bates Model "A" Ford
- Third: Fairfax Virginia Harley Owners Group



### Floats with Music

- First: Vienna School of Rock
- Second: Green Hedges School
- Third: Bobby McKeys Dueling Piano Bar



### Floats without Music

- First: Karin's Florist Princess Coach
- Second: Brownie Girl Scout Troop #2174
- Third: REI Co-op



### Youth Bands

- First: Vienna Jammers
- Second: Kingsman Academy Public Charter School Marching Knights Drumline

### Youth Performing Groups

- First: Vienna Dance Academy
- Second: Cuppett Performing Arts Center
- Third: Sambos Caporales Virginia USA

# Community Center Renovation and Expansion Update



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

- Replaced unsuitable soil in north parking area and installed new French drain at west end. Prepared subgrade for installing base pavement in north parking area.
- Continued to install partial light pole bases and conduits.
- Installed entry curbs on Cherry and Mill streets.
- Installation of sprinkler piping 90% complete.
- Installed corridor wall in auxiliary gym, masonry around new door to theater storage, and sills for aluminum windows in lobby and corridor 162.
- Completed exterior wall and foundation demolition of north wall of existing building. New foundation wall and weep holes being installed.
- Installed parapet blocking on various flat roof areas and set door frames.
- Set steel beams in auditorium corridor for support of mechanical roof top units.

- Completed demolition of concrete floor slab and began demolition of exterior auxiliary gym walls.
- Installed CMU walls around lobby, chase wall in restrooms, and brick around drinking fountain in corridor 166.
- Installed exterior cavity wall on south side of restrooms.
- Air barrier install completed.
- Installed plumbing rough-in in new restrooms and kitchen and piping for roof drains. Relocated roof drains.
- Electrical conduit in new gym installed.
- Installation of "Z" clips to walls for TRESPA panels completed.
- New roof on gym is 40% complete.
- Installed sprinklers in new gym.
- Installed service platforms for rooftop units.
- Rooftop units set above corridor 166.

Looking ahead, next steps include:

- Installing blocking on existing and new roof.
- Continue installing masonry on north wall, auxiliary gym walls, and shafts around ductwork in new gym.

- Installing steel framing, joists, and decking along north side of building.
- Begin installing support steel for rooftop units (RTUs) above corridor 166 and RTUs above new gym corridor.
- Installing mechanical ductwork in new gym.
- Installing base pavement and underdrains in north side parking area.
- Installing mineral wool on exterior walls.
- Continue installing electrical conduit and wire for new gym light fixtures as well as lighting bases.
- Continue installing sprinkler in existing building and new gym.
- Continue roofing on new gym and begin roofing above restrooms.
- Measuring for panel fabrication.
- Continuing demolition of east and south wall of auxiliary 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 December 12.*

## Vienna businesses with staying power

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

**40 YEARS**  
**The Clock Shop of Vienna**

**15 YEARS**  
**Gelb Strategies**

**10 YEARS**  
**Anytime Fitness Nail Experts**

**5 YEARS**  
**Capital Energy Equipment DeLice Fairy**

The Town of Vienna issued business licenses in October to:

**Bellaluxe**  
*eyelash extensions*  
120 Beulah Road NE  
202-779-8398

**Eye Level**  
*tutoring*  
513 Maple Ave W  
703-255-5065

**Farooj Beik**  
*restaurant*  
235 Maple Ave E  
703-281-7700

**Maru Korean Cuisine & Sushi**  
*restaurant*  
128 Maple Ave W  
703-273-1744

**Mattress Firm**  
*sales-bedding*  
116 Maple Ave W  
703-255-0317

**Red Galanga**  
*restaurant*  
144 Church St NW  
703-865-4996

**Rice or Noodle**  
*restaurant*  
330 Maple Ave W  
703-938-3888

**Sweet City Desserts**  
*bakery*  
131 Maple Ave W  
703-938-8188

**Vienna Counseling**  
*psychotherapist*  
120 Beulah Road NE  
703-624-4644



## Water conservation funding available to homeowners

by Joanne Burke, Community Enhancement Commission

**D**o you find pockets of standing water in your yard after every rain? One remedy is to install a rain garden. In addition to providing an environmentally sound solution to urban stormwater runoff, rain gardens provide many benefits to homeowners, including but not limited to:

- removal of standing water in your yard
- reduction in mosquito breeding
- less potential for home flooding
- conservation of water
- creation of habitats for birds and butterflies.

