



*Town of Vienna*

# Newsletter

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## From the Vienna Town Council and Town Staff

### HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Town offices will be closed on Monday, December 24, Tuesday, December 25 and Tuesday, January 1 for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Town Hall will also be closed on Friday, December 14, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm during the annual Town employees' holiday luncheon.

### HOLIDAY REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Refuse will be collected on Monday, December 24; however, there will be no collection on Tuesday, December 25 and Tuesday, January 1. Tuesday route refuse will be collected along with the regular Wednesday route on Wednesday, December 26 and Wednesday, January 2.

### CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

The Public Works Department will collect Christmas trees during the month of January. Place trees at the curbside on your regular collection day. Trees should be unadorned (no tinsel). Also, do not place Christmas trees in bags for collection.

### THANK YOU!

Residents and businesses are reminded that Town employees may not accept gifts during the holidays or at any other time. Any items received by employees will be returned to the sender or donated to a local charity.

### You're Invited!

The Mayor and the Vienna Town Council invite you to the annual Holiday Reception on Friday, December 14, from 4 to 6 pm in the Council Chambers at Town Hall, 127 Center Street S. No RSVP required.

## SUPPORT SANTA'S RIDE!



The Vienna Police need your help!  
Read more on page 4!

### He's Comin' To Town...

Hear a message from Santa Claus especially for the children of Vienna beginning Monday, December 12, through Christmas Day on the Vienna Information Line, (703) 255-6333.



*Ho Ho Ho, Merry Christmas!*

# TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS

The following items are extracts of recent Town Council actions and are not official meeting minutes.

The most recent approved Town Council minutes, agendas and meeting videos are available online at [www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=567](http://www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=567).

*All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.*

## October 22

- Approved a PPEA interim agreement with Arrington Properties, LLC for the proposed Church Street Municipal Parking structure project.
- Awarded the Town Hall HVAC reconstruction contract to SIGAL Company in the amount of \$2,161,950. *(Approved 5-2, DiRocco and Sienicki voting Nay)*
- Accepted the Surrey Estates subdivision public improvements into the Town's system for maintenance and reduced the surety amount to \$24,304.
- Approved site plan modifications to permit construction of a two-story classroom addition and additional parking spaces for Marshall Road Elementary School.
- Adopted an ordinance that amended the Chapter 11, Personnel Code of the Town of Vienna to remove directors from the Town's grievance procedure and outlines termination practice for directors for separation without cause.
- Accepted the resignations of Janet Hoffman and Arthur Bishop from the Community Enhancement Commission.
- Approved a salary increase for the Town Clerk in the amount of \$16,000 in recognition of her assumption of additional duties.
- Voted to begin the process to dispose of excess public alley right-of-way between 108-110 Church Street NE and 120 Church Street NE; and excess public alley right-of-way adjacent to 112 Ayr Hill Avenue NW.
- Awarded a survey and design contract for Mill Street NE to Wiley|Wilson for an estimated cost of \$33,705. *(Approved 5-2, Polychrones and Springsteen voting Nay)*
- Approved the Walk to Downtown Vienna Initiative Transportation and Community System Preservation Program grant, which will reimburse the Town for project expenses to a maximum of \$1,000,000 with a 20% local match.
- Adopted a proposed ordinance that amended Chapter 9, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article I, In General, Section 9-3, Adoption of State Code, of the Code of the Town of Vienna. (Relating to traffic offenses and Driving While Intoxicated.)

## November 5

- Adopted the re-codified Town Code, which will be available online in a more accessible and searchable format.

## TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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### VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

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Deadline for the January issue is December 15.

## UPCOMING COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS

*All public hearings are held at Town Hall, 127 Center St. S at 8 pm unless otherwise noted.*

### December 3

- Proposed changes to Town Code, Chapter 27, Community Enhancement Commission
- Proposed changes to Town/Business Liaison Committee Charter Changes

Visit [www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=453](http://www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=453) for up-to-date public notices.

## COMMENT FROM THE COUNCIL TABLE

### Are You Ready For Severe Storms?

By Howard Springsteen, Vice Mayor, Vienna Town Council

Given the highly unprecedented Derecho wind and rain storm in June that hit the Washington metropolitan area, knocking out electrical power to many of our Vienna homes and businesses for several days, and the glancing blow from Hurricane Sandy in late October that created immense destruction farther north in the New York and Northern New Jersey areas, how prepared are we for similar severe weather in the future?

