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Vienna's Halloween Parade Steps into the Spotlight Oct. 29

Preparations for Vienna's 79th annual Halloween Parade are underway, and this year's event is sure to be a showstopper. The parade along Maple Avenue begins at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 29, and runs from Branch Road to Center Street, with Vienna Theatre Company's Eric Storck leading the charge as parade marshal.

This year's parade will look a little different from previous years. Temporary metal fencing will be placed on each side of Maple Avenue from Branch Road to Center Street to ensure pedestrian and parade-goer safety. The fencing will provide an expanded seating area and the opportunity for parade-watchers to see the show from a closer viewpoint. However, single lane, rolling road closures on Maple Avenue will begin at 3 p.m. to make way for fence construction before the event. Maple Avenue will be fully closed from 6:30-11:00 p.m. Crews will also place temporary fencing around the streetscape planter boxes along the parade route to protect plants from inadvertent trampling.

The theme of this year's parade is "Broadway on Maple," a nod to the theatre and arts community in Vienna, and an opportunity for participants to celebrate their favorite Broadway shows and characters with costumes and float designs. All those who wish to march in the parade can meet at 6 p.m. at United Bank, 374 Maple Ave., E. Costumes are encouraged but not required.

Kids participating in and attending the Halloween Parade are invited to stop by the Caffi Field Pitching Lanes (located on Cherry Street SE between the Vienna Community Center and the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department) to pick up a free treat bag. Bags will be distributed starting at 7:15 p.m. the night of the parade.

For parade route information, expanded road closures and more details, visit www.viennava.gov/halloween.

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