Thanks to an initiative sponsored by the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program, the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District (NVSWCD) is providing “financial incentives to homeowners living in Fairfax County to create more watershed-friendly landscapes.”

The program provides reimbursements for installing rain gardens, conservation landscapes, and porous pavement/pavers as well as for removal of impervious surfaces and other various water conservation projects. Homeowners may be reimbursed up to 75% of rain garden installation costs (up to \$2,000 for a minimum size of 100 square feet). While the conservation assistance program is titled as a 2016 program, there currently is no set end date and, depending upon participation levels, the program may continue for years to come.

Homeowners must provide a plan to the NVSWCD, request a site visit, and commit to a 10-year maintenance agreement to ensure viability of the project. The NVSWCD is currently accepting site visit requests and applications for spring 2017 and recommending that planting be completed by mid-May 2017.

To find out more about the application process and eligibility requirements, visit [fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/cap/cap-homeowner.htm](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/cap/cap-homeowner.htm). 

## 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).*

### October 24

- Held a public hearing and approved an ordinance setting water and sewer rates for fiscal year 2017.
- Held a public hearing and approved amendments to development review fees.
- Set a public hearing for November 21 to consider Planning Commission-recommended amendments to the Maple Avenue Corridor zoning ordinance.
- Awarded traffic engineering services for signal modification plans at Maple Avenue and Park Street to Rinker Design and Associates for \$62,244.
- Approved FY17 spending in the amount of \$40,000 with RJ Merkel for traffic marking.
- In association with Vehicle Replacement Program vehicle #101, approved additional

- spending in the amount of \$3,200 with Asphalt Zipper for an upgraded trailer.
- Deferred to the November 7 meeting consideration of an amended cooperative agreement with Fairfax County to share stormwater service district fees.
- Set a public hearing on the 2017 Legislative Agenda for November 21.

### November 7

- Approved appropriation of \$85,431 in encumbrance balances and \$95,000 in carry-forward funds from the FY16 general fund into the FY17 general fund.
- Adopted water and sewer rates for fiscal year 2017.
- Adopted amended development review fees.
- Deferred consideration to its November 21 meeting of Fairfax County School Board’s request for approval of an additional public-use trailer as a temporary classroom at Cedar Lane School.
- Approved an amended cooperative agreement with Fairfax County to share certain stormwater service district fees and responsibilities for related services.

## Donation requests due Dec. 9

**T**he application deadline for Town of Vienna nonprofit organizations who wish to request a donation from the Town during the 2017-18 fiscal year is Friday, December 9. To apply, send a letter to Town Manager Mercury Payton, Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center Street S, Vienna, VA 22180. Required information includes:

- name of organization and names and addresses of its officers
- purpose of organization and a description of its programs and activities
- percentage of members or participants who live in the Town of Vienna or who own or are employed by Town businesses
- organization’s budget showing income and expenses for the year in which the donation will be used
- amount of funding requested
- purpose for which the donation will be used
- synopsis of fundraising activities being conducted during the current year
- statement signed by the principal officer that membership or participation is open to all residents and businesspeople in Town of Vienna without regard to race, national origin, religion, or sex.

Town Council will hold budget work sessions for fiscal year 2017-18 (which is July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018) beginning in March. The work sessions are open to the public as are public hearings to be held in April. Dates for work sessions and public hearings will be published on the Town’s website calendar and in future newsletter calendars.

For more information about the Town’s budget and to view the budget calendar, visit [viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=242](http://viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=242). 

# HAPPENINGS around town

New at the **Freeman Store** just in time for the holidays:

- Heirloom wooden toys – Handmade in New York from multiple types of wood, some of the pieces featured include three- and five-car train sets, fire trucks, and tractors.
- Clays of our Lives – A fun name for bud vases created by a Baltimore resident.
- Berkshire Sweet Gold Maple Syrup – These small bottles of syrup, harvested in Charlemont, Massachusetts, make a great little gift for friends and neighbors.