In the November 2011 Vienna Newsletter, Councilmember Carey Sienicki wrote a very good information article about Community Preparedness in which she outlined some simple strategies that include creating a Go-Bag, establishing a family or business emergency plan, identifying a shelter in place, creating a communication plan, and subscribing to the Town's community alert and notification service. Her article is still available online at [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov) and I encourage you to re-read it. With two serious storms this year and winter approaching, and memories still fresh from the large snow falls that occurred in 2010/11, what can you do to prepare yourself and your family for future storms? While emergency experts will say, "When you have a catastrophic

event, no matter how well prepared you are, residents will be hurting," there are still key steps we can take to protect ourselves and our families.

Here are some basic "nuts and bolts" preparations you should make when adequate warnings of storms are issued:

1. Make sure your car(s) fuel tanks are full.
2. Make sure there is a sufficient supply of batteries available.
3. Have several flashlights available.
4. Charge up your cell phones.
5. Ensure a multi-day supply of water and food that is non-perishable and easy to prepare is available.
6. If a large snow storm occurs, help shovel out your closest fire hydrants and sidewalks.
7. Stay off the roads as much as possible.
8. Make sure you have a supply of vital medications with dosages for each person.
9. Maintain contact with your neighbors, especially those at risk, and offer to help each other.
10. Have a battery-equipped radio available.
11. Have extra blankets and warm clothing for each household member.



Basic year round precautions include making sure rain gutters are cleaned and trees are properly pruned and hazardous and dead trees removed.

The Town of Vienna is fortunate to have a great Department of Public Works, Police Department, Volunteer Fire Department, and Parks and Recreation Department, and they have been highly responsive to these recent storms and the heavy snows. Our streets are plowed quickly and tree and storm debris removed.

In ending on a positive note, I hope you and your family have a wonderful holiday season and we as a community continue to thrive in 2013. Together, we can weather any storm.

## NOMINATE YOUR FAVORITE BUSINESS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The Vienna Town/Business Liaison Committee invites nominations of businesses and business owners for the 2013 Carole Wolfand Community Service Award. The award is given each year to a town business entity or owner in recognition of outstanding contributions to the community life and spirit of Vienna.

To nominate a business or owner, submit: (1) business name of nominee, (2) business address of nominee, (3) business

phone number of nominee, (4) description of contribution/action to be considered and why (200 words or less), and (5) name, address and phone number of nominator.

Submit entries by January 31, to Town/Business Liaison Committee, c/o Emily Goodman, Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center Street South, Vienna, VA 22180 or by fax to (703) 255-5729 or e-mail to [tblc@viennava.gov](mailto:tblc@viennava.gov) (put "TBLC award" in subject line.)

## DONATE GIFTS FOR SANTA'S RIDE

The Vienna Police Department will participate in the 2012 Santa's Ride for Children on Tuesday, December 11. Santa's Ride for Children benefits children who are hospitalized or in need during the holidays. Vienna residents can support this program by bringing in donations of unwrapped toys, games, books and other gifts to the Vienna Police Department, 215 Center Street S by Sun., December 9.

Santa is scheduled to arrive in Vienna, escorted by his squad of motorcycle elves on Tuesday, December 11.

## LEAF COLLECTION CONTINUES

Town crews will continue to collect leaves through the month of December. In lieu of a collection schedule, the Town will post signs in neighborhoods when leaf collection crews are approaching. In addition, you can sign up for Vienna Community Alerts - Town Services Announcements to receive text and email notifications of quadrant locations of the crews. Register online at [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov) - click on the Community Alerts graphic on the front page.

### Rake Leaves to the Curb by December 31

As in previous years, crews will make three collection passes through Town. Residents should ensure leaves are raked to the curb by **December 31**. If they are not, you may miss the final collection pass as collection crews will only pass your house once during each of the three collections. If you miss the final pass, you may be asked to bag your leaves in clear plastic bags so that they can be collected on your regular weekly collection day.

If you have any questions regarding leaf collection, please contact the Department of Public Works at [dpw@viennava.gov](mailto:dpw@viennava.gov) or (703) 255-6380. For important tips on loose leaf collection, visit [www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=163](http://www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=163).

## PLEASE SHOVEL SNOW IF POSSIBLE

Fight this winter's feelings of being cooped up and trapped by getting out and helping your neighborhood clear its sidewalks of snow! Get a group together, fill your thermos with cocoa and get some muscle warming exercise. Help your neighbors, mail carriers, dog walkers, kids walking to school and others using the public sidewalks and clear the snow.

Please note that businesses who hire snowplows to clear their parking lots should make sure that snow is not piled onto adjoining sidewalks or pushed into the street. Also, it is illegal to block handicapped parking spaces with snow.

### Hire a Teen to Help Clear Snow

If you are unable to shovel snow, the Community Center can help by matching you with a Vienna area teen who will work with you individually to shovel snow and help with other odd jobs for a mutually agreeable fee. Teens can sign up at the Vienna Community Center and residents can call (703) 255-6360 to be matched with a young worker.

### Snow Removal Awards

Recognize your neighbors (residential and business) that do an excellent job in removing snow or help others this season by nominating them for an award through the Town/Business Liaison Committee. To make a nomination or for more information, email [tblc@viennava.gov](mailto:tblc@viennava.gov) or call the Planning and Zoning Department at (703) 255-6341.

## REAL ESTATE TAX DUE

The second installment of your 2012 Town of Vienna real estate taxes is due on Wednesday, December 5.

If you have not received your bill, please call the Town's Real Estate Office at (703) 255-6325 or e-mail [realestate@viennava.gov](mailto:realestate@viennava.gov).

## DECEMBER TOWN MEETINGS

*Meetings are at Town Hall, 127 Center Street S, at 8 pm unless otherwise noted.*

**Monday, 3rd:** Town Council Meeting

**Monday, 17th:** Town Council Meeting

**Tuesday, 4th:** Windover Heights Board of Review, 7:30 pm *(if needed)*

**Wednesday, 19th:** Board of Zoning Appeals

**Monday, 10th:** Town Council Work Session

**Thursday, 20th:** Board of Architectural Review; Bicycle Advisory Committee, Vienna Community Center

**Wednesday, 12th:** Planning Commission

**Thursday, 13th:** Town/Business Liaison Committee, 7 pm

**Thursday, 27th:** Community Enhancement Commission, 7:30 pm

## SUPPORT CHO THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

The Committee for Helping Others (CHO) is getting ready for Christmas and is need of volunteers and donations! The list of families the CHO will be helping this holiday season is steadily growing - as of publication - 90 families and counting!

### CHO'S CHRISTMAS LIST

- Volunteers to help with Christmas Store setup, 9:30 am, Fri., Dec. 14, Vienna Presbyterian Church
- Volunteers to escort families through the Christmas Store, Sat., Dec. 15, 8:30 am
- Donations of new toys, ages 1-12, and gift cards for teens
- Donation of food cards for families and coats and jackets

We promise you a large dose of Christmas Spirit--come join us! For more information or to sign up, call Call Carolyn Mysel at (703) 938-7213.

### VIENNA BUSINESS ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the following Vienna businesses who will celebrate milestone anniversaries in December 2012:

**20 Years**  
Cenan's Bakery

**10 Years**  
DocTalker Family Medicine  
Sally Beauty Supply

## RECYCLING AT NORTHSIDE

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries is Saturday, December 1, from 8 am to 2 pm at Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill Street NE (entrance at the dead end of the street). This service of the Department of Public Works (DPW) provides citizens a convenient and environmentally responsible way to dispose of vehicle waste products.

DPW also offers recycling of small rechargeable batteries at the quarterly recycling events at Northside as well as at Town Hall and the Community Center. Rechargeable batteries include nickel-cadmium (NiCd), nickel-zinc (NiZn), lithium-ion (Li-ion), nickel-metal hydride (NiMH), and small sealed lead-acid (SSLA or Pb). Rechargeable batteries come in many types, including standard AA, AAA, C, D, and 9-volt, or a special design for a specific device. They may be removable or internal to a device.

Alkaline batteries (non-rechargeable) are not recyclable; however, they have been redesigned to have a very low toxicity and may now be disposed of safely in your household trash. For more information, call (703) 255-6380.

## TREES IMPROVE OUR LIVES

*By Maureen Alonso, Community Enhancement Commission*

I recently had the privilege of attending a tree canopy symposium sponsored by The Casey Tree Foundation in Washington DC. The attendees of this conference were primarily professionals in the horticulture and arboriculture fields; however, the primary focus of this symposium is one I think many individuals can relate to. The various speakers of the day in one form or another addressed how trees improve our lives. Topics varied from how tree plantings have been proven to reduce crime in economically disadvantaged urban communities to how trees encourage positive attitudes in humans and improve over all wellbeing.

More concrete topics of the day addressed the positive benefits of tree canopy such as energy savings; a house shaded by tree canopy can decrease

cooling costs during the summer months by as much as 30%. Trees improve the air quality by absorbing pollution and storing carbon thereby reducing the amount of carbon dioxide in the air. Trees also reduce stormwater runoff by helping water soak into the ground and reducing over flow. Stormwater mitigation is a topic of great concern in densely populated areas where increased development creates a greater burden on stormwater management systems. Tree plantings can help alleviate this issue.