**Epiphany United Methodist Church**, 1014 Country Club Drive NE, will host a **Christmas Bazaar** from 9 am-2 pm Saturday, December 3. Silent auction items, handmade wreaths, See's candy, baked goods, jewelry, crafts, centerpieces, and poinsettias will be available. Children may shop for special items priced from \$1-5.

**Make a Victorian ornament** from 12-4 pm Sunday, December 4, at the festively decorated **Little Library** behind the Freeman Store. All materials and assembly instructions will be provided.

Good girls and boys are invited to share their holiday wishes with **Santa Claus** at the **Freeman Store**.

Seated in his special chair next to Historic Vienna's beautifully decorated Christmas tree, courtesy of the Optimist Club and Ayr Hill Garden Club, Santa will meet with children from 12-2 pm December 4 and 11. Parents, bring a camera. For more information, call 703-938-5187 or visit [historicviennainc.org](http://historicviennainc.org).

**Five Hills Garden Club** will host a free **holiday greens workshop** beginning at 10 am Tuesday, December 6, at Vienna Presbyterian Church. Please park on the street. Bring greens and clippers. Wreaths made will be distributed to local churches and community buildings throughout Town. Questions? Email [lmc323@aol.com](mailto:lmc323@aol.com).

**The Vienna (Host) Lions Club** will hold a **fundraiser** from 11 am-9 pm December 6, at Foster's Grille. Simply put your receipt in the Lions box, and Foster's will donate 20% of your purchase to 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 December 6, in the program

building at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax (UUCF), 2709 Hunter Mill Road. FLY 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 [wv.pflag@gmail.com](mailto:wv.pflag@gmail.com) or visit [pflag-dc.org](http://pflag-dc.org) and [facebook.com/groups/fly.pflag/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/fly.pflag/).

**Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins** invites staff, friends, and neighbors to celebrate the holidays with a delicious nibble, shared good cheer, and wonderful chorale music at her **Annual Holiday Open House** from 4-6:30 pm Wednesday, December 7. This free event will be held at the North County Governmental Center, 1801 Cameron Glen Drive in Reston. Please RSVP by December 5 to 703-478-0283 or [huntermillrsvp@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:huntermillrsvp@fairfaxcounty.gov).

**Brian Zwit** will speak about Photoshop (and other software) techniques at the December 7 meeting of the **Vienna Photographic Society**. Free and open to the public, the meeting begins at 7:30 pm in Auditorium Room 123, Oakton Elementary School, 3000 Chain Bridge Road; a Q&A session about the club will start at 6:45 pm. For more information, visit [vpsva.org](http://vpsva.org).

Get into the spirit of the holiday season by helping the **Committee for Helping Others** set up a **Christmas store** for local families in need at Vienna Presbyterian Church on Friday, December 9. Assistance with distribution is needed on December 10; donations of new toys, gift cards for teens, and grocery gift cards are needed. To help out, call 703-938-7614, box #1, or 703-938-7213.

Santa's helpers will assist children with their holiday shopping at the **Freeman Store's Kids Shopping Day** from 10 am-noon Saturday, December 10 – while parents and grandparents enjoy holiday refreshments upstairs. It's recommended that parents determine a spending limit for children in advance. Call 703-938-5187 or visit [historicviennainc.org](http://historicviennainc.org) for additional information.

**The Vienna (Host) Lions Club** is selling **Christmas trees** through December 11 or until all trees are sold. Fraser firs, Douglas firs, and Colorado spruces are available for \$20-100. The tree lot, in the Walgreen's parking lot on Maple Avenue, is open 2-8 pm Monday-Friday, 9 am-8 pm Saturday, and 10 am-8 pm Sunday. Roping, wreaths, coloring books, and Virginia peanuts also are available.

**The Town of Vienna Community Band** will host a **free holiday concert** at 7 pm Sunday, December 11, in DeSales Hall at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 8601 Wolftrap Road. Selections to

be performed include "Suite from the Nutcracker," "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring," "The Hallelujah Chorus," "Merry Christmas Everyone," "A Gaelic Blessing," and "The Eighth Candle." For more information, visit [viennacommunityband.org](http://viennacommunityband.org).