I reflect on the benefit of trees in our community while strolling the neighborhood of Vienna Woods. The fall colors this year have been spectacular; the large shade trees of Vienna truly make this town special and are most likely a major calling

card for newcomers desiring to live in the wooded community. Trees do truly improve the quality of our lives. I am also reminded that as towns and cities grow often times the older tree canopy is displaced by development. This often cannot be avoided as new homes replace older homes and new buildings emerge. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage each of us to think about how we might replace or increase the tree canopy in our community. Winter is an ideal time to asses our landscapes and to determine where we might have an opportunity to plant trees in our own landscape. Spring planting season is just around the corner so now is the perfect time to research the right tree species for your location. For tree selection, planting and placement tips visit [www.arborday.org/trees/rightTreeAndPlace](http://www.arborday.org/trees/rightTreeAndPlace).

# FIREPLACE AND HOME FIRE SAFETY

*From the U.S. Fire Administration*

The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) encourages you to practice the following fire safety steps to keep those home fires safely burning. Remember, fire safety is your personal responsibility ...Fire Stops With You!

## Keep Fireplaces and Wood Stoves Clean

- Have your chimney or wood stove inspected and cleaned annually by a certified chimney specialist.
- Clear the area around the hearth of debris, decorations and flammable materials.
- Leave glass doors open while burning a fire. Leaving the doors open ensures that the fire receives enough air to ensure complete combustion and keeps creosote from building up in the chimney.
- Close glass doors when the fire is out to keep air from the chimney opening from getting into the room. Most glass fireplace doors have a metal mesh screen which should be closed when the glass doors are open. This mesh screen helps keep embers from getting out of the fireplace area.

- Always use a metal mesh screen with fireplaces that do not have a glass fireplace door.
- Install stovepipe thermometers to help monitor flue temperatures.
- Keep air inlets on wood stoves open, and never restrict air supply to fireplaces. Otherwise you may cause creosote buildup that could lead to a chimney fire.
- Use fire-resistant materials on walls around wood stoves.

## Safely Burn Fuels

- Never use flammable liquids to start a fire.
- Use only seasoned hardwood. Soft, moist wood accelerates creosote buildup. In pellet stoves, burn only dry, seasoned wood pellets.
- Build small fires that burn completely and produce less smoke.
- Never burn cardboard boxes, trash or debris in your fireplace or wood stove.
- When building a fire, place logs at the rear of the fireplace on an adequate supporting grate.
- Never leave a fire in the fireplace unattended. Extinguish the fire before going to bed or leaving the house.

- Allow ashes to cool before disposing of them. Place ashes in a tightly covered metal container and keep the ash container at least ten feet away from your home and any other nearby buildings. Never empty the ash directly into a trash can. Douse and saturate the ashes with water.

## Protect the Outside of Your Home

- Stack firewood outdoors at least 30 feet away from your home.
- Keep the roof clear of leaves, pine needles and other debris.
- Cover the chimney with a mesh screen spark arrester.
- Remove branches hanging above the chimney, flues or vents.

## Protect the Inside of Your Home

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home and inside and outside of sleeping areas. Test them monthly and change the batteries at least once a year. Consider installing the new long life smoke alarms.
- Provide proper venting systems for all heating equipment.
- Extend all vent pipes at least three feet above the roof.

For more information, visit [www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov).

## FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 DONATION REQUESTS DUE DECEMBER 14

Friday, December 14, is the deadline for non-profit Vienna organizations to apply for donations of Town funds in Fiscal Year 2013-2014. Applications should be addressed to Town Manager Mercury Payton, Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center Street S, Vienna, VA 22180. All requests must include the following information:

- Name of the organization and names and addresses of its officers;
- Purpose of the organization and a description of its programs and activities;
- Percentage of members or participants who live in town or who own or are employed by town businesses;
- Organization budget showing all income and expenses for the year in which the donation will be used;
- Amount of funding requested from the Town;
- Purpose for which the donation will be used;
- Synopsis of the fundraising activities being conducted during the current year; and
- Statement signed by the principal officer that membership or participation is open to all residents and business people in town without regard to race, national origin, religion or sex.

## WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

*These businesses received business licenses during the month of October.*

### Samobel Beauty Salon LTD

*Beauty Salon*

111 Berry Street SE, Ste 101  
(703) 255-2229

### Marty Virgilio, LLC

*Consultant*

(301) 448-7344

### Molly Carstater Photography

*Photography*

705 Park Street SE  
(571) 442-4222

## 2012 ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE WINNERS

The Town of Vienna and the ViennaTysons Regional Chamber of Commerce have announced the winning entries in the 2012 Vienna Halloween Parade held October 24. Winners were recognized at the November 5 Town Council meeting.

**Best in Show** – Creativeworx/SDF

**Youth Band** – 1st Place: James Madison High School Marching Band; 2nd Place: Band George C. Marshall Marching Statesmen

**Adult Band** – 1st Place: Northern Virginia Firefighters Emerald Society Pipe Band

**Floats (with Music)** – 1st Place: Creativeworx/SDF; 2nd Place: Green Hedges School; 3rd Place: Northwest Federal Credit Union

**Floats (without Music)** -- 1st Place: Oakcrest School

**Youth Performing Groups** – 1st Place: Cuppett Performing Arts Center; 2nd Place: Unistars Unicycling Showtroupe; 3rd Place: Vienna Dance Academy

**Adult Performing Groups** – 1st Place: Fairfax County Police Motor Squad; 2nd Place: Fairfax Virginia Chapter Harley Owners Group; 3rd Place: Bikes@Vienna

**Antique Vehicles** – 1st Place: Northern Virginia Corvette Club; 2nd Place: Glen Bates; 3rd Place: Chuck and Karilyn Kunstbeck

Thanks to the following Halloween Parade sponsors for their generous contributions: Allegra of Tysons Corner, Northwest Federal Credit Union, Damon Galleries, Hope Center for Advance Veterinary Medicine, Pure Chiropractic, Safe Kids Fairfax Co., Cleaner4Less \$1.99 Dry Clean, Garai Orthodontic Specialists and Dan Govan.



## LEAF MULCH DELIVERY

The Public Works Department will take orders December 1 through February 28 for leaf mulch to be delivered free of charge to residents who live within the corporate limits of the Town. Delivery will likely begin mid-February. To place your order, call the “Mulch Line” recording at (703) 255-6388 and leave your name, address, daytime phone number and the number of loads to be delivered. You may also order leaf mulch online by visiting [www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=164](http://www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=164). One load is approximately 2.5 cubic yards, which roughly equals 30 bags of mulch from a home hardware/lawn care store. Half loads are available on request.

Please note the following important conditions:

- All mulch deliveries are based on availability of mulch.
- Mulch deliveries will be placed only in the driveway at the end closest to the house.
- Once mulch is delivered, it becomes the property of the homeowner and the Town will not remove any excess mulch ordered.

Residents may pick up leaf mulch themselves in any amount between the hours of 9:30 am and 3:00 pm Monday through Friday (except holidays) from January 2 through March 30 while supplies last. Please call the DPW Administration office at (703) 255-6380 to arrange a pickup time so that we can ensure a staff member will be on site. The mulch is stored on Town-owned property at 442 Beulah Road NE, near Glyndon Park.

### **Businesses, Non-profits May Order Mulch**

Free leaf mulch delivery is also available to all in-town businesses as well as churches, schools, the fire station, library and other non-profit organizations within the town limits. Call (703) 255-6388 beginning December 1 to place an order. Please note the conditions outlined above, which also apply to non-residential deliveries.

By grinding leaves into recyclable mulch the Town saves thousands of dollars in landfill fees each year. To save even more, citizens are encouraged to recycle grass clippings as mulch or compost. For how-to information, call the Fairfax County Recycling Hotline at (703) 324-5052.



## 2ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROLING ON THE TOWN GREEN

Thursday, December 13

Meet at 7 pm on the Vienna Town Green  
For All Ages and Open To Everyone  
FREE  
Donations Accepted for the Vienna Jammers

Hot beverages and marshmallows provided by Whole Foods Vienna  
Warming Stations ● Marshmallow Roasting

In case of inclement weather, meet in the cafe at Whole Foods Vienna

*For more information, visit [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search:  
"2nd Annual Christmas Caroling on the Green"  
Photo Credit: Laura Magane Goyer*

## VIENNA COMMUNITY BAND HOLIDAY CONCERT

Sunday, December 9  
3 pm  
Vienna Community Center  
120 Cherry Street, SE  
Free

Enjoy traditional holiday selections such as "Bugler's Holiday," "English Folk Song Suite" and "Barnum and Bailey's Favorite."

No tickets necessary; open to all ages.  
(703) 282-8214  
[www.viennacommunityband.org](http://www.viennacommunityband.org)



## HOLIDAY TIME AT THE FREEMAN HOUSE

### EXCLUSIVE HOLIDAY CARD AND 2012 VIENNA ORNAMENT

The 2012 holiday cards are available at the old-fashioned Freeman House Store and Museum, 131 Church Street NE, for \$8.50 for a pack of ten. This year's card features a winter scene of the Freeman Store by local artist Laura Chirillo with the house decorated for the holidays with wreaths and roping, snow on the ground and roof and icicles hanging from the roof.

Also available is a new Rachael A. Peden wooden ornament for 2012 which features the 1946 fire engine owned by the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, a familiar fixture at parades and special events. The ornament has movable wheels, a hose rack on top and "Vienna

V.F.D. No. 7" on the side. As with all ornaments in this series, it is \$19.50.

The cards and ornaments are available exclusively at the Freeman Store. For more information, call (703) 938-5187 or visit [www.historicviennainc.org](http://www.historicviennainc.org).