Enjoy the **Sounds of the Season** at the December 17 **Vienna Choral Society** performance of sacred and secular music with brass and wind accompaniment. The performance is at 4:30 pm at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Road. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for students (ages 15-18) and seniors (ages 65+); kids 14 and younger are free when accompanied by a paying patron. More information at [info@viennachoralsociety.org](mailto:info@viennachoralsociety.org) or 703-349-7150.

**American Legion Post 180** will offer a **breakfast buffet** from 8 am-noon Sunday, December 18, at 330 Center Street N. Omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, and more will be served up. Breakfast is \$9 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. For more information, call 703-938-6580.

Say goodbye to 2016 and help support research to find a cure for type 1 diabetes by running the **Countdown to None 5K** with the **Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF)**. This family event begins at 4:30 pm December 31 and serves as a kick off to Vienna's First Night festivities. Register or donate at [imathlete.com/events/EventOverview.aspx?FEID=39110](http://imathlete.com/events/EventOverview.aspx?FEID=39110).

**Historic Vienna Inc.** invites residents and visitors to stop by the **Freeman Store** to enjoy festive holiday décor, shop local, and learn about Vienna history during the First Night celebration on December 31. The store will be open until 10 pm.

If you would like to work on Town gardens, horticulture, environmental issues, or floral arranging, the **Ayr Hill Garden Club** invites you to attend a meeting. For more information and meeting dates, contact Emilie Larson at [emielarson@rcn.com](mailto:emielarson@rcn.com).

**The Freeman Store** is offering a variety of used books at great prices as part of an ongoing sale conducted from the basement of the store. The **"used book cellar"** is open during regular Freeman Store hours, 12-4 pm Wednesday-Sunday. No used books are being collected at this time. Volunteers wishing to sort and price books may call 703-938-5187.

**Emmanuel Lutheran Preschool** has some openings in its 3-year-old and 2.5-year-old morning classes. If you're interested in this developmental preschool program, contact 703-938-6187 or [emmanuelpreschool12@gmail.com](mailto:emmanuelpreschool12@gmail.com).

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**The Committee for Helping Others (CHO)** needs your help through December 31 to restock its empty food shelves during its **annual community food drive**. Dish soap, canned fruit, chili, canned beef stew, diapers and wipes, canned salmon, Spam, tuna, to-mato sauce, and laundry detergent would be particularly appreciated. No expired food please. Drop-off boxes are at various locations around Town, including at Town Hall and the Patrick Henry Library.

**Police,  
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  
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# DECEMBER TOWN CALENDAR

<b>3</b>	Quarterly Recycling (Northside Property Yard) • 8 am-2 pm	<b>15</b>	Board of Architectural Review • 8 pm
<b>5</b>	Town Council Meeting • 8 pm	<b>20</b>	Public Art Commission • 7 pm
<b>6</b>	Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 pm	<b>21</b>	Board of Zoning and Appeals • 8 pm
<b>8</b>	Town/Business Liaison Committee • 7 pm	<b>22</b>	Community Enhancement Commission • 7:30 pm
<b>9</b>	Mayor & Town Council Holiday Reception • 4-6 pm	<b>23</b>	Holiday: Town Hall Closes at Noon – Regular Refuse Collection
<b>12</b>	Town Council Work Session • 7:30 pm	<b>26</b>	Holiday: Town Hall Closed – Regular Refuse Collection
<b>14</b>	Planning Commission • 8 pm	<b>31</b>	First Night Vienna (Church Street) • 6 pm-12 am

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.

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The December 1981 Town newsletter extols the heroism of and a recent commendation for a Vienna police officer. What makes this story really interesting is that Patrolman K-9 Kris is a dog. Kris and his human partner, Officer Richard Finelli, gave chase at about 3 a.m. October 30 to a suspicious person seen running across the police station parking lot. After being sniffed out by Kris behind the Vienna Medical Center, the suspect was arrested for burglarizing the Patrick Henry Library.