The Freeman Store offers a wide variety of gifts; Virginia-made products such as jams and jellies, and hand-dipped and soy candles; historical, regional and local books; "vintaged" maps; old-fashioned toys; Vienna afghans, mugs, tea towels and pottery; and more.

The Freeman House is open Wednesday through Sunday from noon to 4 pm. For information, call (703) 938-5187 or visit [www.historicviennainc.org](http://www.historicviennainc.org).

### VISIT SANTA AT THE FREEMAN STORE

Santa Claus will visit with children at the Freeman Store, 131 Church Street, NE on Sunday, December 2 and Saturday, December 8 from 1 to 3 pm. Assisted by his elves, Santa will be upstairs in his traditional chair beside the Christmas tree, making for a perfect holiday photo. The Freeman Store will be beautifully decorated with fresh greens and arrangements courtesy of the Ayr Hill Garden Club. Free and open to the public. (Bring your camera!)



# NEWS FROM VIENNA PARKS & RECREATION

*All classes are held at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street SE, unless otherwise specified.*

*Register for Parks & Recreation classes online at: [www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=545](http://www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=545).*

The Winter Parks and Recreation Brochure is now available online at [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov) or at the Community Center. Registration begins November 5, for in-town residents and November 12 for out-of-town participants.

## **TRIPS/SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Liberty Mountain Ski Trip**, Mon., Jan. 28, 2013. Several trip packages are available that include lift tickets, skiing lessons, rentals and mountain access options. All packages include transportation and lunch. View the 2012 Winter Parks and Recreation Brochure for more information and to register.

## **JUST FOR PARENTS**

**Kids Fun Day Out** is for parents to take a break or finish up that last minute holiday shopping on Sat., Dec. 1 and/or Sat., Dec. 15, from 1 to 4 pm. The program is for kids ages 4 to 12 at the Vienna Community Center. Class size is limited to 30 children, so register early by contacting [bwyatt@viennava.gov](mailto:bwyatt@viennava.gov) or (703) 255-5721. The cost is \$10 for the first child, \$5 per sibling.

## **JUST FOR MATURE ADULTS**

**New Death Taxes**, Mon., Dec. 10, 10 am to 11:30 am. Learn about the 2010 law that changed the death tax rules for 2013.

## **JUST FOR TEENS**

*For Teen Center Members*

**Club Phoenix Friday Nights**, after 7 pm middle schoolers can take part in tournaments, watch movies, hang out with friends and play a pick up game of basketball. Check the calendar online at [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov) for weekly Friday Night events.

**Movie and Game Night**, Fri., Dec. 7, 3:30 pm. Ultimate game of dodgeball, video games, pool and ping pong tournaments. End with a movie and popcorn, pizza and other treats served at 7:30 pm. All teens can stay until 10 pm.

**Winter Holiday Party**, Fri., Dec. 14, 3:30 pm. Enjoy an afternoon with warm treats and games.

## **SPORTS AND FITNESS**

**Shotokan Karate**, a traditional Japanese style of karate, improves fitness and flexibility, builds confidence, increases hand-eye coordination, enhances knowledge of self-defense techniques, greater self control and reduces stress. Classes available for both beginners and intermediate/advanced level students. For more information, view page 14 of the Winter Parks and Recreation brochure.

**Zumba - Latin Aerobics**, for ages 16 and up, will be held on Saturdays, Jan. 5 through March 23, from 10 to 11 am and on Mondays, Jan. 7 through March 25, from 7 to 8 pm. This dancersize class promotes freedom of expression through body movement while tapping into the energy and excitement of Latin dancing. The cost is \$100 for residents and \$125 for out-of-town participants.

**Cardioboxing**, for ages 16 and up, will be held on Wednesdays, Jan. 9 through Feb. 20, from 8:15 to 9 pm. This is a 45-minutes calorie blasting work out using aerobics, kicks and punches to improve fitness. The cost is \$77 for residents and \$96.25 for out-of-town participants.

## **POTPOURRI**

**Travel Photography Satisfaction**, for ages 18 and up, aims to increase your satisfaction with your photography. Learn tricks for photographing indoor, nighttime, moving subjects, while you are moving, cloudy days and people. This class is designed for amateurs and experienced photographers. Class is held on Sat., March 16, 12:30 to 3 pm. Cost is \$50 for residents and \$62.50 for out-of-town participants.

**Irish Fiddle**, for ages 12 and up, will be held on Thursdays, Jan. 24 through Feb. 28, from 5 to 6 pm. Learn techniques to play the fiddle; some experience needed. Bring your own violin. The cost is \$37.50 for residents and \$46.50 for out-of-town participants.

**Family Skate Night** at the Vienna Community Center will be held on Fridays, Jan. 13 through March 23, from 6:30 to 8 pm. The cost is \$1 per person. No skating on Jan. 20, 27 and Feb. 24.

# HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

**Free Blood Pressure Checks**, provided by the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, will be held at Whole Foods Vienna on Sat., Dec. 8, from 10 am to 12 pm. The VVFD provides this service once a month on the second Saturday; locations will be announced each month. Any questions, contact [Joanie@vvfd.org](mailto:Joanie@vvfd.org).

**Vienna Choral Society presents "Welcome Yule!"** 4:30 pm, Sat., Dec. 22, at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Road SW. Tickets are \$15 (students/seniors), \$20 (adult) and \$35 (family). Available at the door or online at [www.viennachoralsociety.org](http://www.viennachoralsociety.org). Also check out our open rehearsals in January 2013 (1/8, 1/15, 1/22). Come sing with us!

**Koinonia Koffeehouse**, Sat., Dec. 8, 7-10 pm, Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, 8601 Wolftrap Road: Holiday themed open mic, light refreshments, good cheer. Info: Patrice Roe, (703) 896-7424, [development@olgcvva.org](mailto:development@olgcvva.org).

**Western Fairfax PFLAG**, a support group for Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, and **FLY**, a support/social group for LGBTQ youth and allies ages 12 (with parental permission) to 19, will meet concurrently on Tues., Dec. 4, 7:30 to 9 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Rd. FLY will also hold Teen Lounges on the 3rd Friday of every month. Email: [wf.pflag@gmail.com](mailto:wf.pflag@gmail.com). Facebook: [Facebook.com/groups/fly.pflag](https://www.facebook.com/groups/fly.pflag).

**The Five Hills Garden Club** presents a program the third Tuesday of every month, September through June. The club meets at the Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park Street SE, with socializing at 9:30 am, meeting commencement at 10 am, followed by the program and a light luncheon. Open to the public, visitors may wish to email ahead to [fivehillsgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:fivehillsgardenclub@gmail.com) so the club can prepare a friendly welcome and give specific directions.

**The National Concert Band of America** performs a holiday concert at 4 pm on Sun., Dec. 2 at the Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park Street NE. The band, primarily former military band members, will perform selections including "Variants on a Medieval Tune," "The Symphonic Duke" and "Rejouissance." Tickets are priced \$5 to \$10 and are free to students/children. Call (703) 599-1075 or visit [www.nationalconcertband.org](http://www.nationalconcertband.org).

**There will be no book collections** for the months of December, January or February for the detainees at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center through the Literacy Project, sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Fairfax County Chapter. For more information, contact Florence Roseborough at (703) 281-2498.

**Southern comfort food** at the Vienna American Legion, Fri., Dec. 14, 5:30 to 8 pm. Choice of shrimp/chicken creole (\$10), or red beans and rice with sausage (\$8); 330 Center Street N. Open to the public. Call (703) 938-9535 for more information.

**Breakfast Buffet**, Sun., Dec. 16, from 8 am to 12 pm at the Vienna American Legion, 330 Center Street N. Adults \$8, children \$3: omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, etc. Open to the public. For more information call (703) 938-1379.

**The Fairfax County Chapter of the DAR is collecting NEW books** to be read by loved ones to infants in the INOVA Fair Oaks Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Our goal is to collect enough books that each child can go home with one book, selected by their parents, that we give to each when they come to the hospital. Due to health concerns, each book we collect must be new, therefore this will be an on-going collection activity. Please contact Robin Sachlis, Co-Chair Literacy Challenge, at (703) 385-4326.

**Advent Lessons and Carols**, Sun., Dec. 9, 3 pm, at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 8601 Wolftrap Rd. A chance to reflect upon the pre-Christmas season with songs led by the various choirs at OLGC. Information: Patrice Roe, (703) 896-7424, [development@olgcvva.org](mailto:development@olgcvva.org).

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**The 16th Annual Glorious Sounds of Christmas Concert**, Sun., Dec. 16, 4 pm and 7 pm, Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park Street NE. FREE. Over 125 musicians will present a delightful program of traditional Christmas music for choirs and orchestra. Information on this concert and other Christmas happenings are available at [www.viennapres.org](http://www.viennapres.org) or call (703) 938-9050.

**Holly & Ivy: Christmas Marketplace**, Sat., Dec. 1, and Sun., Dec. 2, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, 8601 Wolftrap Road. An alternative to the mall holiday shopping experience! Quality diverse merchandise, most of it hand-made, some imported from around the world. Info: Patrice Roe, (703) 896-7424, [development@olgcv.org](mailto:development@olgcv.org).

**The Five Hills Garden Club** will hold their annual Greens Workshop on Tues., Dec. 4. At the workshop, the club creates holiday wreathes for Town of Vienna municipal buildings and many churches. The Club will meet at the Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park Street, at 9:30 am for socializing. The workshop will commence at 10 am followed by a light luncheon at noon. Open to the public, visitors may wish to email ahead to [fivehillsgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:fivehillsgardenclub@gmail.com) so the club can prepare a friendly welcome and give specific directions.

**Mark Forrest in Concert**, Sun., Dec. 30, 7:30 pm, at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 8601 Wolftrap Rd. Internationally acclaimed Irish tenor Mark Forrest brings his special musical gifts to celebrate the Christmas Season. For ticket information, etc.: Patrice Roe, (703) 896-7424, [development@olgcv.org](mailto:development@olgcv.org).

**Americanism Essay Contest** for students grades 3 – 12. This year's theme is, "What freedom do I enjoy the most?" Submission deadline is March 1, 2013. Cash prizes will be awarded. Sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 180 of Vienna. For rules and information, contact Ruth Decker at (703) 242-7082.

**Visit Meadowlark's Winter Walk of Lights** through January 6, 2013 to experience over 500,000 LED lights and displays that bring Meadowlark Botanical Gardens to life! Imagine the beauty of Meadowlark's renowned gardens transformed into a winter wonderland, including a flowing stream of softly glowing lights. Marvel at the two story animated fountain, stroll past the Gingerbread Village, and explore the beauty of nature like you've never seen it. This event is sure to be the highlight of your holiday season! For more information, please visit [www.winterwalkoflights.com](http://www.winterwalkoflights.com) or call Meadowlark staff at (703) 255-3631.

**Girl Scout Troop 6205 is collecting donations** for the INOVA Fairfax Hospital for Children at the Vienna Community Center between December 2 and 15. Please support the Girl Scouts and the children at INOVA Fairfax Hospital this holiday season by donating any of the following items: kids pajamas and slippers, arts and crafts supplies, gift cards, books, batteries, video games, infant and toddler toys, or colorful bandanas and hats. All items must be new. Thank you for your support!

**The Annual Christmas Tree Sale**, hosted by the Vienna Host Lions Club chartered in 1942, begins Sat., Nov. 24, at the Walgreens parking lot. Trees arrive that morning and sales will include wreathes, roping, coloring books, Lions brooms and Virginia Peanuts.

**The Annual Holiday Pancake Breakfast**, hosted by the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, will be held on Sat., Dec. 15, 8 am to 12 pm at the Fire Station, 400 Center Street S. Cost is 8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$6 for children under 12 and free for children under 4 and includes all you can eat pancakes, sausage, bacon, juice, coffee, etc. Santa Claus will make his arrival at 11 am to greet all the children or adults who are kids at heart. There will also be tours of the fire equipment. If you have any questions, email [Joanie@vvfd.org](mailto:Joanie@vvfd.org).

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## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

*From the Vienna Newsletter Archives*

**December 2002:** The National Recreation and Park Association has honored the Friends of the W&OD Trail with one of its top annual honors, the 2002 Voluntary Service Award. FOWOD is a nonprofit citizens' organization dedicated to preserving, enhancing and promoting the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority's nationally acclaimed Washington & Old Dominion Railroad Regional Park Trail. The volunteer affiliate was established in 1992 to raise funds for capital projects associated with the trail.

**December 1992:** As of January 1, Vienna will welcome about 300 new residents and four new businesses into town as the result of a boundary adjustment with Fairfax County. At the same time, several properties will be moved outside the town limits. The selection of parcels for inclusion in Vienna was guided by several criteria, including elimination of bisected lots and better delivery of municipal services.

**December 1982:** The 10-mile segment of Interstate 66 between the Capital Beltway and the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge is scheduled to open December 22. Weekdays from 6:30 to 9 am, inbound lanes will be restricted to buses and carpools carrying at least four persons. The same restrictions apply to the outbound lanes between 3:30 and 6:30 pm.

**December 1972:** Residents of the town and surrounding county areas have received survey forms asking their opinion regarding the location of the Vienna Metro Station as well as the amount of usage and probable impact on local streets. On December 11, the Vienna Town Council will hold a public meeting to discuss the results of the survey.

## DOG LICENSE DUE BY JANUARY 31

Effective November 1, dog license fees changed to a flat rate of \$10 per dog.

Town dog licenses must be renewed by January 31 each year. Applications are available at Town Hall, by mail and online at [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov). A current rabies vaccination certificate is required to obtain a license. For more information, call (703) 255-6323.

## TRAIN STATION OPEN HOUSE

The Train Station will be open on Sat., Dec. 15, from 1 to 5 pm. View a depiction of the Western and North Carolina railroad as it existed in the 1950s. Free admission; donations accepted.

The W&OD Caboose will not be open to the public during the month of December.